

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 854

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates certain specialty license plates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(G) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243 through 463.247,  
3 relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the "Alzheimer's  
4 Awareness" specialty license plate; to establish the "Lupus Awareness" specialty  
5 plate; to establish the "Krewe of Sobek", the "Mystic Krewe of Imani", and the  
6 "Krewe of Harambee" specialty plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, design,  
7 implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license  
8 plates; to establish the "Huntington High School" and the "Green Oaks Performing  
9 Arts Academy" specialty plates; to provide for the creation and application of  
10 existing issuance, design, fee, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to  
11 Louisiana parochial, public, and private high school license plates; and to provide for  
12 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 through 463.247 are 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, Huntington  
 7 High School, Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy, and any other parochial,  
 8 public, or private Louisiana high school in accordance with the provisions of this  
 9 Section as it was enacted.

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11 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; Alzheimer's Awareness

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  
 14 "Alzheimer's Awareness" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand  
 15 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,  
 16 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

17 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association  
 18 Louisiana Chapter to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in  
 19 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Alzheimer's  
 20 Awareness" and the official purple Alzheimer's Awareness logo.

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

23 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars  
 24 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee  
 25 shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
 26 Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana and a handling fee of three dollars and  
 27 fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
 28 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 Alzheimer's  
3           Association Louisiana Chapter as a charitable donation to the association by the  
4           applicant.

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

7           §463.244. Special prestige license plate; Lupus Awareness

8           A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
9           establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Lupus  
10           Awareness" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such  
11           plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up trucks,  
12           recreational vehicles, and vans.

13           B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the R. Tammy Fleming  
14           Lupus Foundation to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in  
15           compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Lupus Awareness"  
16           and the official purple butterfly logo.

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

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

25           E. The department shall retain one dollar from each annual fee to offset  
26           administrative costs. The remainder of the fee shall be forwarded to the R. Tammy  
27           Fleming Lupus Foundation as a charitable donation to the association by the  
28           applicant.

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

3           §463.245. Special prestige license plate; Krewe of Sobek

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 "Krewe  
6           of Sobek" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such  
7           plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up trucks,  
8           recreational vehicles, and vans.

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

12          C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any  
13          member in good standing of the Krewe of Sobek.

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

20          E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
21          to the Krewe of Sobek. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used  
22          solely for the activities of the Krewe of Sobek.

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

25          §463.246. Special prestige license plate; Mystic Krewe of Imani

26          A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
27          establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Mystic  
28          Krewe of Imani" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for

1 such plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up  
2 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

3 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the captain of the Mystic  
4 Krewe of Imani to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in  
5 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Mystic Krewe of  
6 Imani".

7 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any  
8 member in good standing of the Mystic Krewe of Imani.

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 fee  
11 shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
12 Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
13 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 Mystic Krewe of Imani. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be  
17 used solely for the activities of the Mystic Krewe of Imani.

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

20 §463.247. Special prestige license plate; Krewe of Harambee

21 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
22 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Krewe  
23 of Harambee" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for  
24 such plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up  
25 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

26 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the captain of the Krewe of  
27 Harambee to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance  
28 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Krewe of Harambee".

1           C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any  
2           member in good standing of the Krewe of Harambee.

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 fee  
5           shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
6           Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
7           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 Krewe of Harambee. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used  
11          solely for the activities of the Krewe of Harambee.

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

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

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Alzheimer's Awareness", "Lupus Awareness", "Krewe of Sobek", "Mystic Krewe of Imani", "Krewe of Harambee", "Huntington High School", and "Green Oaks High School" special prestige license plates and provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distributions, and promulgation of rules applicable to these license plates.

Present law (R.S. 47:463.73) requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (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 Huntington High School and Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy 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.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.243) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Alzheimer's Awareness" 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 secretary work in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Assoc. La. Chapter to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Alzheimer's Awareness" and the official Alzheimer's symbol.

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 that the dept. collect an annual 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 Alzheimer's Assoc. La. Chapter as a charitable donation to the association by the applicant.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.244) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Lupus Awareness" 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 secretary work in conjunction with the R. Tammy Fleming Lupus Foundation to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Lupus Awareness" and the official lupus symbol of a purple butterfly.

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 that the dept. collect an annual 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 R. Tammy Fleming Lupus Foundation as a charitable donation to the association by the applicant.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.245) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Krewe of Sobek" 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 secretary work in conjunction with the captain of the Krewe of Sobek to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Krewe of Sobek".

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 that the dept. collect an annual 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 annual royalty fee collected by the dept. be forwarded to the Krewe of Sobek and all monies be used solely for the activities of the Krewe of Sobek.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.246) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Mystic Krewe of Imani" 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 secretary work in conjunction with the captain of the Mystic Krewe of Imani to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Mystic Krewe of Imani".

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 that the dept. collect an annual 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 annual royalty fee collected by the dept. be forwarded to the Mystic Krewe of Imani and all monies be used solely for the activities of the Mystic Krewe of Imani.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.247) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Krewe of Harambee" 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 secretary work in conjunction with the captain of the Krewe of Harambee to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Krewe of Harambee".

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 that the dept. collect an annual 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 annual royalty fee collected by the dept. be forwarded to the Krewe of Harambee and all monies be used solely for the activities of the Krewe of Harambee.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this 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.47:463.243-463.247)