

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 641

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX, BRAUD, MUSCARELLO, AND WALTERS

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Share the Road", "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", and "Evangel Christian Academy" specialty license plates

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.229, 463.230, 463.231, and 463.232, relative to motor vehicle special
3 prestige license plates; to provide for the establishment of the "Share the Road", the
4 "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", and "Evangel
5 Christian Academy", specialty license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance,
6 design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such
7 license plates; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.229, 463.230, 463.231, and 463.232 are hereby enacted to
10 read as follows:

11 §463.229. Special prestige license plate; "Share the Road"

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 "Share the
14 Road" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such
15 plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
16 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

17 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Metro Bicycle Coalition
18 of New Orleans, otherwise known as Bike Easy, to select the color and design of the

1 plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include
2 the words "Share the Road".

3 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
4 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

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

11 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
12 to the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans. The monies received from the
13 royalty fees shall be used to assist the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans.

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

16 §463.230. Special prestige license plate; "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators"

17 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
18 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Support
19 Our Wildlife Rehabilitators" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand
20 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,
21 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

22 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Wildlife Rehabilitators
23 Support Council, otherwise known as the council, to select the color and design of
24 the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall
25 include the words "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators" and an image or logo of a
26 wild animal.

27 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
28 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

1 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars
2 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This royalty
3 fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article
4 VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars
5 and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
6 administrative costs.

7 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
8 to the Council. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to assist
9 with the costs of wildlife rehabilitation.

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

12 §463.231. Special prestige license plate; "St. Thomas Aquinas"

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

18 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the St. Thomas Aquinas
19 Regional Catholic High School, to select the color and design of the plate, provided
20 it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "St.
21 Thomas Aquinas".

22 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
23 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

24 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars
25 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This royalty
26 fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article
27 VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars
28 and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
29 administrative costs.

1 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
2 to the St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School. The monies received
3 from the royalty fees shall be used to assist the administration of the school.

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

6 §463.232. Special prestige license plate; "Evangel Christian Academy"

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

12 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with Evangel Christian Academy
13 administration, to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in
14 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Evangel
15 Christian Academy".

16 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
17 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

18 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars
19 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This royalty
20 fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article
21 VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars
22 and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
23 administrative costs.

24 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
25 to the Evangel Christian Academy's administration. The monies received from the
26 royalty fees shall be used to assist the school.

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

1 Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
2 vehicles, is hereby directed to create these special prestige license plates when the applicable
3 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new
4 plates.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Share the Road", "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", and "Evangel Christian Academy", special prestige license plates and provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and promulgation of rules applicable to these license plates.

Proposed law requires monies from the "Share the Road" special license plate royalty fee be used solely to assist the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans.

Proposed law requires the monies from the "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators" plates be used to assist with the costs of wildlife rehabilitation.

Proposed law requires monies from the "St. Thomas Aquinas" specialty license plate be solely used to assist the administration.

Proposed law requires monies from the "Evangel Christian Academy" plate be used solely to assist the school.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections issue a special prestige license plates to be known as the "Share the Road", "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", and "Evangel Christian Academy" license plates, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for each plate.

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans to select the color and design of the plate. Further requires the design include the words "Share the Road".

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the Wildlife Rehabilitators Support Council to select the color and design of the plate. Further requires the design to include an image or logo of a wild animal, and include the words "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators".

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic school to select the color and design of the plate. Further requires the design to include the words "St. Thomas Aquinas".

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with Evangel Christian Academy administration to select the color and design of the plate. Further requires the design to include the words "Evangel Christian Academy".

Proposed law specifies that the license plates 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 \$25 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 secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to create the "Share the Road", "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", and "Evangel Christian Academy" speciality license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.229, 463:230, 463:231, 463:232)