

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 988

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Modifies the current and retired legislators special prestige license plates fee distribution

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.37(B) and (C) and 463.49(B) and (C) and to enact R.S.  
3 47:463.37(D) and 463.49(D), relative to current and retired legislator special prestige  
4 license plates; to provide for the annual royalty fees applicable to such license plates;  
5 to provide for implementation; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.37(B) and (C) and 463.49(B) and (C) are hereby amended  
8 and reenacted and R.S. 47:463.37(D) and 463.49(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.37. Special prestige license plates; retired legislators

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11 B. ~~The charge for this special license plate shall be a one-time fee of~~  
12 ~~twenty-five dollars for each plate, which shall be in addition to the regular motor~~  
13 ~~vehicle registration license fee charged under the provisions of R.S. 47:463~~ The  
14 department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars that shall be  
15 disbursed in accordance with Subsection C of this Section. This fee shall be in  
16 addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section  
17 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents  
18 for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative  
19 costs.



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**DIGEST**

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HB 988 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for an annual royalty fee to be collected by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) for current and retired legislators' special prestige license plates.

Present law (R.S. 47:463.37(B)) requires a one-time fee of \$25 for special prestige license plates for retired members of the legislature, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration license fee charged under present law.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring 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 dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs. Further requires the annual royalty fee collected by the dept. be forwarded to the division of administration (DOA) and monies received from the royalty fees be used for the restoration efforts of the Pentagon Barracks.

Present law (R.S. 47:463.49(B)) requires a one-time fee of \$25 for special prestige license plates for any member or officer of the legislature, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration license fee charged under present law.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring that the dept. 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 dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs. Further requires the annual royalty fee collected by the dept. be forwarded to the DOA and monies received from the royalty fees be used for the restoration efforts of the Pentagon Barracks.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.37(B) and (C) and 463.49(B) and (C); Adds R.S. 47:463.37(D) and 463.49(D))