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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the Wildlife Rehabilitation Support Council to administer a grant program for licensed wildlife rehabilitators and licensed wildlife rehabilitation centers with funding from a special prestige license plate created for this purpose.

Proposed law creates the Wildlife Rehabilitation Support Council within the office of the governor.

Proposed law provides that the council must meet at least twice a year and that the council members will serve voluntarily and without compensation.

Proposed law establish the following members of the council:

- (1) One representative from the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, appointed by the secretary.
- (2) One representative from the NOLA Wildlife Center.
- (3) One representative from the Humane Society of La., appointed by the executive director.
- (4) One representative from Silent Voices Raccoon and Wildlife Rehabilitation.
- (5) One representative from For the Birds of Acadiana.

Proposed law requires that the council use monies collected through the sale of a special prestige license plate to fund a grant program for wildlife rehabilitators.

Proposed law requires the council to establish rules for the use of funds and for grant applications, review applications and select grant recipients, and distribute grant money.

Proposed law authorizes the council to establish other rules that may be necessary to implement the grant program, subject to oversight by the Senate and House committees on Transportation,, Highways, and Public Works.

Proposed law requires that all money received from the sale of the license plates be used to support wildlife rehabilitation, except that five percent may be used to promote the license plate.

(Adds R.S. 36:4(B)(38) and R.S. 56:201 and 202)