

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 61

BY SENATOR MCMATH

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates "Mental Health" special prestige license plate. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.214, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plate; to provide
3 for the establishment of the "Mental Health" special prestige license plate; to provide
4 for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to
5 such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.214 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§463.214. Special prestige license plate; "Mental Health"**

9 **A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
10 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the**
11 **"Mental Health" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants**
12 **for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup**
13 **trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.**

14 **(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor**
15 **vehicles, shall create the special prestige license plate when the applicable**
16 **statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and title**
17 **registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.**

1 **B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Louisiana Rural**
2 **Mental Health Alliance to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is**
3 **in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words**
4 **"Mental Health".**

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

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

14 **E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and**
15 **forwarded as follows:**

16 **(1) Three quarters of the royalty fee shall be dedicated to the National**
17 **Alliance on Mental Illness Louisiana.**

18 **(2) One quarter of the royalty fee shall be dedicated to the Louisiana**
19 **Rural Mental Health Alliance.**

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

Proposed law creates the "Mental Health" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to issue the special prestige license plates, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for the plate.

Proposed law provides that the office of motor vehicles will create the plate when their electronic vehicle and title registration system is updated.

Proposed law provides the design of the plate shall include the words "Mental Health".

Proposed law directs the department to collect an annual royalty fee and forward certain percentages to the NAMI Louisiana and the Louisiana Rural Mental Health Alliance.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.214)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation,
Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Provides that the office of motor vehicles will create the plate when their electronic vehicle and title registration system is updated.