

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 472

BY SENATOR JOHNS

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides for a special prestige license plate for "Autism". (1/1/19)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.196, relative to motor vehicles; to provide for the "Autism" special prestige license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, and design of such plate; to authorize adoption of rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:463.196 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§463.196. Special prestige license plate; "Autism"**

**A. The deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Autism" plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, and vans.**

**B. The deputy secretary shall work in conjunction with the Autism Society-Louisiana State Chapter, Inc. (LSAC) 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 word "Autism".**

**C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to**

1           **any resident of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license**  
2           **plate.**

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

9           **E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and**  
10          **forwarded to the Autism Society-Louisiana State Chapter, Inc. (LSAC).**

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

13          Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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DIGEST

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Proposed law requires the deputy secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, to create and issue the "Autism" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law provides for issuance of the plate to an applicant who is a Louisiana resident.

Proposed law requires the department 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 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the department to forward the royalty monies collected to the Autism Society - Louisiana State Chapter, Inc. (LSAC).

Proposed law provides for the adoption of rules and regulations necessary to implement its provisions.

Effective January 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.196)