

By the Committee on Transportation; and 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 providing an effective date.

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

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

14 320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

15 (136) SAVE COASTAL WILDLIFE LICENSE PLATES.—

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

23 (b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be
24 distributed to the Zoo Miami Foundation, a nonprofit
25 organization under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,
26 for conservation of imperiled coastal wildlife and ecosystems in
27 this state through field conservation and mission-focused
28 research. Up to 10 percent of the annual use fees may be used
29 for costs associated with the design and creation of the license

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

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

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

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