

June 18, 2004

Ms. Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R. A. Gray Building
500 South Borough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Hood:

I hereby transmit to you, with my signature, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2020, entitled:

An act relating to Specialty License Plates . . .

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2020 directs the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to issue 12 new specialty license plates: Save Our Seas, Aquaculture, Family First, Sportsmen's National Land Trust, Live the Dream, Florida Food Banks, Discover Florida's Oceans, Family Values, Parents Make a Difference, Support Soccer, Kids Deserve Justice and Animal Friends. The bill also raises the annual use fee for the Florida Educational license plate from \$15 to \$20, and revises the requirements for establishing specialty plates. The bill is effective July 1, 2004.

I am signing the bill, although a number of concerns have been raised with regard to the Animal Friends license plate. I have received written assurances from the Humane Society of the United States that the original intent of the legislation will be honored, and that proceeds from the sale of these license plates will fund spay/neuter projects in Florida, and not be diverted to support any other activities of the national organization.

For this reason, and the reasons set forth herein, I hereby approve Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2020.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush