

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Technological Research and  
 3           Development Authority; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.;  
 4           deleting provisions for distribution by the Department  
 5           of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to the authority  
 6           of Challenger/Columbia license plate user fees;  
 7           conforming provisions; amending s. 379.2202, F.S.;  
 8           deleting provisions for distribution by the Fish and  
 9           Wildlife Conservation Commission to the authority of  
 10          saltwater license and permit fees; amending s.  
 11          112.3148, F.S., relating to giving gifts to certain  
 12          officers or candidates for office and to procurement  
 13          employees; deleting reference to the authority;  
 14          providing contingent effective dates.

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

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 18           Section 1. Effective September 30, 2013, subsection (2) of  
 19           section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20           320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

21           (2) CHALLENGER/COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATES.—

22           (a) The department shall develop a Challenger/Columbia  
 23           license plate to commemorate the seven astronauts who died when  
 24           the space shuttle Challenger exploded on liftoff in 1986 and the  
 25           seven astronauts who died when the Columbia exploded on reentry  
 26           in 2003. The word "Florida" shall appear at the top of the  
 27           plate, and the words "Challenger/Columbia" must appear at the  
 28           bottom of the plate, in small letters.

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29           (b) ~~Fifty percent of~~ The Challenger/Columbia license plate  
30 annual use fee must be distributed to the Astronauts Memorial  
31 Foundation, Inc., to support the operations of the Center for  
32 Space Education and the Education Technology Institute. Funds  
33 received by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., may be  
34 used for administrative costs directly associated with the  
35 operation of the center and the institute. These funds must be  
36 used for the maintenance and support of the operations of the  
37 Center for Space Education and the Education Technology  
38 Institute operated by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc.  
39 These operations must include preservice and inservice training  
40 in the use of technology for the state's instructional personnel  
41 in a manner consistent with state training programs and approved  
42 by the Department of Education. Up to 20 percent of funds  
43 received by the Center for Space Education and the Education  
44 Technology Institute may be expended for administrative costs  
45 directly associated with the operation of the center and the  
46 institute.

47           ~~(c) Fifty percent must be distributed to the Technological~~  
48 ~~Research and Development Authority created by s. 2, chapter 87-~~  
49 ~~455, Laws of Florida, for the purpose of funding space related~~  
50 ~~research grants, the Teacher/Quest Scholarship Program under s.~~  
51 ~~1009.61 as approved by the Florida Department of Education, and~~  
52 ~~space related economic development programs. The Technological~~  
53 ~~Research and Development Authority shall coordinate and~~  
54 ~~distribute available resources among state universities and~~  
55 ~~independent colleges and universities based on the research~~  
56 ~~strengths of such institutions in space science technology,~~

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57 ~~community colleges, public school districts, and not-for-profit~~  
 58 ~~educational organizations.~~

59 (c) ~~(d)~~ Up to 10 percent of the funds distributed under  
 60 paragraph (b) ~~paragraphs (b) and (c)~~ may be used for continuing  
 61 promotion and marketing of the license plate.

62 (d) ~~(e)~~ The Auditor General has ~~the~~ authority to examine  
 63 any and all records pertaining to the Astronauts Memorial  
 64 Foundation, Inc., ~~and the Technological Research and Development~~  
 65 ~~Authority~~ to determine compliance with the law.

66 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2013, section 379.2202,  
 67 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

68 379.2202 Expenditure of funds.—Any moneys available  
 69 pursuant to s. 379.2201(1)(c) may be expended by the commission  
 70 within Florida through grants and contracts for research with  
 71 research institutions including but not limited to: Florida Sea  
 72 Grant; Florida Marine Resources Council; Harbour Branch  
 73 Oceanographic Institute; ~~Technological Research and Development~~  
 74 ~~Authority~~; Fish and Wildlife Research Institute of the Fish and  
 75 Wildlife Conservation Commission; Mote Marine Laboratory; Marine  
 76 Resources Development Foundation; Florida Institute of  
 77 Oceanography; Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric  
 78 Science; and Smithsonian Marine Station at Ft. Pierce.

79 Section 3. Effective December 31, 2013, paragraphs (a) and  
 80 (b) of subsection (6) of section 112.3148, Florida Statutes, are  
 81 amended to read:

82 112.3148 Reporting and prohibited receipt of gifts by  
 83 individuals filing full or limited public disclosure of  
 84 financial interests and by procurement employees.—

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85 (6) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (5),  
86 an entity of the legislative or judicial branch, a department or  
87 commission of the executive branch, a water management district  
88 created pursuant to s. 373.069, South Florida Regional  
89 Transportation Authority, ~~the Technological Research and~~  
90 ~~Development Authority,~~ a county, a municipality, an airport  
91 authority, or a school board may give, either directly or  
92 indirectly, a gift having a value in excess of \$100 to any  
93 reporting individual or procurement employee if a public purpose  
94 can be shown for the gift; and a direct-support organization  
95 specifically authorized by law to support a governmental entity  
96 may give such a gift to a reporting individual or procurement  
97 employee who is an officer or employee of such governmental  
98 entity.

99 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4), a  
100 reporting individual or procurement employee may accept a gift  
101 having a value in excess of \$100 from an entity of the  
102 legislative or judicial branch, a department or commission of  
103 the executive branch, a water management district created  
104 pursuant to s. 373.069, South Florida Regional Transportation  
105 Authority, ~~the Technological Research and Development Authority,~~  
106 a county, a municipality, an airport authority, or a school  
107 board if a public purpose can be shown for the gift; and a  
108 reporting individual or procurement employee who is an officer  
109 or employee of a governmental entity supported by a direct-  
110 support organization specifically authorized by law to support  
111 such governmental entity may accept such a gift from such  
112 direct-support organization.

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113 |           Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
114 | act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, if HB 1013  
115 | or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative  
116 | session or an extension thereof and becomes law.