
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", "Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School", "Lincoln Preparatory 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, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School, Lincoln Preparatory School, and Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy to the list of high schools for the establishment of special prestige license plates. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create these special prestige license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new 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. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

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 department collect an annual royalty 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 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the department collect an annual fee to 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. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

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 department 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 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the department collect an annual fee to 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. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

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 department collect an annual royalty 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 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the annual royalty fee collected by the department 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. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

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 department 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 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the annual royalty fee collected by the department 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. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

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 department 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 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the annual royalty fee collected by the department 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.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G); Adds R.S.47:463.243-463.247)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Delete the requirement that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections retain one dollar from each annual fee to offset administrative costs from the Alzheimer's Awareness and Lupus Awareness special prestige license plates.
3. Add a requirement that the department collect the annual royalty fee and forward the fee to the Alzheimer's Association Louisiana Chapter and the R. Tammy Fleming Lupus Foundation as a charitable donation.
4. Add Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School and Lincoln Preparatory School to the list of special prestige license plates for Louisiana parochial, public, and private high schools.
5. Redesignate uncodified language to statutory provisions that require the office of motor vehicles to create the Huntington High School, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School, Lincoln Preparatory School, Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy, Alzheimer's Awareness,

Lupus Awareness, Krewe of Sobek, Mystic Krewe of Imani, and the Krewe of Harambee special prestige license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.