

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 506

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates certain special prestige license plates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(G) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor  
3 vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish blackout license plates; to provide  
4 for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule  
5 promulgation applicable to such license plates; to establish the "Acadiana High  
6 School", the "Lafayette High School", the "Carencro High School", the "Northside  
7 High School", the "Southside High School", the "David Thibodaux STEM  
8 Academy", the "Ovey Comeaux High School", the "Early College Academy", and  
9 the "Edward J. Sam Accelerated School of Lafayette" license plates; to provide for  
10 the creation and application of existing issuance, design, fee, distribution, and rule  
11 promulgation applicable to Louisiana parochial, public, and private high school  
12 license plates; and to provide for related matters.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

14 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.73(G) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:463.243  
15 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

16 §463.73. Special prestige license plates; Louisiana parochial, public, and private  
17 high schools

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19 G. The secretary shall establish special prestige license plates for Archbishop  
20 Hannan High School, Jesuit High School, Mount Carmel Academy, the Academy of

1 the Sacred Heart, Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School, Acadiana High School,  
 2 Baker High School, East Feliciana High School, Glen Oaks High School, Neville  
 3 High School, Carroll High School, Brusly High School, Port Allen High School,  
 4 Covington High School, Scotlandville Magnet High School, St. Michael the  
 5 Archangel High School, St. Mary's Dominican High School, St. Edmund Catholic  
 6 School, St. Paul's School, St. Scholastica Academy, St. Mary's Academy, Acadiana  
 7 High School, Lafayette High School, Carencro High School, Northside High School,  
 8 Southside High School, David Thibodaux STEM Academy, Ovey Comeaux High  
 9 School, Early College Academy, Edward J. Sam Accelerated School of Lafayette,  
 10 and any other parochial, public, or private Louisiana high school in accordance with  
 11 the provisions of this Section as it was enacted.

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13 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; blackout plates

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

19 B. The design shall display white alpha-numeric series on a black  
 20 background in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include a blue  
 21 line across the plate to symbolize fallen law enforcement officers.

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

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

1           E. The department shall retain one dollar from each annual fee to offset  
2           administrative costs. The remainder of the fee shall be forwarded to the Louisiana  
3           Fraternal Order of Police as a charitable donation to the association by the applicant.

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

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

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the "blackout" and certain high school special prestige license plates, and provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distributions, and promulgation of rules applicable to this license plate.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.243) requires that the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV), issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "blackout" license plate, provided that there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plates.

Proposed law specifies that the plate is restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

Proposed law requires the plate to display white alpha-numeric series on a black background. The design must include a blue line across the plate to symbolize fallen law enforcement officers.

Proposed law specifies that the plate will be issued, upon application, to any citizen of the state in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law requires a one-time fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed in present law and a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the dept. to retain one dollar from each annual fee to offset administrative costs. Specifies that the remainder of the fee will be forwarded to the La. Fraternal Order of Police as a charitable donation to the association by the applicant.

Present law (R.S. 47:463.73) requires the OMV to establish special prestige license plates for the La. parochial, public, and private high schools, provided there are a minimum of 1,000 applicants for the plates.

Proposed law adds Acadiana High School, Lafayette High School, Carencro High School, Northside High School, Southside High School, David Thibodaux STEM Academy, Ovey Comeaux High School, Early College Academy, and Edward J. Sam Accelerated School of Lafayette to the list of high schools for the establishment of special prestige license plates.

Proposed law extends existing authority for the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create these special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.73(G); Adds R.S. 47:463.243)