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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to license plates; amending ss.
3 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating an I Believe
4 license plate, a Florida Biodiversity Foundation
5 license plate, a Preserving the Past license plate, a
6 Trinity license plate, and a Children First license
7 plate; establishing annual use fees for the plates;
8 providing for the distribution of use fees received
9 from the sale of the plates; creating s. 320.08069,
10 F.S.; creating an In God We Trust motorcycle license
11 plate; providing for the distribution of use fees
12 received from the sale of the plate; providing an
13 effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Paragraphs (rrr), (sss), (ttt), (uuu), and (vvv)
18 are added to subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida
19 Statutes, to read:

20 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

23 (rrr) I Believe license plate, \$25.

24 (sss) Florida Biodiversity Foundation license plate, \$25.

25 (ttt) Preserving the Past license plate, \$25.

26 (uuu) Trinity license plate, \$25.

27 (vvv) Children First license plate, \$25.

28 Section 2. Subsections (70), (71), (72), (73), and (74) are
29 added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

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30 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

31 (70) I BELIEVE LICENSE PLATES.—Notwithstanding s.
32 320.08053(1)(b) and (c), the department shall develop an I
33 Believe license plate as provided in this section.

34 (a) I Believe license plates must bear the colors and
35 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must
36 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "I Believe" must
37 appear at the bottom of the plate.

38 (b) The department shall retain the first \$60,000 of annual
39 use fees received from the sale of the plates. Thereafter, the
40 annual use fees shall be distributed to Faith in Teaching, Inc.,
41 which may retain all of such revenue until the startup costs to
42 develop and establish the license plate program have been
43 recovered. Thereafter, Faith in Teaching, Inc., may use the
44 proceeds as follows:

45 1. A maximum of 15 percent may be used for administrative
46 costs of the organization.

47 2. A maximum of 10 percent may be used for promotion and
48 the marketing costs of the license plate program.

49 3. The remainder shall be used to fund activities,
50 programs, and projects that promote faith-based education for
51 youth within the state.

52 (71) FLORIDA BIODIVERSITY FOUNDATION LICENSE PLATES.—

53 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Biodiversity
54 Foundation license plate as provided in this section. Florida
55 Biodiversity Foundation license plates must bear the colors and
56 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must
57 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Save Wild
58 Florida" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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59 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida
60 Biodiversity Foundation, Inc., which shall retain 50 percent of
61 the proceeds until the startup costs to develop and establish
62 the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds shall
63 be used as follows:

64 1. A maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds may be used to
65 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the
66 license plate program and the foundation.

67 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to
68 fund research, education, and scientific study of the diversity
69 of animals and plants and to aid in the preservation, study,
70 conservation, and recovery of imperiled organisms.

71 (72) PRESERVING THE PAST LICENSE PLATES.—

72 (a) The department shall develop a Preserving the Past
73 license plate as provided in this section. The plate must bear
74 the colors and design approved by the department. The word
75 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words
76 "Preserving the Past" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

82 1. A maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds may be used to
83 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the
84 license plate program and the foundation.

85 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to
86 acquire, manage, and preserve properties that are of scientific
87 importance to paleontologists, archeologists, or geologists for

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88 the purposes of research and education, and to promote and
89 protect the unique natural sciences of this state.

90 (73) TRINITY LICENSE PLATES.—

91 (a) The department shall develop a Trinity license plate as
92 provided in this section. The plate must bear the colors and
93 design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must
94 appear at the top of the plate and the words "Sunshine State"
95 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

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

101 1. A maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds may be used to
102 fund the administrative, promotion, and marketing costs of the
103 license plate program and the foundation.

104 2. The remaining fees shall be used by the foundation to
105 support educational, research, and scientific activities in this
106 state, including the distribution of funds to qualified entities
107 in furtherance of the stated purposes of the foundation.

108 (74) CHILDREN FIRST LICENSE PLATES.—

109 (a) The department shall develop a Children First license
110 plate as provided in this section. The plate must bear the
111 colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida"
112 must appear at the top of the plate and the words "Children
113 First" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

114 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to Children
115 First Florida, Inc., which shall retain all proceeds until the
116 startup costs to develop and establish the plates have been

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117 recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds shall be used as follows:

118 1. A maximum of 15 percent of the proceeds may be used to
119 administer the license plate program and for direct
120 administrative costs associated with the operations of Children
121 First Florida, Inc.

122 2. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds may be used to
123 promote and market the license plates.

124 3. The remaining fees shall be used by Children First
125 Florida, Inc., to fund public schools in this state, including
126 teacher salaries.

127 Section 3. Section 320.08069, Florida Statutes, is created
128 to read:

129 320.08069 Motorcycle In God We Trust specialty license
130 plates.-

131 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 320.08053, the
132 department shall develop a reduced dimensions In God We Trust
133 specialty license plate for display on motorcycles.

134 (2) The department shall issue the plate to the owner or
135 lessee of any motorcycle upon request and payment of the
136 appropriate license taxes and fees.

137 (3) Each request must be made annually to the department,
138 accompanied by the following taxes and fees:

139 (a) The license tax required under s. 320.08.

140 (b) A license plate fee as required by s. 320.06(1)(b).

141 (c) A processing fee of \$2.

142 (d) A license plate annual use fee of \$30.

143 (4) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the In God
144 We Trust Foundation, Inc., which shall expend the funds as
145 provided in s. 320.08058(67), except that the foundation may

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146 retain a maximum of 25 percent of the proceeds from the sale of
147 the license plate for the costs of administration, promotion,
148 and marketing of the plates.

149 (5) If an owner or lessee to whom the department has issued
150 a license plate acquires a replacement vehicle within the
151 owner's registration period, the department must authorize a
152 transfer of the specialty license plate to the replacement
153 vehicle in accordance with s. 320.0609. The annual use fee or
154 processing fee may not be refunded.

155 (6) The license plate shall be 4 inches wide by 7 inches
156 long and incorporate a red, white, and blue color scheme
157 approved for the In God We Trust plates authorized in s.
158 320.08058(67) and may bear the imprint of numerals from 1 to
159 999, inclusive, capital letters "A" through "Z," or a
160 combination thereof. The department shall determine the maximum
161 number of characters, including numerals and letters. The word
162 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate.

163 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.