COMMITTEE REPORT

January 31, 2013

**H. 3225**

Introduced by Rep. J.E. Smith

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Read the first time January 8, 2013.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3225) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 132 to Chapter 3, Title 56 so as to provide for the issuance of “SC Riverkeepers”, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 132

SC Riverkeepers Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑13210. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue SC Riverkeepers special license plates to owners of private passenger carrying motor vehicles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑630, or motorcycles registered in their names which shall have a blue background and imprinted on them in white ‘SC Riverkeepers’, ‘Keep Our Rivers Clean’, a crescent, and a palmetto tree. The fee for this special license plate is thirty dollars every two years in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. This special license plate must be of the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates. This special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period which expires twenty‑four months from the month it is issued.

(B) The additional fees collected pursuant to this section above the cost of production must be distributed equally to the Congaree Riverkeeper, Charleston Waterkeeper, Waccamaw Riverkeeper, Savannah Riverkeeper, Catawba Riverkeeper, and Santee Riverkeeper organizations.

(C) The guidelines for the production, collection, and distribution of fees for a special license plate under this section must meet the requirements of Section 56‑3‑8100.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect six months after approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

PHILLIP D. OWENS for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Motor Vehicles indicates there will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund of the State or to federal and or other funds.

*Approved By:*

Brenda Hart

Office of State Budget

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 132 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF “SC RIVERKEEPERS” SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

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(B) The fees collected pursuant to this section above the cost of the regular motor vehicle registration fee must be distributed to the Congaree Riverkeeper, Charleston Waterkeeper, Waccamaw Riverkeeper, Savannah Riverkeeper, Catawba Riverkeeper, and Santee Riverkeeper organizations.

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