

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 629

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates a license plate for the Krewe of Athena

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to  
3 establish the "Krewe of Athena" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation,  
4 issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation  
5 applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; "Krewe of Athena"

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

15 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Krewe of Athena  
16 Carnival Club to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance  
17 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Krewe of Athena".

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

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

7           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
 8           to the treasurer of the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. The monies received  
 9           from the royalty fees shall be used to provide scholarships for debutantes.

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

#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Krewe of Athena" motor vehicle special prestige license plate. Provides for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to this license plate.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Krewe of Athena" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such a plate.

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Krewe of Athena".

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

Proposed law requires the dept. to collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a \$3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires monies received from the royalty fees be forwarded to the treasurer of the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. Specifies that monies received from the royalty fees be used to provide scholarships for debutantes.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.243)