

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 854

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243 through  
3 463.247, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the  
4 "Alzheimer's Awareness" specialty license plate; to establish the "Lupus  
5 Awareness" specialty plate; to establish the "Krewe of Sobek", the "Mystic Krewe  
6 of Imani", and the "Krewe of Harambee" specialty plates; to provide for the creation,  
7 issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation  
8 applicable to such license plates; to establish the "Huntington High School",  
9 "Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School", "Lincoln Preparatory School", and the "Green  
10 Oaks Performing Arts Academy" specialty plates; to provide for the creation and  
11 application of existing issuance, design, implementation, fee, distribution, and rule  
12 promulgation applicable to Louisiana parochial, public, and private high school  
13 license plates; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
16 47:463.243 through 463.247 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

19 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
20 establish a special prestige license plate for the Louisiana parochial, public, and  
21 private high schools which have a minimum of one hundred applicants for such  
22 plate. The license plate shall be restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and  
23 recreational vehicles. The license plate shall be of a color and design selected by the  
24 respective high school student council subject to the approval of the respective high  
25 school principal, provided that it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

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6                   G. The secretary shall establish special prestige license plates for Archbishop  
 7                   Hannan High School, Jesuit High School, Mount Carmel Academy, the Academy of  
 8                   the Sacred Heart, Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School, Acadiana High School,  
 9                   Baker High School, East Feliciana High School, Glen Oaks High School, Neville  
 10                  High School, Carroll High School, Brusly High School, Port Allen High School,  
 11                  Covington High School, Scotlandville Magnet High School, St. Michael the  
 12                  Archangel High School, St. Mary's Dominican High School, St. Edmund Catholic  
 13                  School, St. Paul's School, St. Scholastica Academy, St. Mary's Academy, Huntington  
 14                  High School, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School, Lincoln Preparatory School, Green  
 15                  Oaks Performing Arts Academy, and any other parochial, public, or private  
 16                  Louisiana high school in accordance with the provisions of this Section as it was  
 17                  enacted.

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19                  §463.243. Special prestige license plate; Alzheimer's Awareness

20                  A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
 21                  establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the  
 22                  "Alzheimer's Awareness" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand  
 23                  applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,  
 24                  pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

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

29                  B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association  
 30                  Louisiana Chapter to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in

1 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Alzheimer's  
2 Awareness" and the official purple Alzheimer's Awareness logo.

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

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

11 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and  
12 forwarded to the Alzheimer's Association Louisiana Chapter as a charitable donation  
13 to the association by the applicant.

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

16 §463.244. Special prestige license plate; Lupus Awareness

17 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
18 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Lupus  
19 Awareness" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such  
20 plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up trucks,  
21 recreational vehicles, and vans.

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

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

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

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  
 10                   forwarded to the R. Tammy Fleming Lupus Foundation as a charitable donation to  
 11                   the association by the applicant.

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

14                   §463.245. Special prestige license plate; Krewe of Sobek

15                   A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
 16                   establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Krewe  
 17                   of Sobek" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such  
 18                   plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up trucks,  
 19                   recreational vehicles, and vans.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12          §463.246. Special prestige license plate; Mystic Krewe of Imani

13           A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
14           establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Mystic  
15           Krewe of Imani" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for  
16           such plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up  
17           trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

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

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

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

28           D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars  
29           that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee  
30           shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,

1           Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
2           fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
3           administrative costs.

4           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
5           to the Mystic Krewe of Imani. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be  
6           used solely for the activities of the Mystic Krewe of Imani.

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

9           §463.247. Special prestige license plate; Krewe of Harambee

10           A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
11           establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Krewe  
12           of Harambee" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for  
13           such plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up  
14           trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

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

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

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

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

1                    E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
2                    to the Krewe of Harambee. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used  
3                    solely for the activities of the Krewe of Harambee.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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