

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 768

An act relating to license plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for the deposit of certain funds generated under s. 320.089, F.S., into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund established by s. 296.38, F.S.; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the Sea Turtle License Plate; providing for a distribution of 25 percent of the annual use fees from the Share the Road license plate to Bike Florida, Inc., rather than to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Amateur Sports; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 320.089, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; special license plates; fee.—

(1)(a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, or an active member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces Reserve shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal recipient, or proof of active membership in any branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve," as appropriate, followed by the serial number of the license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary beginning with fiscal year 2000-2001 and annually thereafter, the first \$50,000 in general revenue generated from the sale of license plates issued under s. 320.089 which are stamped with the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Combat-wounded veteran," or "U.S. Reserve" shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law for that trust fund.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (19) and paragraph (b) of subsection (31) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(19) SEA TURTLE LICENSE PLATES.—

(b) The annual use fees shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The first \$500,000 in annual revenue shall be used by the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Program to conduct sea turtle protection, research, and recovery programs. Additional license plate revenue, up to an amount not exceeding 30 percent of the total annual revenue, shall be dispersed annually through the marine turtle grants program as provided in s. 370.12(1)(h). ~~The remaining annual use proceeds shall be used by the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Program for sea turtle conservation activities. The remaining annual use proceeds shall be used by the commission for sea turtle conservation activities, except that up to 30 percent of the remaining annual use fee proceeds shall be annually disbursed through the marine turtle grants program as provided in s. 370.12(1)(h).~~

(31) SHARE THE ROAD LICENSE PLATES.—

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to Bike Florida, Inc., up to 25 percent ~~the Florida Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Amateur Sports, a portion~~ of which shall be used for marketing and promotion of the "Share the Road" concept and license plate. The remaining funds shall be divided equally between Bike Florida, Inc., and the Florida Bicycle Association, Inc., to be used for:

1. Education and awareness programs, for bicycle safety and motorist safety, with emphasis on sharing the roadway by all users.

2. Training, workshops, educational materials, and media events.

3. The promotion of safe bicycling.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2000.

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