

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 166

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Classic Black" specialty license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.209, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 establish the "Classic Black" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation,
4 issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation
5 applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.209 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.209. Special prestige license plate; "Classic Black"

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

15 B. Provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3), the design
16 shall include a black background, a white border, and symbols and plate identifiers
17 marked in white only. Additionally, the design shall include the following elements:

- 18 (1) "LOUISIANA" centered at the top of the plate.
- 19 (2) A white, filled-in Louisiana state seal on the top-left corner.
- 20 (3) A white, filled-in magnolia flower on the top-right corner.
- 21 (4) The license plate number.

1 (5) "THE PELICAN STATE" centered at the bottom of the plate.

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

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

10 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
11 to the state general fund in equal amounts.

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

14 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

15 Section 3. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
16 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable
17 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new
18 plates.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Classic Black" special prestige license plate. Provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and promulgation of rules applicable to this license plate.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Classic Black" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

Proposed law requires the design to be in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3) and to include a black background, a white border, and symbols and plate identifiers marked in white only. Additionally, requires the design to include the following:

(1) "LOUISIANA" centered at the top of the plate.

- (2) A white, filled-in Louisiana state seal on the top-left corner.
- (3) A white, filled-in magnolia flower on the top-right corner.
- (4) The license plate number.
- (5) "THE PELICAN STATE" centered at the bottom of the plate.

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

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a \$3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires monies received from the royalty fees to be forwarded to the state general fund in equal amounts.

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

Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to create the "Classic Black" speciality license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.209)