To enact R.S. 47:463.214, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plate; to provide for the establishment of the "Louisiana Equine Council" special prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§463.214. Special prestige license plate; "Louisiana Equine Council"

A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Equine Council" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, shall create the special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and title registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.
B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with executive director of the Louisiana Equine Council to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Equine Council".

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

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

E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded to the Louisiana Equine Council.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana Cadge.

DIGEST

Proposed law creates the "Louisiana Equine Council" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to issue the special prestige license plates, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for the plate.

Proposed law provides that the office of motor vehicles will create the plate when their electronic title vehicle and title registration system is upgraded.

Proposed law provides the design of the plate shall include the words "Louisiana Equine Council".

Proposed law directs the department to collect an annual royalty fee and forward certain percentages to the Louisiana Equine Council.
Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.214)