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HOUSE BILL NO. 147

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "I'm Cajun" prestige license plate

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.160, relative to motor vehicle special prestige plates; to provide for creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:463.160 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

<u>§463.160. Special prestige license plates; "I'm Cajun"</u>

<u>A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "I'm Cajun" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.</u>

<u>B. The plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, provided that it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the phrase "I'm Cajun...and proud" and shall also include a prominent image celebrating the Cajun culture.</u>

<u>C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.</u>

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D. The department shall collect an annual fee of fifteen dollars for this special prestige license plate, which shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

E. The monies received from the additional fifteen dollar fee shall be disbursed solely to fund scholarships to "La Fondation Louisiane for the Escadrille Louisiane" scholarship program of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana.

F. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the special prestige license plate to be known as the "I'm Cajun" license plate. Provides for fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, and design of the license plate and promulgation of rules.

Proposed law requires the secretary of Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "I'm Cajun" license plate.

Proposed law provides that the prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law authorizes the Council for the Development of French in La. to design the plate, provided such design bears the words "I'm Cajun...and proud".

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of $15 for each plate issued and specifies that such fees be forwarded to the Council for the Development of French in La. to solely fund scholarships for "La Fondation Louisiane for the Escadrille Louisiane" program. Further specifies that the standard license registration fee and a handling fee of $3.50 be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.160)

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