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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss.
 3 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; revising authorized uses of
 4 revenue received from the sale of the Sea Turtle license
 5 plate; creating the Fraternal Order of Police license
 6 plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate;
 7 providing for the distribution of use fees received from
 8 the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Paragraph (rrr) is added to subsection (4) of
 13 section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

17 (rrr) Fraternal Order of Police license plate, \$25.

18 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (18) of section
 19 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (70) is
 20 added to that section, to read:

21 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

22 (18) SEA TURTLE LICENSE PLATES.—

23 (b) The first \$500,000 of annual use fees shall be
 24 deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the
 25 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall be used by
 26 the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Program to conduct sea
 27 turtle protection, research, and recovery programs. The next
 28 \$215,000 in annual use fees shall be distributed to the

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29 | Caribbean Conservation Corporation to fund sea turtle research
30 | and education programs. The Caribbean Conservation Corporation
31 | shall annually distribute assigned funds through a Sea Turtle
32 | Grants Program that supports sea turtle research and education
33 | activities of Florida-based nonprofit groups, education and
34 | research institutions, and coastal counties in this state. The
35 | Caribbean Conservation Corporation shall write and publish
36 | procedures for submitting grant applications and criteria for
37 | allocating available funds, and shall appoint a technical
38 | advisory committee, composed of at least five members, including
39 | two representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
40 | Commission, to establish funding priorities and select grant
41 | recipients from proposals submitted by eligible entities. Two of
42 | the members shall be selected from the Fish and Wildlife
43 | Conservation Commission; one member shall be selected on a
44 | rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on the Atlantic
45 | Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall be
46 | selected on a rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on
47 | the Gulf Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall
48 | be the executive director of the Caribbean Conservation
49 | Corporation; and two members shall be selected at large. Any
50 | additional annual revenue shall be distributed as follows: 70
51 | percent shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation
52 | Trust Fund and used by the Florida Marine Turtle Protection
53 | Program for sea turtle conservation activities and 30 percent
54 | shall be assigned to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation for
55 | distribution through the Sea Turtle Grants Program. From the
56 | funds distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, an

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57 amount not to exceed 10 percent of the total annual revenue from
 58 the sale of the plate may be used for marketing the Sea Turtle
 59 license plate and for administrative costs directly associated
 60 with the grants program. ~~A maximum of 15 percent of the funds~~
 61 ~~distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation may be~~
 62 ~~expended for administrative costs directly associated with the~~
 63 ~~grants program, and a maximum of 10 percent may be used to~~
 64 ~~promote and market the Sea Turtle license plate.~~ Funds received
 65 by the Caribbean Conservation Corporation from the Sea Turtle
 66 license plate or the Sea Turtle Grants Program and funds
 67 received by any grant recipient of the Sea Turtle Grants Program
 68 may not be used for litigation.

69 (70) FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LICENSE PLATES.-

70 (a)1. The department shall develop a Fraternal Order of
 71 Police license plate as provided in this section. The plate must
 72 bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word
 73 "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words
 74 "Fraternal Order of Police" must appear at the bottom of the
 75 plate.

76 2. The department may issue the plate only to an applicant
 77 who submits a notarized letter from the Florida State Lodge of
 78 the Fraternal Order of Police stating that the applicant is a
 79 member of the lodge in good standing or a member of a lodge
 80 member's family, together with other fees and documents required
 81 for a specialty plate.

82 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
 83 Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, which
 84 shall retain all proceeds until the startup costs to develop and

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85 establish the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the
86 proceeds shall be distributed to the Florida State Lodge
87 Memorial Foundation of the Fraternal Order of Police and used as
88 follows:

89 1. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds may be used to
90 promote and market the plate, to administer the license plate
91 program, and to pay administrative costs directly associated
92 with the state Fraternal Order of Police Law Enforcement
93 Memorial.

94 2. The remaining proceeds shall be used by the foundation
95 to fund projects, programs, or events related to the memorial or
96 to fund improvements, maintenance, or other support for the
97 memorial.

98 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.