

House Bill No. 441

An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; providing for a Breast Cancer Research license plate; providing for a use fee; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Breast Cancer Research license plate; providing for the distribution and use of fees; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for all women between the ages of 20 and 59, with a woman being diagnosed every 2 minutes or succumbing to the disease every 13 minutes, and

WHEREAS, in Florida, over 12,000 women are diagnosed with the disease annually and approximately 3,000 women in the state die annually, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death for women in Florida between the ages of 20 and 59, with a woman being diagnosed every 2 minutes or succumbing to the disease every 13 minutes, and

WHEREAS, men are at risk of breast cancer and are also affected as husbands, fathers, brothers, and friends of women with the disease, and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of children are traumatized when their mothers or fathers are diagnosed with or die of breast cancer, and

WHEREAS, breast cancer takes an astonishing toll on the economy through health care costs, lost work days, and lowered productivity, both for those in treatment and for their caregivers, and

WHEREAS, the only hope of ending this epidemic disease is through research aimed at discovering its cause, its cure, and, most importantly, its prevention, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition was founded in 1995 to ensure funding for breast cancer research and to develop resources for research into this deadly disease and its cure, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

(ff) Breast Cancer Research license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Subsection (32) is added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(32) BREAST CANCER RESEARCH LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall develop a Breast Cancer Research license plate as provided in this section. The plate shall be designed to include a figure on the left side of the plate with a pink ribbon on the chest, along with a pink banner displaying the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition (FBCC) website. The background shall be blue and the words “End Breast Cancer” shall appear at the top of the plate. The word “Florida” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The department shall distribute the Breast Cancer Research license plate annual use fee to the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation to be used as follows:

1. All fees collected shall be forwarded quarterly to the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation.

2. The foundation shall provide for a peer review grant solicitation and award process to distribute fees for breast cancer research and education in the State of Florida. Research funding shall be made available for:

a. Basic, clinical, and translational breast cancer research.

b. Epidemiological studies of breast cancer.

c. Research on possible links between breast cancer and the environment.

d. Psychoimmunological research.

e. Innovative awards and idea grants.

(c)1. In the first year that the plate is issued, no more than 25 percent of the fees collected may be used for administrative costs directly associated with the operation of the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation and marketing and promotion of the Florida breast cancer research concept and license plate.

2. In the second and subsequent years that the plate is sold, no more than 20 percent of the fees collected may be used for administrative costs directly associated with the operation of the Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation and marketing and promotion of the Florida breast cancer research concept and license plate.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor April 29, 2002.

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