

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Electric Line Worker" specialty license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3129.6(C) and R.S. 47:463.214, relative to motor vehicle special prestige
3 license plates; to establish the "Electric Line Worker" specialty license plate; to
4 provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule
5 promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide a special effective date; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3129.6(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3129.6. Higher Education Initiatives Fund

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11 C. Monies deposited in the fund from the royalties for the "Electric Line
12 Worker" special prestige license plate shall be used solely to assist students that
13 cannot afford to purchase the required climbing tools for the Louisiana Community
14 and Technical College System Certified Lineman programs.

15 Section 2. R.S. 47:463.214 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

16 §463.214. Special prestige license plate; "Electric Line Worker"

17 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
18 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Electric
19 Line Worker" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for

1 such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
2 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

3 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the communications
4 manager and the administrator of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs of Southwest
5 Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (SLEMCO) to select the color and
6 design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design
7 shall include the words "Electric Line Worker". SLEMCO shall have the ability to
8 reserve the first one hundred license plates.

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

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

17 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
18 to the Higher Education Initiatives Fund. The monies received from the royalty fees
19 shall be used to assist students that cannot afford to purchase the required climbing
20 tools for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System Certified Lineman
21 programs. The purpose of the "Electric Line Worker" special prestige license plate
22 shall be to aid prospective students desiring to work in this field for companies such
23 as SLEMCO, Entergy, the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, American
24 Electric Power (AEP) or Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), or
25 CLECO.

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

1 Section 3. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
 2 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable
 3 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new
 4 plates.

DIGEST

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HB 76 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Creates the "Electric Line Worker" special prestige license plate. Provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, deposit, distribution, and promulgation of rules applicable to this license plate.

Proposed law requires monies deposited in the Higher Education Initiatives Fund be used solely to assist students that cannot afford to purchase the required climbing tools for the La. Community and Technical College System Certified Lineman programs.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Electric Line Worker" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the communications manager and the administrator of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs of the Southwest La. Electric Membership Corporation (SLEMCO) to select the color and design of the plate. Further requires the design include the words "Electric Line Worker".

Proposed law requires SLEMCO have the ability to reserve the first 100 license plates.

Proposed law specifies that the license plate be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

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 monies received from the royalty fees be forwarded to the Higher Education Initiatives Fund. Specifies that the monies received from the royalty fees be used to assist students that cannot afford to purchase the required climbing tools for the La. Community and Technical College System Certified Lineman programs for the purpose of aiding prospective students desiring to work in the Electric field for companies such as SLEMCO, Entergy, the Association of La. Electric Cooperatives, American Electric Power (AEP) or Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), or CLECO.

Proposed law requires the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to create the "Electric Line Worker" speciality license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

(Adds R.S. 17:3129.6(C) and R.S. 47:463.214)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add a provision that requires monies be deposited in the Higher Education Initiatives Fund and used solely to assist students that cannot afford to purchase the required climbing tools for the La. Community and Technical College System Certified Lineman programs.
3. Add a provision that requires Southwest La. Electric Membership Corporation have the ability to reserve the first 100 license plates.
4. Changes the designation for the annual royalty fee collected from the South La. Community College Certified Power Lineman program at the Acadian Campus in Crowley to the Higher Education Initiatives Fund. Further specifies the royalty fees be used to assist students that cannot afford to purchase the required climbing tools for the La. Community and Technical College System Certified Lineman programs for the purpose of aiding prospective students desiring to work in the electric field for companies such as SLEMCO, Entergy, the Association of La. Electric Cooperatives, American Electric Power (AEP) or Southwest Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), or CLECO.