

By Senator Rodriguez

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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 Save  
5       Coastal Wildlife license plate; specifying design  
6       elements for the plate; providing for distribution and  
7       use of fees collected from the sale of the plates;  
8       authorizing the Auditor General to examine certain  
9       records; providing an effective date.

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

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13       Section 1. Subsection (136) is added to section 320.08058,  
14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15       320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

16       (136) SAVE COASTAL WILDLIFE LICENSE PLATES.—

17       (a) The department shall develop a Save Coastal Wildlife  
18 license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The  
19 plate must bear the colors and design approved by the  
20 department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the  
21 plate, and the words "Save Coastal Wildlife" must appear at the  
22 bottom of the plate. The plate must include the image of an  
23 American flamingo.

24       (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be  
25 distributed to the Zoo Miami Foundation, a nonprofit  
26 organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,  
27 for conservation of imperiled coastal wildlife and ecosystems in  
28 this state through field conservation and mission-focused  
29 research. Up to 15 percent of the annual use fees may be used

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30 for costs associated with the design and creation of the license  
31 plate, annual administrative costs directly associated with the  
32 administration of the Save Coastal Wildlife program, and  
33 marketing of the license plate. Of the remaining funds:

34 1. Eighty-five percent must be used to maintain programs at  
35 the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Institute at Zoo Miami which  
36 conserve imperiled coastal wildlife and ecosystems.

37 2. Fifteen percent must be distributed to eligible Florida-  
38 based nonprofit organizations to conserve native-imperiled  
39 coastal wildlife and ecosystems.

40 (c) The Auditor General may examine any records of the Zoo  
41 Miami Foundation and any other organization that receives funds  
42 from the sale of the plate to determine compliance with law.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.