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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to clothes washer rebates; creating s.  
3       373.187, F.S.; providing a definition for the term  
4       "front-loading clothes washer"; requiring water  
5       management districts to develop and implement  
6       incentive programs for local governments to adopt  
7       consumer rebate programs for specified clothes  
8       washers; specifying a limitation; providing an  
9       effective date.

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

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13       Section 1. Section 373.187, Florida Statutes, is created to  
14 read:

15       373.187 Local front-loading washer rebates.-

16       (1) As used in this section, the term "front-loading  
17 clothes washer" means a residential clothes washer that is  
18 designed to be loaded from the front of the machine and has an  
19 Energy Star water factor of 8.0 or less.

20       (2) Each water management district shall develop and  
21 implement an incentive program to encourage all municipal and  
22 county governments within the district to adopt consumer rebate  
23 programs for the purchase of front-loading clothes washers.

24       (3) Rebate programs shall prohibit consumers from receiving  
25 more than one rebate for the same purchase, and only one rebate  
26 shall be allowed for each eligible product.

27       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.