

House Bill No. 1909

An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Florida Wildflower license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an 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) Florida Wildflower 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) FLORIDA WILDFLOWER LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Florida Wildflower license plate as provided in this section. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “State Wildflower” and “coreopsis” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Wildflower Account established by Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., created by s. 403.4131. The proceeds must be used to establish native Florida wildflower research programs, wildflower educational programs, and wildflower grant programs to municipal, county, and community-based groups in this state. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of such plates may be used for administrative costs.

Section 3. Subsection (11) is added to section 403.4131, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

403.4131 “Keep Florida Beautiful, Incorporated”; placement of signs.—

(11)(a) There is created within Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc., the Wildflower Advisory Council, consisting of a maximum of nine members to direct and oversee the expenditure of the Wildflower Account. The Wildflower Advisory Council shall include a representative from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida League of Cities, and the Florida Association of Counties. Other members of the committee may include representatives from The Florida

Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Think Beauty Foundation, the Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, Inc., and a representative of the Master Gardener's Program.

(b) The Wildflower Advisory Council shall develop procedures of operation, research contracts, educational programs, and wildflower planting grants for Florida native wildflowers, plants and grasses. The council shall also make the final determination of what constitutes acceptable species of wildflowers and other plantings supported by these programs.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved by the Governor June 8, 1999.

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