

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 129

BY SENATOR FOIL

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates the "Master Combat Infantryman" specialty license plate.
(8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 establish the "Master Combat Infantryman" special prestige license plate; to provide
4 for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to
5 the license plate; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§463.243. Special prestige license plate; "Master Combat Infantryman"**

9 **A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
10 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the**
11 **"Master Combat Infantryman" plate. The license plate shall be restricted to use**
12 **on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.**

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

17 **B. Provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3), the**

1 design shall bear a likeness of the United States Army Master Combat
2 Infantryman Badge as set forth in Department of the Army MILPER 25-093,
3 centered on the left side of the license plate and the words "Master Combat
4 Infantryman" centered on the bottom of the plate under the license plate
5 number. The colors of the plate shall be light blue and gold.

6 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to
7 any person having been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and one of the
8 following expert badges: the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Expert Field
9 Medical Badge, or the Expert Soldier Badge which shall be sufficient to show
10 the applicant is authorized to wear the Master Combat Infantryman Badge.

11 D. The fee for the license plate shall be pursuant to R.S. 47:463 and
12 490.1.

13 E.(1) The secretary shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as
14 are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

15 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, each military honor
16 license plate issued pursuant to this Section shall be returned to the secretary
17 upon the death of the person to whom the plate was issued. A surviving spouse
18 of a person to whom a license plate was issued pursuant to this Section may
19 retain a license plate issued pursuant to this Section, provided the surviving
20 spouse has not remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies to the
21 secretary for a transfer of the license plate to the surviving spouse. A military
22 honor license plate transferred pursuant to this Paragraph to a surviving spouse
23 shall be returned to the secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving
24 spouse.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Proposed law creates the "Master Combat Infantryman" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue the "Master Combat Infantryman" special prestige license plate.

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

Proposed law provides each military honor license plate issued shall be returned to the secretary upon the death of the person to whom the plate was issued. Proposed law further provides the surviving spouse of a person to whom the plate was issued may retain the license plate provided the surviving spouse has not remarried and applies to the secretary for a transfer of the license plate.

Proposed law provides for technical amendments.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.243)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation,
Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.