By Senator Rader

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of such plates; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (84) is added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.-

(84) FLORIDA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.-

- (a) The department shall develop a Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate as provided in s. 320.08053 and 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 "Save the Bees" must appear at the bottom of the plate.
- (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the Florida State Beekeepers Association, a Florida nonprofit corporation.

 The Florida State Beekeepers Association may use up to 18 percent of the annual use fees for:
- 1. Direct reimbursement for administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the development and approval process of the license plate. All vendors associated with the administrative costs shall be selected by competitive bid.

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2. Promotion and marketing costs of the license plate.

(c) The remaining funds shall be distributed to the Florida

State Beekeepers Association and shall be used to raise

awareness of the importance of beekeeping to Florida agriculture

by funding honeybee research, education, outreach, and

husbandry. The Florida State Beekeepers Association board of

managers must approve and is accountable for all such

expenditures.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2019, but only if SB ____ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.