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HOUSE BILL NO. 317

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MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "U.S. Army Ranger" military honor license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:490.26, relative to military honor license plates; to provide for the  
3 establishment of a military honor license plate for the United States Army Rangers;  
4 to require the secretary to promulgate rules and regulations relative to the creation  
5 and implementation of this military honor license plate; to provide for the creation,  
6 issuance, and design of such plates; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:490.26 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §490.26. Military honor license plates; "U.S. Army Ranger"

10 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
11 establish a military honor license plate to be known as the "U.S. Army Ranger" plate.

12 B. Upon application of a person authorized to wear a Ranger Tab pursuant  
13 to Army Regulation 600-8-22 Paragraph 8-48, the secretary of the Department of  
14 Public Safety and Corrections shall issue a military honor license plate to be used in  
15 lieu of a regular motor vehicle registration plate. The license plate shall be restricted  
16 to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

17 The "U.S. Army Ranger" plate shall bear a likeness of the United States Army

1 Ranger Tab as set forth in Army Regulation 670-1, Paragraph 29-17, centered on the  
2 left side of the license plate and the words "U.S. Army Ranger" centered on the  
3 bottom of the plate under the license plate number. The colors of the plate shall be  
4 black and gold.

5 C. The fee for the license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle  
6 registration license fee provided for in R.S. 47:463.

7 D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the  
8 provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing the transfer  
9 of license plates from one vehicle to another and the disposition of such license  
10 plates.

11 E.(1) Any applicant who qualifies for the military honor license plate  
12 authorized by this Section may be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the  
13 applicant's name.

14 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, each military honor  
15 license plate issued pursuant to this Section shall be returned to the secretary upon  
16 the death of the person to whom the plate was issued. A surviving spouse of a  
17 person to whom a license plate was issued pursuant to this Section may retain a  
18 license plate issued pursuant to this Section, provided the surviving spouse has not  
19 remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies to the secretary for a transfer  
20 of the license plate to the surviving spouse. A military honor license plate  
21 transferred pursuant to this Paragraph to a surviving spouse shall be returned to the  
22 secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates a "U.S. Army Ranger" military honor license plate.

Proposed law provides for the design and issuance of the "U.S. Army Ranger" license plate. Specifies that the special prestige plate is available to an applicant who is authorized to wear a Ranger Tab pursuant to Army Regulation 600-8-22 Paragraph 8-48. Also requires the

plate bear the likeness of the U.S. Army Ranger Tab as set forth in Army Regulation 670-1, Paragraph 29-17, centered on the left side of the license plate and the words "U.S. Army Ranger" centered on the bottom of the plate under the plate number. Specifies that the colors of the plate must be black and gold.

Proposed law provides that the fee is the regular motor vehicle license fee and requires the secretary adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law, including rules governing the transfer and disposition of such license plates.

Proposed law provides that any applicant who qualifies for a "U.S. Army Ranger" license plate be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the applicant's name. Requires each military honor license plate issued under the provisions of proposed law be returned to the secretary upon the death of the person to whom it was issued. Specifies that a surviving spouse may retain the military license plate, provided the surviving spouse has not remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies for a transfer. Requires the transferred license plate be returned to the secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

(Adds R.S. 47:490.26)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added a provision that specifies that a "U.S. Army Ranger" license plate is available to an applicant who is authorized to wear a Ranger Tab pursuant to Army Regulation 600-8-22 Paragraph 8-48.
2. Added a provision that specifies that instead of a logo the special prestige plate shall bear a likeness of the U.S. Army Ranger Tab as set forth in Army Regulation 670-1, Paragraph 29-17.