

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENSGENS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Sabine Pass Lighthouse" specialty license plate

## 1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.192, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide  
3 for the establishment of the "Sabine Pass Lighthouse" special prestige license plate;  
4 to provide for creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide  
5 relative to the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the  
6 promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of  
7 a special prestige license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for  
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.192 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §463.192. Special prestige license plate; "Sabine Pass Lighthouse"

12 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
13 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Sabine  
14 Pass Lighthouse" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for  
15 such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup  
16 trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

17 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the president of the Cameron  
18 Preservation Alliance to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in  
19 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Sabine  
20 Pass Lighthouse".

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

9           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
10          to the president of the Cameron Preservation Alliance. The monies received from  
11          the royalty fees shall be used for the restoration and stabilization of the Sabine Pass  
12          Lighthouse.

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

15          Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2018.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 65 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Sabine Pass Lighthouse" special prestige license plate. Provides for fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, and design of the license plate and the promulgation of rules.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "Sabine Pass Lighthouse" license plate.

Proposed law provides for the secretary to work in conjunction with the president of the Cameron Preservation Alliance to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Sabine Pass Lighthouse".

Proposed law specifies that the license plate be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of \$20 for each plate issued and specifies that such fees be collected by the department and forwarded to the president of the Cameron Preservation Alliance. Specifies that the monies received from the royalty fees shall be used for the restoration and stabilization of the Sabine Pass Lighthouse.

Proposed law requires the department to collect a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate, to be retained by the department to offset a portion of the administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.192)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Add an effective date of Jan. 1, 2018.