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Proposed law creates a special motor vehicle license plate for military surplus motor vehicles.

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<u>Proposed law</u> defines "military surplus motor vehicle" as a multipurpose or tactical vehicle that was manufactured by or under the direction of the United States Armed Forces for off-road use and subsequently authorized for sale to civilians, and does not include mobile construction equipment, trailers, or semitrailers.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the owner of military surplus motor vehicle to apply for and register a military surplus motor vehicle with evidence that the applicant owns or has regular use of another passenger car, truck, or motorcycle, and authorizes the commissioner to issue a registration certificate and appropriately designed license plate to an owner of a military surplus motor vehicle. Provides that the owner of a military surplus motor vehicle shall submit certification that the vehicle is capable of being safely operated on the highways of this state. Provides for issuance of the military surplus motor vehicle license plate to a resident of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for collection of a standard motor vehicle license tax based upon the make, model, and weight of the military surplus motor vehicle.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes any law enforcement officer to require any person operating a military surplus motor vehicle license to provide, upon request, the address at which the vehicle is stored for use and the destination of such operation.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety, upon receiving a record of conviction of a violation of <u>proposed law</u> to revoke and not reinstate the owner's privilege to register a military surplus motor vehicle operated in violation of <u>proposed law</u> for a period of five years from the date of conviction.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety to suspend the registration of any vehicle registered as a military surplus motor vehicle that the department determines is not properly equipped or is otherwise unsafe to operate.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits registration of a military surplus motor vehicle as an antique vehicle pursuant to R.S. 47:463.8.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the operation of a military surplus motor vehicle on the highways of this state for general transportation purposes including, but not limited to daily travel to and from the owner's place of employment, provided that a military surplus motor vehicle shall be operated only if its operation meets the following two conditions:

- (1) Upon a highway where the posted speed limit is 55 miles per hour or less except an interstate or controlled access highway or a multi-lane-divided highway which has partial or no control of access.
- (2) (a) For participation in and transportation to and from off-road events, on-road club activities, exhibits, tours, parades, and similar events.
 - (b) For the purpose of selling the vehicle, or obtaining repairs or maintenance.
 - (c) For occasional pleasure driving not exceeding 125 miles from the address at which the vehicle is stored for use.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows a military surplus motor vehicle to cross any divided highway, highway, roadway, or street with a posted speed limit in excess of 35 per hour at an intersection.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that a military surplus motor vehicle be equipped with head lamps, front and rear turn signal lamps, tail lamps, stop lamps, an exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror, a parking brake, a windshield wiper, a speedometer, an odometer, braking for each wheel, a seat belt assembly installed at each designated seating position, and a vehicle identification number.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the operator of a military surplus motor vehicle to be at least 21 years old and to possess a valid driver's license.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a military surplus motor vehicle operated on a highway to have liability insurance with the same minimum limits as required by the provisions of R.S. 32:900(B).

Proposed law requires safety belts for each person traveling in a military surplus motor vehicle.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the DOTD or a parish or municipal government to prohibit the operation of any military surplus motor vehicle upon any parish or municipal road or highway under its jurisdiction if it determines that such prohibition is necessary for the safety of the motoring public.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, to adopt necessary rules and regulations pursuant to the APA subject to legislative oversight not later than January 20, 2019.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 32:1(35.1) and 299.5 and R.S. 47:451(20.1) and 471)