

## CHAPTER 2013-235

### Senate Bill No. 954

An act relating to the Technological Research and Development Authority; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; deleting provisions for distribution by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to the authority of Challenger/Columbia license plate user fees; conforming provisions; amending s. 379.2202, F.S.; deleting provisions for distribution by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to the authority of saltwater license and permit fees; amending s. 112.3148, F.S., relating to giving gifts to certain officers or candidates for office and to procurement employees; deleting reference to the authority; providing contingent effective dates.

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

Section 1. Effective September 30, 2013, subsection (2) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(2) CHALLENGER/COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Challenger/Columbia license plate to commemorate the seven astronauts who died when the space shuttle Challenger exploded on liftoff in 1986 and the seven astronauts who died when the Columbia exploded on reentry in 2003. The word “Florida” shall appear at the top of the plate, and the words “Challenger/Columbia” must appear at the bottom of the plate, in small letters.

(b) ~~Fifty percent of~~ The Challenger/Columbia license plate annual use fee must be distributed to the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., to support the operations of the Center for Space Education and the Education Technology Institute. Funds received by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., may be used for administrative costs directly associated with the operation of the center and the institute. These funds must be used for the maintenance and support of the operations of the Center for Space Education and the Education Technology Institute operated by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc. These operations must include preservice and inservice training in the use of technology for the state’s instructional personnel in a manner consistent with state training programs and approved by the Department of Education. Up to 20 percent of funds received by the Center for Space Education and the Education Technology Institute may be expended for administrative costs directly associated with the operation of the center and the institute.

(c) ~~Fifty percent must be distributed to the Technological Research and Development Authority created by s. 2, chapter 87-455, Laws of Florida, for the purpose of funding space-related research grants, the Teacher/Quest~~

Scholarship Program under s. 1009.61 as approved by the Florida Department of Education, and space-related economic development programs. The Technological Research and Development Authority shall coordinate and distribute available resources among state universities and independent colleges and universities based on the research strengths of such institutions in space science technology, community colleges, public school districts, and not-for-profit educational organizations.

~~(c)~~(d) Up to 10 percent of the funds distributed under paragraph (b) paragraphs ~~(b)~~ and ~~(e)~~ may be used for continuing promotion and marketing of the license plate.

~~(d)~~(e) The Auditor General has the authority to examine any and all records pertaining to the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., and the Technological Research and Development Authority to determine compliance with the law.

Section 2. Effective July 1, 2013, section 379.2202, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

379.2202 Expenditure of funds.—Any moneys available pursuant to s. 379.2201(1)(c) may be expended by the commission within Florida through grants and contracts for research with research institutions including but not limited to: Florida Sea Grant; Florida Marine Resources Council; Harbour Branch Oceanographic Institute; ~~Technological Research and Development Authority~~; Fish and Wildlife Research Institute of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Mote Marine Laboratory; Marine Resources Development Foundation; Florida Institute of Oceanography; Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science; and Smithsonian Marine Station at Ft. Pierce.

Section 3. Effective December 31, 2013, paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (6) of section 112.3148, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

112.3148 Reporting and prohibited receipt of gifts by individuals filing full or limited public disclosure of financial interests and by procurement employees.—

(6)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (5), an entity of the legislative or judicial branch, a department or commission of the executive branch, a water management district created pursuant to s. 373.069, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, ~~the Technological Research and Development Authority~~, a county, a municipality, an airport authority, or a school board may give, either directly or indirectly, a gift having a value in excess of \$100 to any reporting individual or procurement employee if a public purpose can be shown for the gift; and a direct-support organization specifically authorized by law to support a governmental entity may give such a gift to a reporting individual or procurement employee who is an officer or employee of such governmental entity.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4), a reporting individual or procurement employee may accept a gift having a value in excess of \$100 from an entity of the legislative or judicial branch, a department or commission of the executive branch, a water management district created pursuant to s. 373.069, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, ~~the Technological Research and Development Authority~~, a county, a municipality, an airport authority, or a school board if a public purpose can be shown for the gift; and a reporting individual or procurement employee who is an officer or employee of a governmental entity supported by a direct-support organization specifically authorized by law to support such governmental entity may accept such a gift from such direct-support organization.

Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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