

By Representative Kosmas

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to license plates; amending ss.
3 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Florida
4 Wildflower license plate; providing for the
5 distribution of annual use fees received from
6 the sale of such plates; providing a contingent
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (z) is added to subsection (4) of
12 section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

13 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--

14 (4) The following license plate annual use fees shall
15 be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

16 (z) Florida Wildflower license plate, \$15.

17 Section 2. Subsection (26) is added to section
18 320.08058, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

19 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

20 (26) FLORIDA WILDFLOWER LICENSE PLATES.--

21 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Wildflower
22 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"
23 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "State
24 Wildflower" and "coreopsis" must appear at the bottom of the
25 plate.

26 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
27 Wildflower Account established by Keep Florida Beautiful,
28 Inc., created by s. 403.4131. The proceeds must be used to
29 establish native Florida wildflower research programs,
30 wildflower educational programs, and wildflower grant programs
31 to municipal, county, and community-based groups in this

1 state. A maximum of 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale
2 of such plates may be used for administrative costs.

3 Section 3. Subsection (11) is added to section
4 403.4131, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

5 403.4131 "Keep Florida Beautiful, Incorporated";
6 placement of signs.--

7 (11)(a) There is created within Keep Florida
8 Beautiful, Inc., the Wildflower Advisory Council, consisting
9 of a maximum of nine members to direct and oversee the
10 expenditure of the Wildflower Account. The Wildflower Advisory
11 Council shall include a representative from the University of
12 Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the
13 Florida Department of Transportation, and the Florida
14 Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida League of
15 Cities, and the Florida Association of Counties. Other members
16 of the committee may include representatives from The Florida
17 Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Think Beauty Foundation, the
18 Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape
19 Architects, Inc., and a representative of the Master
20 Gardener's Program.

21 (b) The Wildflower Advisory Council shall develop
22 procedures of operation, research contracts, educational
23 programs, and wildflower planting grants for Florida native
24 wildflowers, plants and grasses. The committee shall also make
25 the final determination of what constitutes acceptable species
26 of wildflowers and other plantings supported by these
27 programs.

28 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999,
29 but it shall not take effect unless it is enacted by at least
30 a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the
31 Legislature.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Creates a Florida Wildflower license plate and provides for the distribution of annual use fees to the Wildflower Account of Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. Creates the Wildflower Advisory Council to supervise the expenditure of proceeds from the sale of such license plates.