

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 441

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Military Order of the Purple Heart First Responder Program" special prestige license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.47.1, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 provide for the "Military Order of the Purple Heart First Responder Program" special
4 prestige license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution,
5 and rule promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.47.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.47.1. Special prestige license plate; "Military Order of the Purple Heart First
10 Responder Program"

11 A. The provisions of the Section shall be applicable to "Military Order of the
12 Purple Heart First Responder" recipients.

13 B. Upon application of a "Military Order of the Purple Heart First Responder
14 Program" recipient, the secretary shall issue a special prestige license plate to be
15 used in lieu of a regular motor vehicle registration plate on passenger cars, pickup
16 trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. The "Military Order of the
17 Purple Heart First Responder Program" special prestige plate shall bear a likeness
18 of the award centered on the left side of the license plate.

19 C. The fee for the license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle license
20 tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a

1 handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the
2 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

3 D. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
4 implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing
5 the transfer of the license plates from one vehicle to another.

6 E. Except as otherwise provided for in this Subsection, each special prestige
7 license plate issued pursuant to this Section shall be returned to the secretary upon
8 the death of the person to whom the plate was issued. A surviving spouse of a
9 person to whom a license plate was issued pursuant to this Section may retain a
10 license plate issued pursuant to this Section, provided the surviving spouse has not
11 remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies to the secretary for a transfer
12 of the license plate to the surviving spouse. A special prestige license plate
13 transferred pursuant to this Subsection to a surviving spouse shall be returned to the
14 secretary upon death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Military Order of the Purple Heart First Responder Program" special prestige license plate. Provides for fees, issuance, creation, and design of the license plate and the promulgation of rules.

Proposed law creates the "Military Order of the Purple Heart First Responder Program" special prestige license plate and restricts such plate to passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

Proposed law requires that the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections issue the special prestige license plate, upon application, to any "Military Order of the Purple Heart First Responder Program" recipient.

Proposed law specifies the "Military Order of the Purple Heart First Responder Program" special prestige license plate must bear a likeness of the award centered on the left side of the license plate.

Proposed law specifies that the fee for the license plate must be the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by present law and a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be used by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law establishes requirements for the return of the plate upon the death of the person to whom the license plate was issued. Also establishes requirements for the retention of the special prestige license plate by a surviving spouse upon the death of the person to whom the license plate was issued.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.47.1)