

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 323

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Juneteenth" specialty license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.225, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to  
3 establish the "Juneteenth" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation,  
4 issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation  
5 applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.225 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.225. Special prestige license plate; "Juneteenth"

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

15 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Southwest Louisiana  
16 (SWLA) Juneteenth Committee to select the color and design of the plate, provided  
17 it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the word  
18 "Juneteenth".

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.

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

7           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
8           to the treasurer of the SWLA Juneteenth Committee. The monies received from the  
9           royalty fees shall be used to assist the SWLA Juneteenth Committee.

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

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

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DIGEST

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

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

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the Southwest La. (SWLA) Juneteenth Committee to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the word "Juneteenth".

Proposed law specifies that the license plates will 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 to be forwarded to the treasurer of the SWLA Juneteenth Committee. Specifies that the monies received from the royalty fees be used to assist the SWLA Juneteenth Committee.

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 "Juneteenth" 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. 47:463.225)