

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV), to issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Krewe of Athena" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

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

New law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Krewe of Athena".

New 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.

New law requires the dept. 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 dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

New law requires monies received from the royalty fees be forwarded to the treasurer of the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. Specifies that monies received from the royalty fees be used to provide scholarships for debutantes.

New law requires the secretary promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement new law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.243)