

Senate Bill No. 1266

An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Tampa Bay Estuary license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (z) is added to subsection (4) of section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

(4) The following license plate annual use fees shall be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

(z) Tampa Bay Estuary license plate, \$15.

Section 2. Subsection (26) is added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(26) TAMPA BAY ESTUARY LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Tampa Bay Estuary license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, the words "Tampa Bay Estuary" must appear at the bottom of the plate, and the image of a tarpon must appear on the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program created by s. 163.01.

1. A maximum of 5 percent of such fees may be used for marketing the plate.

2. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the annual use fee, not to exceed \$50,000, shall be provided to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for activities of the Agency on Bay Management implementing the Council/Agency Action Plan for the restoration of the Tampa Bay estuary, as approved by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program Policy Board.

3. The remaining proceeds must be used to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Tampa Bay, pursuant to priorities approved by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program Policy Board.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved by the Governor June 8, 1999.

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