

By Senators King, Hill, and Wise

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to license plates; amending ss.  
3           320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating the St. Johns  
4           River license plate; establishing an annual use fee  
5           for the plate; providing for the distribution of use  
6           fees received from the sale of such plates; providing  
7           an 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 (qqq) 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 be  
15           collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:

16           (qqq) St. Johns River license plate, \$25.

17           Section 2. Subsection (69) is added to section 320.08058,  
18           Florida Statutes, to read:

19           320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

20           (69) ST. JOHNS RIVER LICENSE PLATES.—

21           (a) Notwithstanding s. 320.08053, the department shall  
22           develop a St. Johns River license plate as provided in this  
23           section. The St. Johns River license plates must bear the colors  
24           and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must  
25           appear at the top of the plate, and the words "St. Johns River"  
26           must appear at the bottom of the plate.

27           (b) The requirements of s. 320.08053 must be met prior to  
28           the issuance of the plate. Thereafter, the license plate annual  
29           use fees shall be distributed to the St. Johns River Alliance,

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30 Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which shall administer  
31 the fees as follows:

32 1. The St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., shall retain the  
33 first \$60,000 of the annual use fees as direct reimbursement for  
34 administrative costs, startup costs, and costs incurred in the  
35 development and approval process. Thereafter, up to 10 percent  
36 of the annual use fee revenue may be used for administrative  
37 costs directly associated with education programs, conservation,  
38 research, and grant administration of the organization and up to  
39 10 percent may be used for promotion and marketing of the  
40 specialty license plate.

41 2. At least 30 percent of the fees shall be available for  
42 competitive grants for targeted community-based or county-based  
43 research or projects for which state funding is limited or not  
44 currently available. The remaining 50 percent shall be directed  
45 toward community outreach and access programs. The competitive  
46 grants shall be administered and approved by the board of  
47 directors of the St. Johns River Alliance, Inc. A grant advisory  
48 committee shall be composed of six members chosen by the St.  
49 Johns River Alliance board members.

50 3. Any remaining funds shall be distributed with the  
51 approval of and accountability to the board of directors of the  
52 St. Johns River Alliance, Inc., and shall be used to support  
53 activities contributing to education, outreach, and springs  
54 conservation.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.