

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 854

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates certain specialty license plates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243 through
3 463.247, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to establish the
4 "Alzheimer's Awareness" specialty license plate; to establish the "Lupus
5 Awareness" specialty plate; to establish the "Krewe of Sobek", the "Mystic Krewe
6 of Imani", and the "Krewe of Harambee" specialty plates; to provide for the creation,
7 issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation
8 applicable to such license plates; to establish the "Huntington High School",
9 "Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School", "Lincoln Preparatory School", and the "Green
10 Oaks Performing Arts Academy" specialty plates; to provide for the creation and
11 application of existing issuance, design, implementation, fee, distribution, and rule
12 promulgation applicable to Louisiana parochial, public, and private high school
13 license plates; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
16 47:463.243 through 463.247 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

17 §463.73. Special prestige license plates; Louisiana parochial, public, and private
18 high schools

19 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
20 establish a special prestige license plate for the Louisiana parochial, public, and

1 private high schools which have a minimum of one hundred applicants for such
2 plate. The license plate shall be restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and
3 recreational vehicles. The license plate shall be of a color and design selected by the
4 respective high school student council subject to the approval of the respective high
5 school principal, provided that it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

6 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
7 vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory
8 provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system
9 is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

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11 G. The secretary shall establish special prestige license plates for Archbishop
12 Hannan High School, Jesuit High School, Mount Carmel Academy, the Academy of
13 the Sacred Heart, Saint Katharine Drexel Preparatory School, Acadiana High School,
14 Baker High School, East Feliciana High School, Glen Oaks High School, Neville
15 High School, Carroll High School, Brusly High School, Port Allen High School,
16 Covington High School, Scotlandville Magnet High School, St. Michael the
17 Archangel High School, St. Mary's Dominican High School, St. Edmund Catholic
18 School, St. Paul's School, St. Scholastica Academy, St. Mary's Academy, Huntington
19 High School, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School, Lincoln Preparatory School, Green
20 Oaks Performing Arts Academy, and any other parochial, public, or private
21 Louisiana high school in accordance with the provisions of this Section as it was
22 enacted.

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24 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; Alzheimer's Awareness

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

1 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
2 vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory
3 provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system
4 is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

5 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association
6 Louisiana Chapter to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in
7 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Alzheimer's
8 Awareness" and the official purple Alzheimer's Awareness logo.

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

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

17 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
18 forwarded to the Alzheimer's Association Louisiana Chapter as a charitable donation
19 to the association by the applicant.

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

22 §463.244. Special prestige license plate; Lupus Awareness

23 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
24 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Lupus
25 Awareness" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such
26 plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up trucks,
27 recreational vehicles, and vans.

28 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
29 vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory

1 provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system
2 is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

3 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the R. Tammy Fleming
4 Lupus Foundation to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in
5 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Lupus Awareness"
6 and the official purple butterfly logo.

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

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

15 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
16 forwarded to the R. Tammy Fleming Lupus Foundation as a charitable donation to
17 the association by the applicant.

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

20 §463.245. Special prestige license plate; Krewe of Sobek

21 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
22 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Krewe
23 of Sobek" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such
24 plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up trucks,
25 recreational vehicles, and vans.

26 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
27 vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory
28 provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system
29 is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

1 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the captain of the Krewe of
2 Sobek to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with
3 R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Krewe of Sobek".

4 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
5 member in good standing of the Krewe of Sobek.

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

12 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
13 to the Krewe of Sobek. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used
14 solely for the activities of the Krewe of Sobek.

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

17 §463.246. Special prestige license plate; Mystic Krewe of Imani

18 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
19 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Mystic
20 Krewe of Imani" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for
21 such plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up
22 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

23 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
24 vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory
25 provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system
26 is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

27 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the captain of the Mystic
28 Krewe of Imani to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in

1 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Mystic Krewe of
2 Imani".

3 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
4 member in good standing of the Mystic Krewe of Imani.

