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HOUSE BILL NO. 641

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AND BUTLER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.230 through 463.236, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license
3 plates; to provide for the establishment of the "3' for Cyclists", "Support Wildlife
4 Rehabilitation", "St. Thomas Aquinas", "Evangel Christian Academy", "United
5 States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville High School Alumni", and "Humane Society
6 of Louisiana" specialty license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design,
7 fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license
8 plates; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.230 through 463.236 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §463.230. Special prestige license plate; "3' for Cyclists"

12 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
13 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "3' for
14 Cyclists" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such
15 plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
16 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

17 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Metro Bicycle Coalition
18 of New Orleans, otherwise known as Bike Easy, to select the color and design of the
19 plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include
20 the words "3' for Cyclists".

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

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

9 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
10 to the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans. The monies received from the
11 royalty fees shall be used to assist the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans.

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

14 §463.231. Special prestige license plate; "Support Wildlife Rehabilitation"

15 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
16 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Support
17 Wildlife Rehabilitation" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand
18 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,
19 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

20 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the NOLA Wildlife Center
21 to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S.
22 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Support Wildlife
23 Rehabilitation" and an image or logo of a wild animal.

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

26 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars
27 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This royalty
28 fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article
29 VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars

1 and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
2 administrative costs.

3 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
4 to the NOLA Wildlife Center. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be
5 used to assist with the costs of wildlife rehabilitation and may be distributed by the
6 NOLA Wildlife Center in the form of grants to licensed wildlife rehabilitators or
7 licensed wildlife rehabilitation centers.

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

10 §463.232. Special prestige license plate; "St. Thomas Aquinas"

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

16 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the St. Thomas Aquinas
17 Regional Catholic High School, to select the color and design of the plate, provided
18 it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "St.
19 Thomas Aquinas".

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

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

28 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
29 to the St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School. The monies received
30 from the royalty fees shall be used to assist the administration of the school.

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

3 §463.233. Special prestige license plate; "Evangel Christian Academy"

4 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
5 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Evangel
6 Christian Academy" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one hundred
7 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,
8 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

9 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with Evangel Christian Academy
10 administration, to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in
11 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Evangel
12 Christian Academy".

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

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

21 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
22 to the Evangel Christian Academy's administration. The monies received from the
23 royalty fees shall be used to assist the school.

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

26 §463.234. Special prestige license plate; "United States Submarine Veterans"

27 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
28 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "United
29 States Submarine Veterans" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand

1 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,
2 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

3 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the United States Submarine
4 Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc., to select the color and design of the plate,
5 provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the
6 words "United States Submarine Veterans".

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

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

15 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
16 to the treasurer of the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc.
17 The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to provide scholarships for
18 children.

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

21 §463.235. Special prestige license plate; "Leesville High School Alumni"

22 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
23 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be the "Leesville High
24 School Alumni " plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants
25 for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
26 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

27 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Alumni Association
28 Executive Board, to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in
29 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Leesville
30 High School Alumni".

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

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

9 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
 10 to Leesville High School Alumni Association. The monies received from the royalty
 11 fees shall be used to provide scholarships.

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

14 §463.236. Special prestige license plate; "Humane Society of Louisiana"

15 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
 16 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be the "Humane Society of
 17 Louisiana" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for
 18 such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
 19 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

20 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Humane Society of
 21 Louisiana, to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance
 22 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Humane Society of
 23 Louisiana".

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

26 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars
 27 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This royalty
 28 fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article
 29 VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars

1 and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
2 administrative costs.

3 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
4 to the treasurer of the Humane Society of Louisiana. The monies received from the
5 royalty fees shall be used to fund spay and neuter programs to help with current
6 overpopulation of animals.

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

9 Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
10 vehicles, is hereby directed to create these special prestige license plates when the applicable
11 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new
12 plates.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____