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HOUSE BILL NO. 532

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN

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

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Provides relative to fees charged for certain military honor license plates and the processing of plates at the office of motor vehicle state headquarters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:490.9(B), 490.11(B), 490.13(B), 490.14(B), and 505(B)(2),
3 relative to the office of motor vehicles; to remove fees and renewal requirements for
4 certain military honor plates; to require notification of plate removals; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:490.9(B), 490.11(B), 490.13(B), 490.14(B), and 505(B)(2) are
8 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §490.9. Military honor license plates; World War II veterans

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11 B. ~~The charge for this license plate shall be the regular motor vehicle~~
12 ~~registration license fee as provided for under the provisions of R.S. 47:463. No fee~~
13 shall be charged for the military honor license plates authorized by this Section, and
14 such plates shall not be subject to the renewal requirements applicable to standard
15 plates.

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17 §490.11. Military honor license plates for Laos War veterans

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1 B. The license plates shall be issued in the same manner as other motor
 2 vehicle license plates. Veterans applying for the plates shall present to the issuing
 3 official a certified copy of their discharge from active service with one of the armed
 4 forces of the United States. ~~The charge for the license plate shall be the regular~~
 5 ~~motor vehicle registration license fee.~~ No fee shall be charged for military honor
 6 license plates authorized by this Section, and such plates shall not be subject to the
 7 renewal requirements applicable to standard plates.

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9 §490.13. Military honor license plates for veterans of the Vietnamese Conflict

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11 B. The license plates shall be issued in the same manner as other motor
 12 vehicle license plates. Retired members of the armed services of the United States
 13 applying for the plates shall present to the issuing official a copy of their active duty
 14 retirement orders or other proof of retirement from active service with one of the
 15 armed forces of the United States. Veterans of the armed services of the United
 16 States who are not retired shall present to the issuing official a copy of their
 17 discharge from active service with one of the armed forces of the United States. ~~The~~
 18 ~~charge for the military honor license plate shall be the regular motor vehicle~~
 19 ~~registration license fee.~~ No fee shall be charged for military honor license plates
 20 authorized by this Section, and such plates shall not be subject to the renewal
 21 requirements applicable to standard plates.

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23 §490.14. Military honor license plates for veterans of the Korean War

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25 B. The license plates shall be issued in the same manner as other motor
 26 vehicle license plates. Retired members of the armed services of the United States
 27 applying for the plates shall present to the issuing official a copy of their active duty
 28 retirement orders or other proof of retirement from active service with one of the
 29 armed forces of the United States. Veterans of the armed services of the United

1 States who are not retired shall present to the issuing official a copy of their
 2 discharge from active service with one of the armed forces of the United States. ~~The~~
 3 ~~charge for this license plate shall be the same as for regular license plates. No fee~~
 4 shall be charged for military honor license plates authorized by this Section, and such
 5 plates shall not be subject to the renewal requirements applicable to standard plates.

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7 §505. Number plates

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9 B.

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11 (2) Any dealer of motor vehicles who receives a lease return or a previously
 12 owned vehicle with the intention of reselling such vehicle shall remove the license
 13 or number plate from such vehicle before resale and destroy the plate. After the
 14 dealer so removes the plate, he shall submit electronic notification to the Department
 15 of Public Safety and Corrections, which states he has received the vehicle, removed
 16 the license or number plate from such vehicle, and intends to resell the vehicle. ~~The~~
 17 ~~dealer shall attach the title and registration to the electronic notification.~~ He shall
 18 electronically notify the secretary promptly upon the removal ~~monthly~~ of all plates
 19 ~~so removed and destroyed~~. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, upon
 20 receipt of the electronic notification of a transfer on such vehicle, shall issue a new
 21 plate to the new owner in the same manner as if the vehicle had no plate issued to it.
 22 The knowing submission of a false electronic notification shall be false swearing
 23 under R.S. 14:125.

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25 Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
 26 vehicles shall promulgate and adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act,
 27 any rules and regulations necessary to bring existing rules in conformity with the provisions
 28 of this Act.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the registration fee and renewal requirements for military honors licenses plates for veterans of World War II, the Laos War, the Vietnamese Conflict, and the Korean War.

Present law (R.S. 47:490.9(B)) specifies that the charge for the World War II license plates is the regular motor vehicle fee.

Present law (R.S. 47:490.11(B)) requires veterans applying for the Laos War license plate to present to the issuing official a certified copy of their discharge from active service with one of the armed forces of the U.S. Specifies that the charge for the license plate is the regular motor vehicle registration license fee.

Present law (R.S. 490.13(B)) requires license plates be issued in the same manner as other motor vehicle license plates. Requires retired members of the armed services of the U.S. applying for the plates present to the issuing official a copy of their active duty retirement orders or other proof of retirement from active service with one of the armed forces of the U.S. Requires veterans of the armed services of the U.S. who are not retired present to the issuing official a copy of their discharge from active service with one of the armed forces of the U.S. Specifies that the charge for this license plate is the same for regular license plates.

Present law (R.S. 490.14(B)) requires license plates be issued in the same manner as other motor vehicle license plates. Requires retired members of the armed services of the U.S. applying for the plates present to the issuing official a copy of their active duty retirement orders or other proof of retirement from active service with one of the armed forces of the U.S. Requires veterans of the armed services of the U.S. who are not retired present to the issuing official a copy of their discharge from active service with one of the armed forces of the U.S. Specifies that the charge for this license plate is the same for regular license plates.

Proposed law removes provisions in present law that specify that the charge for the plate is the same as regular license plates and instead specifies that no fee can be charged for such plates. Further specifies that such plates are not subject to the renewal requirements applicable to standard plates.

Present law (R.S.505(B)(2)) requires any dealer of motor vehicles who receives a lease return or previously owned vehicle with the intention of reselling such vehicle must remove the license or number plate from the vehicle before resale. Requires the dealer attach the title and registration to the electronic notification and electronically notify the secretary monthly of all plates so removed and destroyed.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the dealer destroy the plate. Changes the monthly notification requirement to promptly upon the removal.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 47:490.9(B), 490.11(B), 490.13(B), 490.14(B), and 505(B)(2))