

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 6

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Creates the "Classic Black" specialty license plate. (8/1/26)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1375(B) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for establishing the "Classic Black" special prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; to provide for state police training facilities; to provide for updating the name of the training facility; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1375(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1375. Training school; fees

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B. The training facilities shall be known as the "Donald J. Thibodeaux Training Complex". Such facilities shall consist of the Training Academy at State Police Headquarters ~~Emergency Response Training Center near Holden, Louisiana;~~ **in Baton Rouge** and Joint Emergency Services Training Center near Zachary, Louisiana.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

2 **§463.243. Special prestige license plate; "Classic Black"**

3 **A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
4 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the**
5 **"Classic Black" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants**
6 **for the plate. The license plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,**
7 **pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.**

8 **(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor**
9 **vehicles, shall create the special prestige license plate when the applicable**
10 **statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and title**
11 **registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.**

12 **B. Provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3), the**
13 **design shall include a black background, a white border, and symbols and plate**
14 **identifiers marked in white only. Additionally, the design shall include the**
15 **following elements:**

16 **(1) "LOUISIANA" centered at the top of the plate.**

17 **(2) A white filled-in Louisiana state seal on the top-left corner.**

18 **(3) A white filled-in magnolia flower on the top-right corner.**

19 **(4) The license plate number.**

20 **(5) "THE PELICAN STATE" centered at the bottom of the plate.**

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

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

1 **E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and**
2 **forwarded to the Donald J. Thibodeaux Training Complex and used for**
3 **emergency vehicle operations training for local governments pursuant to R.S.**
4 **40:1375.**

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law describes the Donald J. Thibodeaux Training Complex consisting of the Training Academy at State Police Headquarters; Emergency Response Training Center near Holden, Louisiana; and Joint Emergency Services Training Center near Zachary, Louisiana.

Proposed law clarifies the Training Academy location and removes reference to the training center in Holden, Louisiana.

Proposed law creates the "Classic Black" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to issue the "Classic Black" special prestige license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants.

Proposed law provides that the office of motor vehicles will create the plate when their electronic vehicle and title registration system is updated.

Proposed law directs the department to collect the annual royalty fee and forward it to the Donald J. Thibodeaux Training Complex for the use of training for local police officers.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:1375(B); adds R.S. 47:463.243)