

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 998

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Southern Yacht Club" in New Orleans specialty license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.214, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to  
3 establish the "Southern Yacht Club" specialty license plate; to provide for the  
4 creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation  
5 applicable to such license plate; 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; "Southern Yacht Club"

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

14 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the general manager of  
15 Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans to select the color and design of the plate,  
16 provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the  
17 words "Southern Yacht Club".

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

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

7           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
 8           to the Southern Sailing Foundation in New Orleans. The monies received from the  
 9           royalty fees shall be used to support young sailors beginning their sailing career,  
 10          advanced competitive sailors, and elite sailors seeking world class competition. In  
 11          addition, the royalty fees shall be used to assist various programs that introduce  
 12          sailing to students, underserved youth, and individuals who face physical challenges.

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

15          Section 2. 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.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Southern Yacht Club" 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 "Southern Yacht Club" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the general manager of Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans to select the color and design 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 Southern Sailing Foundation in New Orleans. Specifies that the monies received from the royalty fees be used to support young sailors beginning their sailing career, advanced competitive sailors, and elite sailors seeking world class competition. Further specifies the royalty fees be used to assist various programs that introduce sailing to students, underserved youth, and individuals who face physical challenges.

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 "Southern Yacht Club" speciality license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.214)