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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to license plates; amending ss.
320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating an
Everglades River of Grass license plate;
providing for the distribution of annual use
fees received from the sale of such plates;
providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (t) 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:

(t) Everglades River of Grass license plate, \$20.

Section 2. Subsection (20) is added to section
320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

(20) EVERGLADES RIVER OF GRASS LICENSE PLATES.--

(a) The department shall develop an Everglades River
of Grass license plate as provided in this section. The word
"Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words
"Everglades River of Grass" must appear at the bottom of the
plate. A roseate spoonbill bird standing beside mangroves must
appear on the plate.

(b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
Everglades Trust Fund established by Article X, Section 17 of
the State Constitution and administered by the South Florida
Water Management District and used for the conservation and
protection of the natural resources and abatement of water

1 pollution in the Everglades. The funds must be used for
2 Everglades conservation and restoration projects in accordance
3 with state contracting and purchasing procedures with the
4 following restrictions:

5 1. Fifty percent of the fees must be used for
6 Everglades research.

7 2. The fees may not be used for administrative
8 salaries or other overhead within the district or for any
9 general coordination fees or overhead expenses out of the
10 district.

11 3. Revenues generated by these fees may not be used as
12 replacement funds for Surface Water Improvement and Management
13 Act funds or Everglades Forever Act Funds.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998,
15 but it shall not take effect unless it is enacted by at least
16 a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the
17 Legislature.

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20 SENATE SUMMARY

21 Creates an Everglades River of Grass license plate and
22 provides for the distribution of annual use fees to the
23 South Florida Water Management District and used for
24 Everglades conservation and restoration projects.
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