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Senate

House

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1 Representative Porth offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

4 Between lines 22 and 23, insert:

5 (18) SEA TURTLE LICENSE PLATES.—

6 (b) The first \$500,000 of annual use fees shall be
7 deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the
8 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall be used by
9 the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Program to conduct sea
10 turtle protection, research, and recovery programs. The next
11 \$215,000 in annual use fees shall be distributed to the
12 Caribbean Conservation Corporation to fund sea turtle research
13 and education programs. The Caribbean Conservation Corporation
14 shall annually distribute assigned funds through a Sea Turtle
15 Grants Program that supports sea turtle research and education
16 activities of Florida-based nonprofit groups, education and

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17 research institutions, and coastal counties in this state. The
18 Caribbean Conservation Corporation shall write and publish
19 procedures for submitting grant applications and criteria for
20 allocating available funds, and shall appoint a technical
21 advisory committee, composed of at least five members, including
22 two representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
23 Commission, to establish funding priorities and select grant
24 recipients from proposals submitted by eligible entities. Two of
25 the members shall be selected from the Fish and Wildlife
26 Conservation Commission; one member shall be selected on a
27 rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on the Atlantic
28 Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall be
29 selected on a rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on
30 the Gulf Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall
31 be the executive director of the Caribbean Conservation
32 Corporation; and two members shall be selected at large. Any
33 additional annual revenue shall be distributed as follows: 70
34 percent shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation
35 Trust Fund and used by the Florida Marine Turtle Protection
36 Program for sea turtle conservation activities and 30 percent
37 shall be assigned to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation for
38 distribution through the Sea Turtle Grants Program. From the
39 funds distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, an
40 amount not to exceed 10 percent of the total annual revenue
41 received from the sale of the plate may be used for marketing
42 the Sea Turtle license plate and for administrative costs
43 directly associated with the grants program. A maximum of 15
44 percent of the funds distributed to the Caribbean Conservation

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45 ~~Corporation may be expended for administrative costs directly~~
46 ~~associated with the grants program, and a maximum of 10 percent~~
47 ~~may be used to promote and market the Sea Turtle license plate.~~
48 Funds received by the Caribbean Conservation Corporation from
49 the Sea Turtle license plate or the Sea Turtle Grants Program
50 and funds received by any grant recipient of the Sea Turtle
51 Grants Program may not be used for litigation.

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55 **D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T**

56 Remove lines 20-21 and insert:

57 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (18) of section
58 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (70),
59 (71), and (72) are added to that section, to read:

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63 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

64 Remove line 2 and insert:

65 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s.
66 320.08058, F.S.; revising authorized uses of revenue received
67 from the sale of the Sea Turtle license plate; amending ss.