

House Bill No. 127

An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; providing for a United States Marine Corps specialty license plate; providing fees; providing for the disposition of fees; 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) United States Marine Corps 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) UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a United States Marine Corps license plate as provided in this section. The word “Florida” must appear at the top center of the plate, and the words “First to Fight” must appear at the bottom center of the plate. The United States Marine Corps logo, 3 inches in diameter, must appear on the left side centered top to bottom of the plate in proper colors.

(b) The department shall distribute the United States Marine Corps license plate annual use fees in the following manner:

1. The first \$50,000 collected annually shall be deposited in the State Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and must be used solely for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining domiciliary and nursing homes for veterans subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

2. Any additional fees collected annually shall be deposited in the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., successor to the USMV Tag/Scholarship Fund, Inc., which shall use the fees to fund scholarships and assist Marine Corps Junior ROTC programs of this state. The foundation shall develop a plan to distribute the funds to recipients nominated by residents of the state to receive scholarships, and to the Marine Corps Junior ROTC programs in the state.

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

Approved by the Governor June 8, 1999.

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