

ACT No. 343

HOUSE BILL NO. 818

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ADAMS, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, BROWN, HENRY BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CROMER, DOVE, EDWARDS, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAZEL, HUNTER, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, KLECKLEY, NANCY LANDRY, LEOPOLD, LORUSSO, MORENO, NORTON, ORTEGO, POPE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RITCHIE, SCHEXNAYDER, SMITH, THIBAUT, WHITNEY, AND PATRICK WILLIAMS AND SENATORS ALARIO, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, CLAITOR, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, LONG, MILLS, MORRELL, MORRISH, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, RISER, GARY SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WARD, AND WHITE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.165, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide
3 for the "George Rodrigue Foundation" special prestige plate; to provide for the
4 creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and
5 distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and
6 regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license
7 plate; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.165 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §463.165. Special prestige license plate; "George Rodrigue Foundation"

11 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
12 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "George
13 Rodrigue Foundation" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants
14 for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,
15 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

16 B. The license plate color and design shall be selected by the George
17 Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts, provided it is in compliance with R.S.
18 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "George Rodrigue Foundation".

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

3 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of thirty dollars that
4 shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be
5 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section
6 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents
7 for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative
8 costs.

9 E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to
10 the George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts or its successor organization. The
11 monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to plan, develop, and implement
12 a series of unique educational art programs that are specially designed to enhance
13 and expand art curriculums and expose children to education in the arts.

14 F. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to
15 implement the provisions in this Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____