

ACT No. 660

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 572

BY REPRESENTATIVES SMITH, ADAMS, AND STEVE CARTER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.31(B), (C), (E), (F), (G)(1), and (H) and to enact R.S.
3 47:463.31(J), relative to the issuance of special college and university license plates;
4 to increase the fee for such plates; to provide relative to charitable donations
5 associated with such plates; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.31(B), (C), (E), (F), (G)(1), and (H) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted and R.S. 47:463.31(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.31. Special college and university license plates

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11 B.(1) The prestige license plates shall be issued, upon application, to any
12 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.
13 The applicant shall designate his institutional preference.

14 (2) Application for college or university special prestige license plate
15 constitutes prior written consent and instruction by the applicant to the department
16 to provide his name, address, and birth date to the university designated by the
17 applicant. The secretary shall ensure that the application for the plate includes a
18 statement granting such consent.

19 C. An annual ~~royalty~~ fee of ~~twenty-six dollars for the use of the institution's~~
20 ~~design by the department~~ fifty-one dollars shall be paid to the institution for each
21 license plate issued as provided in this Section.

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E. The department shall collect the annual royalty fee required by Subsection C of this Section for each license plate. The department shall retain one dollar from each annual royalty fee to offset administrative costs. The remainder of the royalty fee shall be forwarded to the specific institution for which such license plate is designated. The amount forwarded to the designated institution shall be deemed to be a charitable donation to that institution by the applicant.

F. The secretary shall establish such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules and regulations governing the collection and disbursement of ~~royalty~~ fees, the transfer and disposition of such license plates, the colors available, and the design criteria.

G.(1) The monies received from the ~~royalty~~ fees by each respective institution shall be used solely for academic or financial need-based scholarships for that participating institution.

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H. Upon the signing of a contract authorizing the use of the logo of any regionally accredited independent college or university, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish prestige motor vehicle license plates for ~~said~~ that college or university in accordance with the provisions of this Section. This contract shall include an agreement on the part of each institution to use the ~~royalty~~ fees as provided in Subsection G of this Section.

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J. In the event the motor vehicle registration system of the office of motor vehicles is re-engineered, or other technology is otherwise made available to the office of motor vehicles, that would allow for the issuance of personalized special college and university license plates by the office of motor vehicles, then upon the promulgation of rules by the department providing for issuance of a personalized prestige plate under the provisions of this Section, an applicant may request such plate at no additional cost to the applicant above the annual fee as provided in this

1 Section and the annual vehicle registration license tax as provided in R.S.47:451 et
2 seq.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____