
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.