

House Bill No. 287

An act relating to specialty license plates; creating s. 320.08068, F.S.; creating a specialty license plate for motorcycles; 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. Section 320.08068, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

320.08068 Motorcycle specialty license plates.—

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 320.08053, the department shall develop a reduced dimensions specialty license plate for display on motorcycles.

(2) The department shall issue a specialty license plate to the owner or lessee of any motorcycle upon request and payment of the appropriate license taxes and fees.

(3) Each request must be made annually to the department, accompanied by the following taxes and fees:

(a) The license tax required under s. 320.08.

(b) A license plate fee as required by s. 320.06(1)(b).

(c) A processing fee of \$2.

(d) A license plate annual use fee as required in subsection (4).

(4) A license plate annual use fee of \$15 shall be collected for each motorcycle specialty license plate. Annual use fees shall be distributed to The Able Trust as custodial agent. The Able Trust may retain a maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the license plate for administrative costs. The Able Trust shall distribute the remaining funds as follows:

(a) Twenty-five percent to the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program Trust Fund.

(b) Twenty-five percent to Prevent Blindness Florida.

(c) Twenty-five percent to the Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation to support the Personal Care Attendant Program pursuant to s. 413.402.

(d) Twenty-five percent to the Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living for the purpose of setting up Direct-Support Organizations for each center, and for programs and activities serving disabled Floridians. Each center participating in the development of a direct-support organization shall be eligible to apply through the Association for a start-up grant of up to \$50,000. Thereafter, to the extent that funds are available,

each participating center may apply for funds in the form of matching grants. The first year, the centers shall provide 25 cents for each dollar requested. The second year, the center shall provide 50 cents to each dollar requested, and thereafter, the center shall provide a dollar for dollar match for each dollar requested. The match shall be from private, nongovernmental sources.

(5) If an owner or lessee to whom the department has issued a motorcycle specialty license plate acquires a replacement vehicle within the owner's registration period, the department must authorize a transfer of the specialty license plate to the replacement vehicle in accordance with s. 320.0609. The annual use fee or processing fee may not be refunded.

(6) The license plate shall be 4 inches wide by 7 inches long and incorporate a red, white, and blue color scheme approved by the department and may bear the imprint of numerals from 1 to 999, inclusive, capital letters "A" through "Z," or a combination thereof. The department shall determine the maximum number of characters, including numerals and letters. Motorcycle specialty license plates must be otherwise of the same material as standard license plates issued for any registration period. In small letters, the word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate.

(7) The department may issue personalized prestige plates for license plates authorized in this section. Such plates shall be issued in accordance with applicable provisions contained in s. 320.0805.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved by the Governor July 11, 2003.

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