

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 a Go Green license plate, a Preserving the Past  
 6           license plate, and a Peace license plate; establishing  
 7           annual use fees for the plate; providing for the  
 8           distribution of use fees received from the sale of the  
 9           plate; providing an 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), (sss), and (ttt) 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) Preserving the Past license plate, \$25.

20           (ttt) Peace license plate, \$25.

21           Section 2. Subsection (18) of section 320.08058, Florida  
 22           Statutes, is amended, and subsections (70), (71), and (72) are  
 23           added to that section, to read:

24           320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

25           (18) SEA TURTLE LICENSE PLATES.—

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

29 Survive" must appear at the bottom of the plate, and the image  
30 of a sea turtle must appear in the center of the plate.

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

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

77 (70) GO GREEN LICENSE PLATES.—

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

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

85 administer the fees as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

110 (71) PRESERVING THE PAST LICENSE PLATES.-

111 (a) The department shall develop a Preserving the Past  
 112 license plate as provided in this section. The plate must bear

113 the colors and design approved by the department. The word  
 114 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words  
 115 "Preserving the Past" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

116 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Toomey  
 117 Foundation for the Natural Sciences, Inc., which shall retain 50  
 118 percent of the proceeds until the startup costs to develop and  
 119 establish the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, the  
 120 proceeds shall be used as follows:

121 1. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds may be used to  
 122 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the  
 123 license plate program and the foundation.

124 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to  
 125 acquire, manage, and preserve properties that are of scientific  
 126 importance to paleontologists, archeologists, or geologists for  
 127 the purposes of research and education and to promote and  
 128 protect the unique natural sciences of this state.

129 (72) PEACE LICENSE PLATES.—

130 (a) The department shall develop a Peace license plate as  
 131 provided in this section. The plate must bear the colors and  
 132 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must  
 133 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Sunshine State"  
 134 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

135 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Toomey  
 136 Foundation for the Natural Sciences, Inc., which shall retain 50  
 137 percent of the proceeds until the startup costs to develop and  
 138 establish the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, the  
 139 proceeds shall be used as follows:

140        1. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds may be used to  
141 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the  
142 license plate program and the foundation.

143        2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to  
144 support educational, research, and scientific activities in this  
145 state, including the distribution of funds to qualified entities  
146 in furtherance of the stated purposes of the foundation.

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