

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 223

BY SENATORS LAMBERT AND FOIL

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates specialty license plates. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.214 and 463.215, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license
3 plate; to provide for Egg Bowl rivalry prestige license plates; to provide for the
4 establishment of the "Mississippi State University Alumni Association" special
5 prestige license plate; to provide for the establishment of the "University of
6 Mississippi Alumni Association" special prestige license plate; to provide for
7 creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to
8 such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.214 and 463.215 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 **§463.214. Special prestige license plate; "Mississippi State University Alumni**
12 **Association"**

13 **A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
14 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the**
15 **"Mississippi State University Alumni Association" plate, provided there are a**
16 **minimum of one thousand applicants for the plate. The plate shall be restricted**
17 **to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and**

1 vans.

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

6 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the executive director
7 of the Mississippi State University Alumni Association, or his designee, and the
8 state senator for Senate District 18, to select the color and design of the plate,
9 provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

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

19 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
20 forwarded in equal disbursements to the Mississippi State Alumni chapters in
21 the state of Louisiana that are officially sanctioned by the Mississippi State
22 Alumni Association.

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

25 §463.215. Special prestige license plate; "University of Mississippi Alumni
26 Association"

27 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
28 shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the
29 "University of Mississippi Alumni Association" plate, provided there are a

1 minimum of one thousand applicants for the plate. The plate shall be restricted
2 to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and
3 vans.

4 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the executive director
5 of the "University of Mississippi Alumni Association", or his designee, and the
6 state senator for Senate District 18, to select the color and design of the plate,
7 provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

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

17 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
18 forwarded in equal disbursements to the University of Mississippi Alumni
19 Association chapters in the state of Louisiana that are officially sanctioned by
20 the University of Mississippi Alumni Association.

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

The original instrument was prepared by Archana Cadge. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

Proposed law creates the "Mississippi State University Alumni Association" and the "University of Mississippi Alumni Association" special prestige license plates.

Proposed law provides the design of the plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to

issue special each prestige license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for the plate.

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

Proposed law directs the department to collect the annual royalty fee and forward in equal disbursements to the appropriate official Alumni chapters in the state of Louisiana.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.214 and 463.215)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Provides that the office of motor vehicles will create the plate when their electronic vehicle and title registration system is updated.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Additionally creates the "University of Mississippi Alumni Association" special prestige plate.