

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for  
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 310

An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; placing limitations on the use of sale proceeds; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (mm) 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:

(mm) Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Subsection (39) is added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(39) CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention license plate as provided in this section. The word “Florida” must appear at the top of the plate, and the words “Stop Child Abuse” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Children’s Home Society of Florida and the Florida Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers as follows: The first \$90,000 in annual use fees shall be equally divided between the two organizations, to be used to pay start-up costs, including costs incurred in developing and issuing the plates. Thereafter, 50 percent of the proceeds shall be distributed to the Children’s Home Society of Florida, which must distribute the funds proportionately to each of its divisions, to be used for child abuse prevention programs. The other 50 percent of the proceeds shall be distributed to the board of directors of the Florida Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers, Inc., who shall develop funding criteria and an allocation methodology that ensures an equitable distribution of those funds among network participant centers that meet the standards set forth in s. 39.3035. The criteria and methodologies shall take into account factors that include, but need not be limited to, the center’s accreditation status with respect to the National Children’s Alliance, the number of clients served, and the population of the area being served by the children’s advocacy center.

(c) For the first 5 years in which the plate is issued, a maximum of 20 percent of the fees collected may be used for administrative costs directly associated with the operation of the marketing and promotion of the plate. Ten percent of the fees shall be allocated to the Children's Home Society of Florida and 10 percent shall be allocated to the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc. Five years after the date the first license plate is issued, revenues from plate sales may not be used for marketing or promoting the license plate.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2003.

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