

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 309

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEOPOLD AND GAROFALO

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.202, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 establish the "Spanish Heritage" special prestige plate; to provide for creation,
4 issuance, implementation, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation
5 applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.202 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §463.202. Special prestige license plate; "Spanish Heritage"

9 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
10 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Spanish
11 Heritage" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such
12 plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
13 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

14 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Canary Islanders
15 Heritage Society of Louisiana and the Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society of
16 St. Bernard to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance
17 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include an image of a red bull with the
18 words "Spanish Heritage".

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

21 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars
22 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee
23 shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,

1 Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and
2 fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of
3 administrative costs.

4 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
5 to the Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana and the Los Islenos Heritage
6 and Cultural Society of St. Bernard in equal amounts.

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

9 Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
10 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable
11 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new
12 plates.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____