

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 501

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUVAL

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

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3129.6(C) and R.S. 47:463.225, relative to motor vehicle
3 special prestige license plates; to establish the "Electric Line Worker" specialty
4 license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation,
5 distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide a
6 special effective date; and 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 amended and reenacted 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. 47:463.225 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

16 §463.225. 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".

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

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

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

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

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

DIGEST

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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 from the "Electric Line Worker" special license plate royalty fee 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 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 or Southwestern Electric Power Company, 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. 47:463.225)