
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.