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

11 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
12 to the Mystic Krewe of Imani. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be
13 used solely for the activities of the Mystic Krewe of Imani.

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

16 §463.247. Special prestige license plate; Krewe of Harambee

17 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
18 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Krewe
19 of Harambee" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for
20 such plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up
21 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

22 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
23 vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory
24 provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system
25 is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

26 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the captain of the Krewe of
27 Harambee to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance
28 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Krewe of Harambee".

1 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
2 member in good standing of the Krewe of Harambee.

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

9 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
10 to the Krewe of Harambee. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used
11 solely for the activities of the Krewe of Harambee.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Alzheimer's Awareness", "Lupus Awareness", "Krewe of Sobek", "Mystic Krewe of Imani", "Krewe of Harambee", "Huntington High School", "Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School", "Lincoln Preparatory School", and "Green Oaks High School" special prestige license plates and provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distributions, and promulgation of rules applicable to these license plates.

Present law (R.S. 47:463.73) requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV), to establish special prestige license plates for the La. parochial, public, and private high schools, provided there are a minimum of 1,000 applicants for the plates.

Proposed law adds Huntington High School, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School, Lincoln Preparatory School, and Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy to the list of high schools for the establishment of special prestige license plates. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create these special prestige license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law extends existing authority for the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.243) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Alzheimer's Awareness" license plate, provided that there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plates.

Proposed law specifies that the plate is restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Assoc. La. Chapter to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Alzheimer's Awareness" and the official Alzheimer's symbol.

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

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

Proposed law requires the department collect an annual fee to be forwarded to the Alzheimer's Assoc. La. Chapter as a charitable donation to the association by the applicant.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.244) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Lupus Awareness" license plate, provided that there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plates.

Proposed law specifies that the plate is restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the R. Tammy Fleming Lupus Foundation to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Lupus Awareness" and the official lupus symbol of a purple butterfly.

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

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

Proposed law requires the department collect an annual fee to be forwarded to the R. Tammy Fleming Lupus Foundation as a charitable donation to the association by the applicant.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.245) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Krewe of Sobek" license plate, provided that there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plates.

Proposed law specifies that the plate is restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the captain of the Krewe of Sobek to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Krewe of Sobek".

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

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

Proposed law requires the annual royalty fee collected by the department be forwarded to the Krewe of Sobek and all monies be used solely for the activities of the Krewe of Sobek.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.246) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Mystic Krewe of Imani" license plate, provided that there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plates.

Proposed law specifies that the plate is restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the captain of the Mystic Krewe of Imani to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Mystic Krewe of Imani".

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

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

Proposed law requires the annual royalty fee collected by the department be forwarded to the Mystic Krewe of Imani and all monies be used solely for the activities of the Mystic Krewe of Imani.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 47:463.247) requires that the DPS&C, OMV, issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Krewe of Harambee" license plate, provided that there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plates.

Proposed law specifies that the plate is restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the

department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the captain of the Krewe of Harambee to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Krewe of Harambee".

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

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

Proposed law requires the annual royalty fee collected by the department be forwarded to the Krewe of Harambee and all monies be used solely for the activities of the Krewe of Harambee.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.73(A) and (G); Adds R.S.47:463.243-463.247)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Delete the requirement that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections retain one dollar from each annual fee to offset administrative costs from the Alzheimer's Awareness and Lupus Awareness special prestige license plates.
3. Add a requirement that the department collect the annual royalty fee and forward the fee to the Alzheimer's Association Louisiana Chapter and the R. Tammy Fleming Lupus Foundation as a charitable donation.
4. Add Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School and Lincoln Preparatory School to the list of special prestige license plates for Louisiana parochial, public, and private high schools.
5. Redesignate uncodified language to statutory provisions that require the office of motor vehicles to create the Huntington High School, Haynesville Jr./Sr. High School, Lincoln Preparatory School, Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy, Alzheimer's Awareness, Lupus Awareness, Krewe of Sobek, Mystic Krewe of Imani, and the Krewe of Harambee special prestige license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.