

By Senator Hooper

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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
5 Clearwater Marine Aquarium license plate; providing
6 for distribution and use of fees collected from the
7 sale of the plate; providing an 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 (127) is added to section 320.08058,
12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

14 (127) CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM LICENSE PLATES.—

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

21 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be
22 distributed to Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc., a Florida
23 nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
24 Code, which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for the
25 administration, promotion, and marketing of the plate. The
26 remaining fees must be used by Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Inc.,
27 to fund its efforts to rescue, rehabilitate, and release marine
28 life; provide environmental education; conduct research; and
29 promote conservation strategies.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.