

New 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 and the "I'm Creole" license plate.

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

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

New law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of \$15 for "I'm Cajun" prestige 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 Foundation Louisdale for the Espadrille Louisdale" 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. Additionally, the standard license registration and handling fee is also applicable to the "I'm Creole" prestige license plate.

New law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in new law.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161)