

CHAPTER 2014-168

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 132

An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; authorizing the collection of annual use fees for the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers license plate, the Florida Sheriffs Association license plate, the Keiser University license plate, and the Moffitt Cancer Center license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the distribution of annual use funds to the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., for the Challenger/Columbia specialty license plate; requiring the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., and National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., to each record a certain number of sales within a certain timeframe; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to discontinue the plates under certain circumstances; providing for repeal on a specified date; creating a Fallen Law Enforcement Officers license plate, a Florida Sheriffs Association license plate, a Keiser University license plate, and a Moffitt Cancer Center license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plates; providing for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (eeee), (ffff), (gggg), and (hhhh) 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:

(eeee) Fallen Law Enforcement Officers license plate, \$25.

(ffff) Florida Sheriffs Association license plate, \$25.

(gggg) Keiser University license plate, \$25.

(hhhh) Moffitt Cancer Center license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (70) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (d) is added to subsection (71), and subsections (83), (84), (85), and (86) are added to that section, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(2) CHALLENGER/COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATES.—

(b) 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 Space Mirror Memorial located at the Kennedy Space Center 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 memorial institute. These funds must be used for the maintenance and support of the operations of the Center for Space Education and the Space Mirror Memorial Education Technology Institute operated by the Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc. These operations must include programs and infrastructure that inform, inspire, and educate the public on the benefits of human space flight 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 Astronauts Memorial Foundation, Inc., 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.

(70) ST. JOHNS RIVER LICENSE PLATES.—

(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 the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., a s. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which shall administer the fees as follows:

1. The St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., shall retain the first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct reimbursement for administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the development and approval process. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of the annual use fee revenue may be used for administrative costs directly associated with education programs, conservation, research, and grant administration of the organization, and up to 10 percent may be used for promotion and marketing of the specialty license plate.

2. At least 30 percent of the fees shall be available for competitive grants for targeted community-based or county-based research or projects for which state funding is limited or not currently available. The remaining 50 percent shall be directed toward community outreach and access programs. The competitive grants shall be administered and approved by the board of directors of the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc. A grant advisory committee shall be composed of six members chosen by the St. Johns River Alliance board members.

3. Any remaining funds shall be distributed with the approval of and accountability to the board of directors of the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., and shall be used to support activities contributing to education, outreach, and springs conservation.

4. Effective July 1, 2014, the St. Johns River license plate will shift into the presale voucher phase, as provided in s. 320.08053(3)(b). The St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., shall have 24 months to record a minimum of 1,000 sales of the license plates. Sales include existing active plates and vouchers sold subsequent to July 1, 2014. During the voucher period, new plates may not be issued, but existing plates may be renewed. If, at the conclusion of the 24-month presale period, the requirement of a minimum of 1,000 sales has been met, the department shall resume normal distribution of the St. Johns River specialty plate. If, after 24 months, the minimum of 1,000 sales has not been met, the department shall discontinue the development and issuance of the plate. This subparagraph is repealed June 30, 2016.

(71) HISPANIC ACHIEVERS LICENSE PLATES.—

(d) Effective July 1, 2014, the Hispanic Achievers license plate will shift into the presale voucher phase, as provided in s. 320.08053(3)(b). National Hispanic Corporate Achievers, Inc., shall have 24 months to record a minimum of 1,000 sales. Sales include existing active plates and vouchers sold subsequent to July 1, 2014. During the voucher period, new plates may not be issued, but existing plates may be renewed. If, at the conclusion of the 24-month presale period, the requirement of a minimum of 1,000 sales has been met, the department shall resume normal distribution of the Hispanic Achievers license plate. If, after 24 months, the minimum of 1,000 sales has not been met, the department shall discontinue the Hispanic Achievers license plate. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2016.

(83) FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS LICENSE PLATES.

(a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida, and s. 320.08053(1), the department shall develop a Fallen Law Enforcement Officers license plate as provided in s. 320.08053(2) and (3) and this section. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “A Hero Remembered Never Dies” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc., which may use a maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds to promote and market the plate. The remainder of the proceeds shall be used by the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc., to invest and reinvest, and the interest earnings shall be used for the operation of the Police and Kids Foundation, Inc.

(84) FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida, and s. 320.08053(1), the department shall develop a Florida Sheriffs Association license plate as provided in s. 320.08053(2) and (3) and this section. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. A sheriff’s star must appear

on the left side of the plate, the word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “Florida Sheriffs Association” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida Sheriffs Association, a s. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which shall administer the fees as follows:

1. The Florida Sheriffs Association shall retain the first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct reimbursement for administrative costs, startup costs, and cost incurred in the development and approval process. Thereafter, up to 10 percent of the annual use fee revenue may be used for administrative and marketing costs.

2. All remaining collected revenue must be used for continuing education for sheriff's office members.

(85) KEISER UNIVERSITY LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida, and s. 320.08053(1), the department shall develop a Keiser University license plate as provided in s. 320.08053(2) and (3) and this section. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “Keiser University” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The department shall retain all annual use fees from the sale of the plate until all startup costs for developing and issuing the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the annual use fees from the sale of the plate shall be distributed to the Keiser Mills Foundation, which may use up to 10 percent of such fees for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees shall be used by the Keiser Mills Foundation to provide annual college scholarships for students attending Keiser University.

(86) MOFFITT CANCER CENTER LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 45, chapter 2008-176, Laws of Florida, as amended by s. 21, chapter 2010-223, Laws of Florida, and s. 320.08053(1), the department shall develop a Moffitt Cancer Center license plate as provided in s. 320.08053(2) and (3) and this section. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “Moffitt Cancer Center” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The department shall retain all annual use fees from the sale of such plates until the startup costs for developing and issuing the plates have been recovered. Thereafter, the annual use fees shall be distributed to H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, which may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for administrative costs and for the marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees shall be used by the institute to support its

research, education, treatment, prevention and detection, teaching, and research activities.

Section 3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2014.

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