

By the Committee on Infrastructure and Security; and Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending  
3 s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of  
4 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Solar  
5 Power license plate; providing for distribution and  
6 use of fees collected from the sale of such plates;  
7 providing a contingent effective date.  
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11 Section 1. Subsection (85) is added to section 320.08058,  
12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

14 (85) SOLAR POWER LICENSE PLATES.—

15 (a) The department shall develop a Solar Power license  
16 plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate  
17 must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The  
18 word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the  
19 words "Powered by the Sun" must appear at the bottom of the  
20 plate.

21 (b) The annual fees from the sale of the plate shall be  
22 distributed to Florida Solar Energy Research and Education  
23 Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit Florida corporation under s.  
24 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to fund its activities,  
25 programs, and projects aimed at solar workforce training,  
26 employment internships, and related activities, programs, and  
27 projects. The foundation may retain all revenue from the annual  
28 use fees until all startup costs for developing and establishing  
29 the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of

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30 the annual use fee revenue may be used for promotion and  
31 marketing of the specialty license plate and administrative  
32 costs directly associated with the corporation's activities,  
33 programs, and projects and the specialty license plate. The  
34 foundation shall use the remaining funds as follows:

35 1. To provide funds to the Florida Solar Energy Center for  
36 the purpose of developing and administering solar energy  
37 industry workforce training programs;

38 2. To provide funds to federal veteran support facilities  
39 for solar demonstration projects that will lower energy costs to  
40 the veteran support facilities; and

41 3. To provide funds to not-for-profit, educational, or  
42 charitable organizations for projects or promotional campaigns  
43 that further the goal of the growth of the use of solar energy  
44 in this state.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020, but  
46 only if SB 958 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
47 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
48 extension thereof and becomes a law.