

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056
 3 and 320.08058, F.S.; revising authorized uses of revenue
 4 received from the sale of the Sea Turtle license plate;
 5 creating the Go Green license plate and the Let's Go
 6 Surfing license plate; establishing annual use fees for
 7 the plates; providing for the distribution of use fees
 8 received from the sale of the plates; providing an
 9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraphs (rrr) and (sss) are added to
 14 subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:
 15 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

16 (4) The following license plate annual use fees shall be
 17 collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

18 (rrr) Go Green license plate, \$25.

19 (sss) Let's Go Surfing license plate, \$25.

20 Section 2. Subsection (18) of section 320.08058, Florida
 21 Statutes, is amended, and subsections (70) and (71) are added to
 22 that section, to read:

23 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

24 (18) SEA TURTLE LICENSE PLATES.—

25 (a) The department shall develop a Sea Turtle license
 26 plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must
 27 appear at the top of the plate, the words "Helping Sea Turtles
 28 Survive" must appear at the bottom of the plate, and the image

29 | of a sea turtle must appear in the center of the plate.
30 | (b) The first \$500,000 of annual use fees shall be
31 | deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the
32 | Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall be used by
33 | the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Program to conduct sea
34 | turtle protection, research, and recovery programs. The next
35 | \$215,000 in annual use fees shall be distributed to the
36 | Caribbean Conservation Corporation to fund sea turtle research
37 | and education programs. The Caribbean Conservation Corporation
38 | shall annually distribute assigned funds through a Sea Turtle
39 | Grants Program that supports sea turtle research and education
40 | activities of Florida-based nonprofit groups, education and
41 | research institutions, and coastal counties in this state. The
42 | Caribbean Conservation Corporation shall write and publish
43 | procedures for submitting grant applications and criteria for
44 | allocating available funds, and shall appoint a technical
45 | advisory committee, composed of at least five members, including
46 | two representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
47 | Commission, to establish funding priorities and select grant
48 | recipients from proposals submitted by eligible entities. Two of
49 | the members shall be selected from the Fish and Wildlife
50 | Conservation Commission; one member shall be selected on a
51 | rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on the Atlantic
52 | Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall be
53 | selected on a rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on
54 | the Gulf Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall
55 | be the executive director of the Caribbean Conservation
56 | Corporation; and two members shall be selected at large. Any

57 additional annual revenue shall be distributed as follows: 70
58 percent shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation
59 Trust Fund and used by the Florida Marine Turtle Protection
60 Program for sea turtle conservation activities and 30 percent
61 shall be assigned to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation for
62 distribution through the Sea Turtle Grants Program. From the
63 funds distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, an
64 amount not to exceed 10 percent of the total annual revenue from
65 the sale of the plate may be used for marketing the Sea Turtle
66 license plate and for administrative costs directly associated
67 with the grants program. ~~A maximum of 15 percent of the funds~~
68 ~~distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation may be~~
69 ~~expended for administrative costs directly associated with the~~
70 ~~grants program, and a maximum of 10 percent may be used to~~
71 ~~promote and market the Sea Turtle license plate.~~ Funds received
72 by the Caribbean Conservation Corporation from the Sea Turtle
73 license plate or the Sea Turtle Grants Program and funds
74 received by any grant recipient of the Sea Turtle Grants Program
75 may not be used for litigation.

76 (70) GO GREEN LICENSE PLATES.—

77 (a) The department shall develop a Go Green license plate
78 as provided in this section. Go Green license plates must bear
79 the colors and design approved by the department. The word
80 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Go
81 Green" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

82 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
83 Coalition for Renewable Energy Solutions, Inc., which shall
84 administer the fees as follows:

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85 1. The coalition may retain all revenue from the annual
86 use fees until all startup costs for developing and establishing
87 the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of
88 the annual use fees may be used for administrative costs
89 directly associated with the operation of the coalition and
90 promotion and marketing of the plate.

91 2. Any remaining funds shall be used by the coalition to
92 fund programs and projects that publicize renewable energy
93 solutions and encourage a cleaner and safer environmental
94 future, as follows:

95 a. Up to 40 percent to fund the "Go Green Florida" Grants
96 and Awards Program, including monetary grants and recognition
97 awards to public and private persons and organizations and to
98 subsidize efforts to reduce energy consumption and raise
99 awareness of alternative energy-efficiency practices.

100 b. Up to 25 percent to fund education and outreach
101 programs that publicize renewable energy solutions for
102 households and businesses and educate home and business owners
103 about the environmental and financial benefits of innovative
104 green technologies and practices.

105 c. Up to 25 percent to fund educational programs and
106 materials that emphasize sustainable development practices,
107 including recycling, energy efficiency and consumption, and
108 other green practices.

109 (71) LET'S GO SURFING LICENSE PLATES.—

110 (a) The department shall develop a Let's Go Surfing
111 license plate as provided in this section. Let's Go Surfing
112 license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the

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113 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the
114 plate, and the words "Let's Go Surfing" must appear at the
115 bottom of the plate.

116 (b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed
117 to East Coast Surfing Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc., to fund
118 activities, programs, and projects to promote the state's
119 surfing-related tourism, preserve the state's surfing history
120 and heritage, preserve the state's surf and shores, and honor
121 lifeguards who patrol the state's surf and shores to protect
122 beachgoers, surfers, and others. East Coast Surfing Hall of Fame
123 and Museum, Inc., may retain all revenue from the annual use
124 fees until all startup costs for developing and establishing the
125 plate have been recovered. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of the
126 annual use fee revenue may be used for administration,
127 promotion, and marketing of the plate, including costs of the
128 annual audit and compliance affidavit.

129 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2010.