

ACT No. 344

HOUSE BILL NO. 825

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.165, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide
3 for the "Louisiana Master Gardener" special prestige plate; to provide for creation,
4 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; "Louisiana Master Gardener"

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 "Louisiana
13 Master Gardener Program" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand
14 applicants for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger
15 cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

16 B. The license plate color and design shall be selected by the Louisiana
17 Master Gardener Program of the LSU AgCenter, provided it is in compliance with
18 R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words, "Louisiana Master
19 Gardener".

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

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

7 E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to
 8 the Louisiana Master Gardener Program of the LSU AgCenter or its successor
 9 organization. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to develop
 10 and enhance community programs related to horticulture, including but not limited
 11 to environmental improvement activities, community and school garden programs,
 12 and public horticultural events.

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

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____