

Regular Session, 2011

# ACT No. 97

HOUSE BILL NO. 299

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.152 and 463.153, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license  
3 plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to  
4 provide relative to the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the  
5 promulgation of rules 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 and 463.153 are 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  
21 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each license plate to  
22 be collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate, which  
23 shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. A handling fee

1        of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate shall be charged and retained by the  
2        department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

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

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

10       §463.153. Special prestige license plate; "Hospice"

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

16               B. The color and design of the license plate shall be selected by the  
17       Louisiana Hospice Organization, provided that it is in compliance with R.S.  
18       47:463(A)(3).

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

21               D. The charge for the prestige license plate shall be the standard motor  
22       vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of  
23       Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each license plate to  
24       be collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate, which  
25       shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. A handling fee  
26       of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate shall be charged and retained by the  
27       department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

28               E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
29       to the Louisiana Hospice Organization. The monies received from the royalty fees  
30       shall be used solely by the Louisiana Hospice Organization for the purpose of

1           furthering its mission to improve hospice and end-of-life care through research,  
2           professional and public education, and public awareness.  
3           F. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to  
4           implement the provisions of this Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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