

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 891

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.46(B) and (C), 463.53(C) and (D), to enact R.S.
3 47:463.243, and to repeal R.S. 56:10(B)(8) and (10), relative to reallocation of fees
4 and creation of special prestige license plates associated with wildlife; to provide for
5 the reallocation of fees to the Louisiana Quail Forever organization; to provide for
6 the reallocation of funds to the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited organization; to establish
7 the "Conserve Louisiana" special license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance,
8 design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the
9 license plate; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.46(B) and (C) and 463.53(C) and (D) are hereby amended
12 and reenacted and R.S. 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §463.46. Special prestige license plates; Louisiana Quail Forever plate

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

1 ~~Fund, after complying with the requirements of R.S. 56:10(B), and shall credit that~~
 2 ~~amount to the "waterfowl account" which is created within the Conservation Fund~~
 3 ~~through the provisions of R.S. 56:10(B)(8). The funds raised from the license plates~~
 4 ~~shall be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing~~
 5 ~~migratory waterfowl habitat in Louisiana. The annual royalty fee shall be collected~~
 6 ~~by the department and forwarded to the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited organization, to~~
 7 ~~be used solely for the conservation of ducks and their habitats in Louisiana. The~~
 8 ~~monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely to support the activities~~
 9 ~~of the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited organization. The purchaser of the plate shall be~~
 10 ~~classified as a member of the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited and will receive an annual~~
 11 ~~membership.~~

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13 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; Conserve Louisiana

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

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

23 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Department of Wildlife
 24 and Fisheries to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance
 25 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Conserve Louisiana".

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

28 D. The fee for the plate shall be fifty dollars in addition to the standard motor
 29 vehicle registration license fee, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for
 30 each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

1 E. The revenues realized from the fifty dollar fee imposed by Subsection D
 2 of this Section shall be deposited immediately upon receipt in the state treasury.
 3 After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the
 4 Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and
 5 prior to money being placed in the state general fund, the state treasurer shall place
 6 an amount equal to those revenues in the Conservation Fund, after complying with
 7 the requirements of R.S. 56:10(B).

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

10 Section 2. R.S. 56:10(B)(8) and (10) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

11 Section 3. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
 12 vehicles, is hereby directed to credit the existing amount of revenue generated from the
 13 collection of fees pursuant to R.S. 47:463.46 and R.S. 47:463.53 and route it to the
 14 appropriate organization as required by law prior to January 1, 2027.

15 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 19 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____