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Abstract: Creates the "Sickle Cell Disease Association" special prestige license plate. Provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and promulgation of rules applicable to this license plate.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Sickle Cell Disease Association" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter to select the color and design of the plate. Proposed law requires the design include the Sickle Cell Disease of America, Inc. official logo.

Proposed law specifies that the license plate will be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of $25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a $3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires monies received from the royalty fees to be forwarded to the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter, the Southwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., the Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc., and the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria in equal payments. Specifies that the monies received from the royalty fees will be used to assist the local sickle cell foundations with operational costs and to support programs for sickle cell clients and their families in their efforts to live productive and stable lives.

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

Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to create the "Sickle Cell Disease Association" speciality license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
(Adds R.S. 47:463.214)