

CS/HB 289 — Specialty License Plates

by Roads, Bridges, & Ports Policy Committee; Rep. Brandenburg, and others (SB 978 by Senator Fasano)

The bill amends s. 320.08058(18)(a), F.S., pertaining to the Sea Turtle specialty license plates, so that a maximum of 10% of annual use fee revenue may be used for marketing the license plate and for administrative costs.

The bill authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop and issue a “Fraternal Order of Police” license plate upon payment of the appropriate license taxes and a \$25 special use fee. To purchase the Fraternal Order of Police license plate, a person must submit a notarized letter from the Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police showing that he or she qualifies for the use of the Fraternal Order of Police law enforcement emblem by being a member in good standing. Annual use fees collected from the sale of this license plate shall be distributed to the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Foundation. They will administer the fees and will use the proceeds as follows:

- up to 10 percent of the annual use fee revenue may be used for promotion and marketing of the plate and administrative costs directly associated with the memorial program.
- all remaining proceeds shall be distributed to the Florida State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Foundation to fund activities, programs, and projects aimed at improvement, maintenance, or other support of the Florida Fraternal Order of Police Law Enforcement Memorial.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 35-3; House 111-0