

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 47:463.73) requires the office of motor vehicles (OMV), to establish special prestige license plates for the La. parochial, public, and private high schools, provided there are a minimum of 1,000 applicants for the plates.

New law adds Acadiana High School, Lafayette High School, Carencro High School, Northside High School, Southside High School, David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy, Ovey Comeaux High School, Early College Academy, and Edward J. Sam Accelerated School of Lafayette to the list of high schools for the establishment of special prestige license plates. Further requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), OMV, to create these special prestige license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

New law (R.S. 47:463.243) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "blackout" license plate, provided that there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plates.

New law specifies that the plate is restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. Further requires the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

New law requires the plate to display white alpha-numeric series on a black background. Requires the design include the word "LOUISIANA" at the top or bottom of the plate.

New law specifies that the plate will be issued, upon application, to any citizen of the state in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

New law requires that the DPS&C collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed in existing law and a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the DPS&C to offset a portion of administrative costs.

New law requires the collected annual royalty fee be forwarded to the La. Fraternal Order of Police as a charitable donation to the association by the applicant.

New law extends existing authority for the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of new law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G); Adds R.S. 47:463.243)