

SENATE BILL NO. 223

BY SENATORS LAMBERT, FOIL, HEWITT, MCMATH AND TALBOT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.214, 463.215, and 463.216, relative to motor vehicle special prestige
3 license plate; to provide for Egg Bowl rivalry prestige license plates; to provide for
4 the establishment of the "Mississippi State University Alumni Association" special
5 prestige license plate; to provide for the establishment of the "University of
6 Mississippi Alumni Association" special prestige license plate; to provide for the
7 establishment of the "University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association"
8 special prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees,
9 distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide
10 for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.214, 463.215, and 463.216 are hereby enacted to read as
13 follows:

14 **§463.214. Special prestige license plate; "Mississippi State University Alumni**
15 **Association"**

16 **A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
17 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the**
18 **"Mississippi State University Alumni Association" plate, provided there are a**
19 **minimum of one thousand applicants for the plate. The plate shall be restricted**
20 **to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and**
21 **vans.**

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

26 **B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the executive director**

1 of the Mississippi State University Alumni Association, or his designee, and the
2 state senator for Senate District 18, to select the color and design of the plate,
3 provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

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

13 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
14 forwarded in equal disbursements to the Mississippi State Alumni chapters in
15 the state of Louisiana that are officially sanctioned by the Mississippi State
16 Alumni Association.

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

19 §463.215. Special prestige license plate; "University of Mississippi Alumni
20 Association"

21 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
22 shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the
23 "University of Mississippi Alumni Association" plate, provided there are a
24 minimum of one thousand applicants for the plate. The plate shall be restricted
25 to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and
26 vans.

27 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the executive director
28 of the University of Mississippi Alumni Association, or his designee, and the
29 state senator for Senate District 18, to select the color and design of the plate,
30 provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

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

10 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
11 forwarded in equal disbursements to the University of Mississippi Alumni
12 Association chapters in the state of Louisiana that are officially sanctioned by
13 the University of Mississippi Alumni Association.

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

16 §463.216. Special prestige license plate; "University of Southern Mississippi
17 Alumni Association"

18 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
19 shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the
20 "University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association" plate, provided there
21 are a minimum of one thousand applicants for the plate. The plate shall be
22 restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles,
23 motorcycles, and vans.

24 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the executive director
25 of the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association, or his designee,
26 to select the color and design of the plate, provided the design is in compliance
27 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

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

7 **E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and**
8 **forwarded in equal disbursements to the University of Southern Mississippi**
9 **Alumni Association chapters in the state of Louisiana that are officially**
10 **sanctioned by the University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association.**

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____