

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the Free and Accepted Mason prestige license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.155, relative to prestige license plates; to provide for the Free and  
3 Accepted Mason license plate; to provide for qualified applicants; to provide for  
4 rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.155 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §463.155. Special prestige license plates; "Free and Accepted Mason"

8 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correction shall  
9 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Free and  
10 Accepted Mason" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for  
11 such plates. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup  
12 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans. The color and design of the license plate  
13 shall be selected by the Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26, provided  
14 it is in compliance with the provisions of R.S. 47:463(A)(3), and shall include the  
15 organization's logo.

16 B. The prestige plate shall be issued, upon application, to any member of a  
17 Free and Accepted Mason ionic lodge in the same manner as any other motor vehicle  
18 license plate in this state. Each person who applies for the prestige license plate shall

1        present to the office of motor vehicles a membership identification card indicating  
2        such Free and Accepted Mason ionic lodge membership.

3                C. The secretary shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars,  
4        for the use of the Accepted and Free Mason logo from the applicant and shall be  
5        disbursed in accordance with Subsection D of this Section. The department shall  
6        also collect the standard registration license fee provided for in R.S. 47:463 and a  
7        handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents. The handling fee shall be retained by  
8        the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

9                D. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
10       to the Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26. The monies received from  
11       the royalty fees shall be used solely for the purposes of funding philanthropic  
12       endeavors as the lodge sees fit.

13               E. The secretary shall establish rules and regulations as are necessary to  
14       implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules and  
15       regulations governing the collection and disbursement of annual fees, verification  
16       that an applicant is a member of the organization, the transfer and disposition of such  
17       license plate, the colors available, and the design criteria.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the Free and Accepted Mason prestige license plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary of DPS&C to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "Free and Accepted Mason" 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 that the color and design of the plate shall be selected by the Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26.

Proposed law provides that an annual royalty fee of \$25 shall be collected by the department and forwarded to the Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely for the purposes of funding philanthropic

endeavors as the lodge sees fit. Further provides for the standard registration license fee and handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department.

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

(Adds R.S. 47:463.155)