

CHAPTER 2010-216

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 289

An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; revising authorized uses of revenue received from the sale of the Sea Turtle license plate; creating the Fraternal Order of Police license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for the distribution of 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. Paragraph (rrr) 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:

(rrr) Fraternal Order of Police license plate, \$25.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (18) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (70) is added to that section, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(18) SEA TURTLE LICENSE PLATES.—

(b) The first \$500,000 of annual use fees shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and shall be used by the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Program to conduct sea turtle protection, research, and recovery programs. The next \$215,000 in annual use fees shall be distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation to fund sea turtle research and education programs. The Caribbean Conservation Corporation shall annually distribute assigned funds through a Sea Turtle Grants Program that supports sea turtle research and education activities of Florida-based nonprofit groups, education and research institutions, and coastal counties in this state. The Caribbean Conservation Corporation shall write and publish procedures for submitting grant applications and criteria for allocating available funds, and shall appoint a technical advisory committee, composed of at least five members, including two representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, to establish funding priorities and select grant recipients from proposals submitted by eligible entities. Two of the members shall be selected from the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; one member shall be selected on a rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on the Atlantic Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall be selected on a rotating biennial basis from a county bordering on the

Gulf Coast with sea turtle nesting sites; one member shall be the executive director of the Caribbean Conservation Corporation; and two members shall be selected at large. Any additional annual revenue shall be distributed as follows: 70 percent shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund and used by the Florida Marine Turtle Protection Program for sea turtle conservation activities and 30 percent shall be assigned to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation for distribution through the Sea Turtle Grants Program. From the funds distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the total annual revenue from the sale of the plate may be used for marketing the Sea Turtle license plate and for administrative costs directly associated with the grants program. A maximum of 15 percent of the funds distributed to the Caribbean Conservation Corporation may be expended for administrative costs directly associated with the grants program, and a maximum of 10 percent may be used to promote and market the Sea Turtle license plate. Funds received by the Caribbean Conservation Corporation from the Sea Turtle license plate or the Sea Turtle Grants Program and funds received by any grant recipient of the Sea Turtle Grants Program may not be used for litigation.

(70) FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LICENSE PLATES.—

(a)1. The department shall develop a Fraternal Order of Police license plate as provided in 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 “Fraternal Order of Police” must appear at the bottom of the plate.

2. The department may issue the plate only to an applicant who submits a notarized letter from the Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police stating that the applicant is a member of the lodge in good standing or a member of a lodge member’s family, together with other fees and documents required for a specialty plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, which shall retain all proceeds until the startup costs to develop and establish the plate have been recovered. Thereafter, the proceeds shall be distributed to the Florida State Lodge Memorial Foundation of the Fraternal Order of Police and used as follows:

1. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds may be used to promote and market the plate, to administer the license plate program, and to pay administrative costs directly associated with the state Fraternal Order of Police Law Enforcement Memorial.

2. The remaining proceeds shall be used by the foundation to fund projects, programs, or events related to the memorial or to fund improvements, maintenance, or other support for the memorial.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor June 4, 2010.

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