

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 734

An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Florida Tennis license plate; creating a Lighthouse Association license plate; creating an In God We Trust license plate; creating a Horse Country license plate; 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. Paragraphs (mmm), (nnn), (ooo), and (ppp) are 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:

(mmm) Florida Tennis license plate, \$25.

(nnn) Lighthouse Association license plate, \$25.

(ooo) In God We Trust license plate, \$25.

(ppp) Horse Country license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Subsections (65), (66), (67), and (68) are added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(65) FLORIDA TENNIS LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Florida Tennis license plate as provided in this section. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate and the words “Play Tennis” must appear at the bottom of the plate. The United States Tennis Association Florida Section Foundation may submit a revised sample plate for consideration by the department.

(b) The department shall distribute the annual use fees to the Florida Sports Foundation, a direct-support organization of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development. The license plate annual use fees shall 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 to administer the license plate program.

2. The United States Tennis Association Florida Section shall receive the first \$60,000 in proceeds from the annual use fees to reimburse it for startup costs, administrative costs, and other costs it incurs in the development and approval process.

3. Up to 5 percent of the proceeds from the annual use fees may be used for promoting and marketing the license plates. The remaining proceeds shall be available for grants by the United States Tennis Association Florida Section Foundation to nonprofit organizations to operate youth tennis programs and adaptive tennis programs for special populations of all ages, and for building, renovating, and maintaining public tennis courts.

(c) All grant recipients shall provide to the United States Tennis Association Florida Section Foundation an annual program and financial report regarding the use of grant funds. Such reports shall be made available to the public.

(66) LIGHTHOUSE ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Lighthouse Association license plate as provided in this section. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “Visit Our Lights” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida Lighthouse Association, Inc., which may use a maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the plates. The remaining proceeds shall be used by the association to fund the preservation, restoration, and protection of the 29 historic lighthouses remaining in the state.

(67) IN GOD WE TRUST LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop an In God We Trust license plate as provided in this section. However, the requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met before the plates are issued. In God We Trust license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “In God We Trust” must appear in the body of the plate.

(b) The license plate annual use fees shall be distributed to the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., to fund educational scholarships for the children of Florida residents who are members of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, and the United States Armed Forces Reserve and for the children of public safety employees who have died in the line of duty who are not covered by existing state law. Funds shall also be distributed to other 501(c)(3) organizations that may apply for grants and scholarships and to provide educational grants to public and private schools to promote the historical and religious significance of American and Florida history. The In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., shall distribute the license plate annual use fees in the following manner:

1. The In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., shall retain all revenues from the sale of such plates until all startup costs for developing and establishing the plate have been recovered.

2. Ten percent of the funds received by the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., shall be expended for administrative costs, promotion, and marketing of the license plate directly associated with the operations of the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc.

3. All remaining funds shall be expended by the In God We Trust Foundation, Inc., for programs.

(68) HORSE COUNTRY LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 320.08053, the department shall develop a Horse Country license plate as provided in this section. Horse Country license plates must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “Horse Country” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met prior to the issuance of the plate. Thereafter, the license plate annual use fees shall be distributed to PCMI Properties, Inc., to fund programs involved in the rehabilitation of at-risk youth as directed by the Board of Trustees of PCMI Properties, Inc. Such funds may be used to provide educational materials, athletic equipment, transportation, food, medical services, counseling, scholarships, and other direct administrative and program expenses. The funds may also be used as grants for expansion of youth rehabilitation programs in the state. Special consideration shall be given to programs using horses and other livestock in the efforts to redirect at-risk youth. PCMI Properties, Inc., may retain all revenue from the annual use fees until all startup costs for developing and establishing the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of the annual use fee revenue may be used for promotion and marketing of the plate, and as necessary for annual audit or compliance affidavit costs.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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