

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to license plates; amending ss.
3 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating an
4 Everglades River of Grass license plate;
5 providing for the distribution of annual use
6 fees received from the sale of such plates;
7 providing a contingent 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 (t) is added to subsection (4) of
12 section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, 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 (t) Everglades River of Grass license plate, \$20.

17 Section 2. Subsection (20) is added to section
18 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

19 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

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

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

27 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed to the
28 Everglades Trust Fund established by Article X, Section 17 of
29 the State Constitution and administered by the South Florida
30 Water Management District and used for the conservation and
31 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.
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