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HOUSE BILL NO. 299

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE

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

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the La. Seafood prestige license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.152, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide
3 for the creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the
4 fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and
5 regulations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.152 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §463.152. Special prestige license plate; "Louisiana Seafood"

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 Seafood" plate, in support of the Louisiana seafood industry, provided there is a
12 minimum of one thousand applicants for such plates. These license plates shall be
13 restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

14 B. The color and design of the license plate shall be selected by the
15 Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, provided that it is in compliance
16 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

19 D. The charge for the prestige license plate shall be the standard motor
20 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of

1 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each license plate to
2 be collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate, which
3 shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. A handling fee
4 of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate shall be charged and retained by the
5 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

6 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and deposited
7 into the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund. The monies received
8 from the royalty fees shall be used by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and
9 Marketing Board to implement the duties and functions of that board, relating to the
10 promotion and marketing of seafood as provided for in R.S. 56:578.3.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the special prestige license plate to be known as the "Louisiana Seafood" license plate. Provides for the fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, and design of the license plate and promulgation of rules.

Proposed law requires the secretary for DPS&C to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "Louisiana Seafood" license plate.

Proposed law provides that the prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law provides for the La. Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to select the color and design of the "Louisiana Seafood" license plate in accordance with present law.

Proposed law provides that the fee for the license plate shall be the standard registration license fee and a handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs. Further provides that an annual royalty fee of \$25 shall be collected, by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate, and deposited into the La. Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to implement the duties and functions of the board related to promotion and marketing as provided for in present law.

Proposed law provides that the secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.152)