Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 674

BY SENATOR WARD

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates Democratic and Republican Prestige License Plates. (8/1/12)

1   AN ACT

2   To enact R.S. 47:463.155 and 156, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates;

3   to provide for the creation and issuance of such plates; to provide for the design of

4   such plates; to provide relative to the fee and application of the fee for such plates;

5   to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; and to provide for related

6   matters.

7   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8   Section 1. R.S. 47:463.155 and 156 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9   **§463.155. Special prestige license plate; Republican Party of Louisiana**

10   **A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**

11   **shall establish a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Republican**

12   **Party of Louisiana", hereafter referred to as the "organization", subject to the**

13   **provisions of this Section. The license plate shall be restricted to passenger cars,**

14   **pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The color and design of the**

15   **license plate shall be selected by the executive committee of the organization.**

16   **B. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any**

17   **citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.**

1   **C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor**

2   **vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of**

3   **Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, and**

4   **a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents which shall be retained by the**

5   **department to offset administrative costs.**

6   **D. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and**

7   **forwarded to the organization.**

8   **E. The first five hundred plates shall be reserved for purchase at the**

9   **direction of the organization.**

10   **F.   The secretary shall establish a prestige license plate for the**

11   **organization in accordance with the provisions of this Section when both of the**

12   **following conditions are met:**

13   **(1)   The executive committee for the organization has selected and**

14   **approved a design for the license plate.**

15   **(2) The secretary has received a minimum of one thousand applications**

16   **for the license plate.**

17   **G. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary**

18   **to implement the provisions of this Section.**

19   **§463.156. Special prestige license plate; Democratic Party of Louisiana**

20   **A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**

21   **shall establish a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Democratic**

22   **Party of Louisiana", hereafter referred to as the "organization", subject to the**

23   **provisions of this Section. The license plate shall be restricted to passenger cars,**

24   **pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The color and design of the**

25   **license plate shall be selected by the executive committee of the organization.**

26   **B. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any**

27   **citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.**

28   **C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor**

29   **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 plate, and**

2   **a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents which shall be retained by the**

3   **department to offset administrative costs.**

4   **D. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and**

5   **forwarded to the organization.**

6   **E. The first five hundred plates shall be reserved for purchase at the**

7   **direction of the organization.**

8   **F. The secretary shall establish a prestige license plate for the**

9   **organization in accordance with the provisions of this Section when both of the**

10   **following conditions are met:**

11   **(1) The executive committee for the organization has selected and**

12   **approved a design for the license plate.**

13   **(2) The secretary has received a minimum of one thousand applications**

14   **for the license plate.**

15   **G. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary**

16   **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 Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

Proposed law establishes a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the
"Republican Party of Louisiana" plate and a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to
be known as the "Democratic Party of Louisiana" plate. These license plates shall be
restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans and the
color and design of the license plate shall be selected by the organization.

Proposed law provides that the charge for the special license plate shall be the standard
motor vehicle license tax imposed, plus an annual royalty fee of $25 for each plate, and a
handling fee of $3.50 to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative
costs.

Proposed law provides that an annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
forwarded to the organization.

Proposed law provides that the first 500 plates shall be reserved for purchase at the direction
of the organization.

Proposed law provides that the secretary shall establish a prestige plate for the organization
in accordance with provisions of proposed law when the following conditions are met:

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(1)   The executive committee for the organization has selected and approved a design for the license plate.

(2)   The secretary has received a minimum of 1,000 applications for the license plate.

Proposed law provides that the secretary may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.155 and 156)

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