

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 317

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD

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

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Louisiana REALTORS" special prestige license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.202, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 establish the "Louisiana REALTORS" special prestige plate; to provide for creation,
4 issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license
5 plates; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.202 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §463.202. Special prestige license plate; "Louisiana REALTORS"

9 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
10 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Louisiana
11 REALTORS" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for
12 such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
13 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

14 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Louisiana Realtors
15 Association to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance
16 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Louisiana
17 REALTORS".

18 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
19 member or affiliate of the Louisiana Realtors Association upon verifying

1 membership in a manner that is mutually determined by the secretary and the board
2 of directors of the Louisiana Realtors Association.

3 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of ten dollars that shall
4 be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be in
5 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.(1) The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
10 forwarded to the Louisiana Realtors Relief Fund. The monies in the fund shall be
11 utilized to provide financial relief to realtors and others following a disaster and as
12 permitted by that entity's bylaws.

13 (2) The amount forwarded to the Louisiana Realtors Relief Fund shall be
14 deemed to be a charitable donation to that entity by the applicant.

15 (3) Application for the license plate created pursuant to this Section shall
16 constitute prior written consent and instruction by the applicant to the department to
17 provide his name, address, and birth date to the Louisiana Realtors Association. The
18 secretary shall ensure that the application for the plate includes a statement granting
19 such consent.

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

22 Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
23 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable
24 statutory provisions are met and their system is updated to accommodate the creation of new
25 plates.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Louisiana REALTORS" special prestige license plate. Provides for fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, the 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 "Louisiana REALTORS" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the La. Realtors Assoc. to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Louisiana REALTORS".

Proposed law specifies that the license plate be issued, upon application, to any member or affiliate of the La. Realtors Assoc. upon verifying membership in a manner that is mutually determined by the secretary and the board of directors of the La. Realtors Assoc.

Proposed law requires the department collect an annual royalty fee of \$10 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a \$3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the department to forward the royalty monies to the La. Realtors Relief Fund.

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

Proposed law requires the office of motor vehicles to create the special prestige plate provided for in proposed law when the applicable statutory provisions are met and their system is updated to accommodate new plates.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.202)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Require the Dept. of Public Safety, office of motor vehicles, to create the special prestige license plate provided for in this instrument when the applicable statutory provisions are met and their system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.