## DIGEST

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HB 496 Reengrossed	2017 Regular Session	Norton
TID 470 Reengrossed		TOTION

**Abstract:** Exempts firefighters issued a special retired firefighter license plate from the motor vehicle registration license fee or tax.

<u>Present law</u> provides for an annual motor vehicle registration license fee or tax on all private passenger vehicles.

<u>Present law</u> further provides for the issuance of a special firefighters license plate for active and retired firefighters. <u>Present law</u> requires firefighters issued the plate to pay a one-time fee of \$25 in addition to the annual motor vehicle registration license fee or tax.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows those retired firefighters issued a special firefighters license plate pursuant to <u>present law</u> and who have served for 20 or more years to be exempt from the annual motor vehicle registration license fee or tax.

<u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that <u>proposed law</u> does not exempt any firefighter receiving a specialty license plate from the initial one-time fee in <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the issuance of a lifetime specialty firefighters license plate to those retired firefighters who have served for 20 or more years.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires those retired firefighters who wish to be exempt from the motor vehicle registration or license tax submit a certification from their retirement system attesting to their service of 20 or more years.

(Adds R.S. 47:463(D) and 463.23(D) and (E))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Remove active, full-time professional firefighters from those eligible for the registration fee exemption.

3. Add a provision that requires those firefighters applying for the fee exemption to submit a certification from their retirement system attesting to their eligibility.

## The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.