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HOUSE BILL NO. 343

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAFONTA

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

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Imagine" 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  
4 the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules  
5 and 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; "Imagine"

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 "Imagine"  
11 plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plates. These  
12 license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational  
13 vehicles, and vans.

14 B. The secretary shall design the plates, which shall be of a color and design  
15 selected by the Louisiana Food Bank Association, Incorporated, provided that it is  
16 in compliance 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 department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars,  
20 which shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee

1        shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
2        Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
3        fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
4        administrative costs.

5                E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
6        to the Louisiana Food Bank Association, Incorporated, or its successor organization.  
7        The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely for the purposes of  
8        funding nonprofit efforts.

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

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the special prestige license plate to be known as the "Imagine" 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 "Imagine" 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 secretary to design the "Imagine" license plate, with the color and design to be selected by the La. Food Bank Association, Inc.

Proposed law provides that an annual royalty fee of \$25 shall be collected by the department and forwarded to the La. Food Bank Association, Inc., or its successor organization. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely for nonprofit efforts. Further 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.

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)