

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 572

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MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Provides relative to the special college and university license plates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.31(B), (C), (E), (F), (G)(1), and (H), relative to the  
3 issuance of special college and university license plates; to increase the fee for such  
4 plates; to provide relative to charitable donations associated with such plates; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.31(B), (C), (E), (F), (G)(1), and (H) are hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §463.31. Special college and university license plates

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11 B.(1) The prestige license plates shall be issued, upon application, to any  
12 citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.  
13 The applicant shall designate his institutional preference.

14 (2) Application for college or university special prestige license plate  
15 constitutes prior written consent and instruction by the applicant to the department  
16 to provide his name, address, and birth date to the university designated by the  
17 applicant. The secretary shall ensure that the application for the plate includes a  
18 statement granting such consent.

1 C. An annual ~~royalty~~ fee of ~~twenty-six dollars for the use of the institution's~~  
2 ~~design by the department~~ fifty-one dollars shall be paid to the institution for each  
3 license plate issued as provided in this Section.

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5 E. The department shall collect the annual ~~royalty~~ fee required by Subsection  
6 C of this Section for each license plate. The department shall retain one dollar from  
7 each annual ~~royalty~~ fee to offset administrative costs. The remainder of the ~~royalty~~  
8 fee shall be forwarded to the specific institution for which such license plate is  
9 designated. The amount forwarded to the designated institution shall be deemed to  
10 be a charitable donation to that institution by the applicant.

11 F. The secretary shall establish such rules and regulations as are necessary  
12 to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules and  
13 regulations governing the collection and disbursement of ~~royalty~~ fees, the transfer  
14 and disposition of such license plates, the colors available, and the design criteria.

15 G.(1) The monies received from the ~~royalty~~ fees by each respective  
16 institution shall be used solely for academic or financial need-based scholarships for  
17 that participating institution.

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19 H. Upon the signing of a contract authorizing the use of the logo of any  
20 regionally accredited independent college or university, the secretary of the  
21 Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish prestige motor vehicle  
22 license plates for said college or university in accordance with the provisions of this  
23 Section. This contract shall include an agreement on the part of each institution to  
24 use the ~~royalty~~ fees as provided in Subsection G of this Section.

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DIGEST

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HB 572 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Increases the fee for a college or university special prestige license plate and provides for certain other conditions.

Present law provides that upon request by any public college or university in Louisiana the commissioner of motor vehicles is required to establish a special prestige license plate for that college or university. Provides relative to the design and color of the plates.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that an annual royalty fee of \$26 for the use of the institution's design by the department is to be paid to the institution for each license plate issued as provided in present law.

Proposed law increases the fee from \$26 to \$51.

Proposed law removes language stating that the fee is for the use of the institution's design and removes language providing that such fee is a royalty fee.

Proposed law specifies that the amount from each plate that goes to the college or university is deemed to be a charitable donation to that institution by the applicant and specifies that the application for the plate constitutes prior written consent and instruction by the applicant to the department to provide his name, address, and birth date to the university designated by the applicant. Requires the secretary to ensure that the application for the plate includes a statement granting such consent.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.31(B), (C), (E), (F), (G)(1), and (H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Removes proposed law which would specify that an applicant may request a personalized plate to be issued at no additional cost to the applicant.
2. Removes present law which provides that a royalty fee is to be paid to each institution for the use of the university's or college's design and removes references to such royalty fee.