

SENATE BILL NO. 61

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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.**

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

22 **C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to**

1           any citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license  
2           plate.

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

9           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and  
10          forwarded as follows:

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

13           (2) One quarter of the royalty fee shall be dedicated to the Louisiana  
14          Rural Mental Health Alliance.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_