

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(A) and (G) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to
3 motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish blackout license plates; to
4 provide 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 Magnet
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, implementation, fee,
11 distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to Louisiana parochial, public, and
12 private high school 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(A) and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
15 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

18 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
19 establish a special prestige license plate for the Louisiana parochial, public, and
20 private high schools which have a minimum of one hundred applicants for such

1 plate. The license plate shall be restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and
2 recreational vehicles. The license plate shall be of a color and design selected by the
3 respective high school student council subject to the approval of the respective high
4 school principal, provided that it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

5 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
6 vehicles, shall create these special prestige license plates when the applicable
7 statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration
8 system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

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10 G. The secretary shall establish special prestige license plates for Archbishop
11 Hannan High School, Jesuit High School, Mount Carmel Academy, the Academy of
12 the Sacred Heart, Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School, Acadiana High School,
13 Baker High School, East Feliciana High School, Glen Oaks High School, Neville
14 High School, Carroll High School, Brusly High School, Port Allen High School,
15 Covington High School, Scotlandville Magnet High School, St. Michael the
16 Archangel High School, St. Mary's Dominican High School, St. Edmund Catholic
17 School, St. Paul's School, St. Scholastica Academy, St. Mary's Academy, Acadiana
18 High School, Lafayette High School, Carencro High School, Northside High School,
19 Southside High School, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy, Ovey Comeaux
20 High School, Early College Academy, Edward J. Sam Accelerated School of
21 Lafayette, and any other parochial, public, or private Louisiana high school in
22 accordance with the provisions of this Section as it was enacted.

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24 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; blackout plates

25 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
26 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "blackout"
27 plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate.
28 The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational
29 vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

1 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
2 vehicles, shall create these special prestige license plates when the applicable
3 statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration
4 system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

5 B. The design shall display white alpha-numeric series on a black
6 background in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the
7 word "LOUISIANA" centered at the top or bottom of the plate.

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

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

16 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
17 to the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police as a charitable donation to the association
18 by the applicant.

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

DIGEST

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HB 506 Reengrossed

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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 these license plates.

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. Further requires the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the plate to display white alpha-numeric series on a black background. Requires the design include the word "LOUISIANA" at the top or bottom of the plate.

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 DPS&C 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 DPS&C to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C collect an annual royalty fee and forward it 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 Magnet 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. Further requires the DPS&C, OMV, to create these special prestige license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the 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.

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

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. Change the design of the blackout special prestige plate from including a blue line across the plate to symbolize fallen law enforcement officers to including the word "LOUISIANA" at the top or bottom of the plate.
3. Change proposed law creating the blackout plate from requiring that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections retain one dollar from the annual fee to offset administrative costs to requiring the Department of Public Safety and Corrections collect the annual royalty fee and forward it to the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police as a charitable donation to the association by the applicant.
4. Redesignate uncodified language to statutory provisions that require the office of motor vehicles to create the 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, Edward J. Sam Accelerated School of Lafayette, and the blackout 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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add "Magnet" to the name of the "David Thibodaux STEM Academy" school.