
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)