

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Soto

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to specialty license plates; amending  
3           s. 320.08056, F.S.; revising the annual use fee for  
4           the Florida Wildflower license plate; amending s.  
5           320.08058, F.S.; revising provisions for distribution  
6           and use of fees collected from the sale of certain  
7           specialty license plates; providing an 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 (aa) of subsection (4) of section  
12   320.08056, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           320.08056 Specialty license plates.—

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

16           (aa) Florida Wildflower license plate, \$25 ~~\$15~~.

17           Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and subsection  
18   (27) of section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19           320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

20           (4) FLORIDA SALUTES VETERANS LICENSE PLATES.—

21           (b) The Florida Salutes Veterans license plate annual use  
22   fee shall be distributed as follows:

23           1. Twenty ~~Ten~~ percent shall be distributed to a direct-  
24   support organization created under s. 292.055 ~~for a period not~~  
25   ~~to exceed 48 months after the date the direct support~~  
26   ~~organization is incorporated.~~

27           2. Any remaining fees must be deposited in the State Homes  
28   for Veterans Trust Fund, which is created in the State Treasury.  
29   All such moneys are to be administered by the Department of

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30 Veterans' Affairs and must be used solely for the purpose of  
31 constructing, operating, and maintaining domiciliary and nursing  
32 homes for veterans and for continuing promotion and marketing of  
33 the license plate, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

34 (27) FLORIDA WILDFLOWER LICENSE PLATES.—

35 (a) The department shall develop a Florida Wildflower  
36 license plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida"  
37 must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "State  
38 Wildflower" and "coreopsis" must appear at the bottom of the  
39 plate.

40 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida  
41 Wildflower Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation under s.  
42 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The proceeds must be  
43 used to establish native Florida wildflower research programs,  
44 wildflower educational programs, and wildflower grant programs  
45 to municipal, county, and community-based groups in this state.

46 1. The Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc., shall develop  
47 procedures of operation, research contracts, education and  
48 marketing programs, and wildflower planting grants for Florida  
49 native wildflowers, plants, and grasses.

50 2. A maximum of 20 ~~15~~ percent of the proceeds from the sale  
51 of such plates may be used for administrative and marketing  
52 costs.

53 3. If the Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc., ceases to be  
54 an active nonprofit corporation under s. 501(c)(3) of the  
55 Internal Revenue Code, the proceeds from the annual use fee  
56 shall be deposited into the General Inspection Trust Fund  
57 created within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
58 Services. Any funds held by the Florida Wildflower Foundation,

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59 Inc., must be promptly transferred to the General Inspection  
60 Trust Fund. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
61 shall use and administer the proceeds from the use fee in the  
62 manner specified in this paragraph.

63 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.