

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 425

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYER

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.229, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 establish the "Electric Line Worker" specialty license plate; to provide for the
4 creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation
5 applicable to such license plate; to provide a special effective date; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.229 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.229. Special prestige license plates; Electric line worker

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 "Electric
12 Line Worker" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for
13 such 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 communications
16 manager and the administrator of Governmental and Regulatory Affairs of Southwest
17 Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (SLEMCO) to select the color and
18 design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design
19 shall include the words "Electric Line Worker".

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

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

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

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

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

(Amends R.S. 47:463.229)