

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Sickle Cell Disease Association" specialty license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.214, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to  
3 establish the "Sickle Cell Disease Association" specialty license plate; to provide for  
4 the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule  
5 promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.214 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.214. Special prestige license plate; "Sickle Cell Disease Association"

10 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
11 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Sickle  
12 Cell Disease Association" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand  
13 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,  
14 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

15 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Sickle Cell Disease  
16 Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter to select the color and  
17 design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design  
18 shall include the Sickle Cell Disease of America, Inc. official logo.

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

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

7           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
8           to the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, the Sickle Cell Disease  
9           Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter, the Southwest Louisiana  
10          Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., the Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical  
11          Resource Foundation, Inc., and the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation in equal  
12          payments. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to assist the local  
13          sickle cell foundations with operational costs and to support programs for sickle cell  
14          clients and their families in their efforts to live productive and stable lives.

15          F. The secretary shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are  
16          necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

17          Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
21 effective on the day following such approval.

22          Section 3. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor  
23 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable  
24 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new  
25 plates.

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 DIGEST

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HB 163 Reengrossed

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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 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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the sickle cell foundation name from Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria to Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation.