

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 327

BY SENATOR GARY SMITH

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates a prestige license plate for Multiple Sclerosis. (8/1/14)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.165, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and distribution of such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:463.165 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§463.165. Special prestige license plates; Multiple Sclerosis

A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to select the color and design of the plate, provided that it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

3 **D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five**
 4 **dollars for this special prestige license plate that shall be disbursed in**
 5 **accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be in addition to the**
 6 **standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the**
 7 **Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for**
 8 **each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative**
 9 **cost.**

10 **E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and**
 11 **forwarded to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The monies received from**
 12 **the royalty fees shall be used solely for the support of programs and research**
 13 **administered by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.**

14 **F. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to**
 15 **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

Gary Smith (SB 327)

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the Multiple Sclerosis license plate.

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

Proposed law provides for the secretary to work in conjunction with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to select the color and design of the plate.

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 for each plate issued and specifies that such fees be collected by the department and forwarded to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Specifies that the monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely for the support of programs and research administered by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Further provides for the standard registration license fee and a handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative cost.

Proposed law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.165)