

House Bill No. 145

An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; providing for a Florida Golf license plate; providing for a use fee; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Florida Golf license plate; providing for the distribution and use of fees; authorizing the Florida Sports Foundation to establish a youth golf program; providing for an advisory committee; providing an effective date.

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) Florida Golf license plate, \$25.

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

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(32) FLORIDA GOLF LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall develop a Florida Golf license plate as provided in this section. The word “Florida” must appear at the bottom of the plate. The Dade Amateur Golf Association, following consultation with the PGA TOUR, the Florida Sports Foundation, the LPGA, and the PGA of America may submit a revised sample plate for consideration by the department.

(b) The department shall distribute the Florida Golf license plate annual use fee to the Florida Sports Foundation, a direct-support organization of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The license plate annual use fees are to be annually allocated as follows:

1. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees may be used by the Florida Sports Foundation for the administration of the Florida Youth Golf Program.

2. The Dade Amateur Golf Association shall receive the first \$80,000 in proceeds from the annual use fees for the operation of youth golf programs in Miami-Dade County. Thereafter, 15 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees shall be provided to the Dade Amateur Golf Association for the operation of youth golf programs in Miami-Dade County.

3. The remaining proceeds from the annual use fees shall be available for grants to nonprofit organizations to operate youth golf programs and for marketing the Florida Golf license plates. All grant recipients, including the Dade Amateur Golf Association, shall be required to provide to the Florida Sports Foundation an annual program and financial report regarding the use of grant funds. Such reports shall be made available to the public.

(c) The Florida Sports Foundation may establish a Florida Youth Golf Program. The Florida Youth Golf Program shall assist organizations for the benefit of youth, introduce young people to golf, instruct young people in golf, teach the values of golf, and stress life skills, fair play, courtesy, and self-discipline.

(d) The Florida Sports Foundation shall establish a seven-member committee to offer advice regarding the distribution of the annual use fees for grants to nonprofit organizations. The advisory committee shall consist of one member from a group serving youth, one member from a group serving disabled youth, and five members at large.

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

Approved by the Governor May 13, 2002.

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