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HOUSE BILL NO. 641

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.230 through 463.236, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license  
3 plates; to provide for the establishment of the "3' for Cyclists", the "Support our  
4 Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", "Evangel Christian Academy",  
5 "United States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville High School Alumni", and "Humane  
6 Society of Louisiana" specialty license plates; to provide for the creation, issuance,  
7 design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such  
8 license plates; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.230 through 463.236 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §463.230. Special prestige license plate; "3' for Cyclists"

12 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
13 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "3' for  
14 Cyclists" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such  
15 plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,  
16 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

17 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Metro Bicycle Coalition  
18 of New Orleans, otherwise known as Bike Easy, to select the color and design of the  
19 plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include  
20 the words "3' for Cyclists".

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 Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans. The monies received from the  
11          royalty fees shall be used to assist the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans.

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

14          §463.231. Special prestige license plate; "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators"

15          A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
16          establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Support  
17          Our Wildlife Rehabilitators" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand  
18          applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,  
19          pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

20          B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Wildlife Rehabilitators  
21          Support Council, otherwise known as the council, to select the color and design of  
22          the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall  
23          include the words "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators" and an image or logo of a  
24          wild animal.

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

27          D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars  
28          that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This royalty  
29          fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article

1 VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars  
2 and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
3 administrative costs.

4 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
5 to the Council. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to assist  
6 with the costs of wildlife rehabilitation.

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

9 §463.232. Special prestige license plate; "St. Thomas Aquinas"

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 "St.  
12 Thomas Aquinas" plate provided that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants  
13 for 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 St. Thomas Aquinas  
16 Regional Catholic High School, 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 words "St.  
18 Thomas Aquinas".

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.

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

27 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
28 to the St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School. The monies received  
29 from the royalty fees shall be used to assist the administration of the school.

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

3           §463.233. Special prestige license plate; "Evangel Christian Academy"

4           A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
5           establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Evangel  
6           Christian Academy" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand  
7           applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,  
8           pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

9           B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with Evangel Christian Academy  
10          administration, to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in  
11          compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Evangel  
12          Christian Academy".

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

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

21          E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
22          to the Evangel Christian Academy's administration. The monies received from the  
23          royalty fees shall be used to assist the school.

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

26          §463.234. Special prestige license plate; "United States Submarine Veterans"

27          A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
28          establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "United  
29          States Submarine Veterans" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand

1 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,  
2 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

3 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the United States Submarine  
4 Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc., to select the color and design of the plate,  
5 provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the  
6 words "United States Submarine Veterans".

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

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

15 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
16 to the treasurer of the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc.  
17 The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to provide scholarships for  
18 children.

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

21 §463.235. Special prestige license plate; "Leesville High School Alumni"

22 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
23 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as "Leesville  
24 High School " plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for  
25 such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,  
26 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

27 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Alumni Association  
28 Executive Board, to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in

1 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Leesville  
2 High School Alumni".

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

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

11 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
12 to Leesville High School Alumni Association. The monies received from the royalty  
13 fees shall be used to provide scholarships.

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

16 §463.236. Special prestige license plate; "Humane Society of Louisiana"

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 "Humane  
19 Society of Louisiana" plate, provided that there is a minimum of one thousand  
20 applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,  
21 pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

22 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Humane Society of  
23 Louisiana, to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance  
24 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Humane Society of  
25 Louisiana".

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

28 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars  
29 that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This royalty

1        fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article  
 2        VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars  
 3        and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
 4        administrative costs.

5                E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
 6        to the treasurer of the Humane Society of Louisiana. The monies received from the  
 7        royalty fees shall be used to fund spay and neuter programs to help with current  
 8        overpopulation of animals.

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

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

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#### DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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HB 641 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates several special prestige license plates and provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and promulgation of rules applicable to these license plates.

Proposed law requires monies from the "3" for Cyclists" special license plate royalty fee be used solely to assist the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans.

Proposed law requires the monies from the "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators" plates be used to assist with the costs of wildlife rehabilitation.

Proposed law requires monies from the "St. Thomas Aquinas" specialty license plate be solely used to assist the administration.

Proposed law requires monies from the "Evangel Christian Academy" plate be used solely to assist the school.

Proposed law requires monies from "United States Submarine Veterans" be used to provide scholarships for children.

Proposed law requires monies from "Leesville High School Alumni" be used to provide scholarships.

Proposed law requires monies from "Humane Society of Louisiana" be used to fund spay and neuter programs to help with current overpopulation of animals.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections issue a special prestige license plates to be known as the "3' for Cyclists", "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", "Evangel Christian Academy", "United States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville High School Alumni", and "Humane Society of Louisiana" specialty license plates, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for each plate.

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans to select the color and design of the "3' for Cyclists" plate. Further requires the design include the words "3' for Cyclists".

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the Wildlife Rehabilitators Support Council to select the color and design of the "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators" plate. Further requires the design to include an image or logo of a wild animal, and include the words "Support our Wildlife Rehabilitators".

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic school to select the color and design of the "St. Thomas Aquinas" plate. Further requires the design to include the words "St. Thomas Aquinas".

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with Evangel Christian Academy administration to select the color and design of the "Evangel Christian Academy" plate. Further requires the design to include the words "Evangel Christian Academy".

Proposed law requires the secretary to work in conjunction with the United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc., to select the color and design of the United States Submarine Veterans" plate. Further requires the design to include the words "United States Submarine Veterans".

Proposed law requires the secretary to work in conjunction with the Alumni Association Executive Board, to select the color and design of the "Leesville High School Alumni" plate. Further requires the design include the words "Leesville High School Alumni".

Proposed law requires the secretary to work in conjunction with the Humane Society of Louisiana, to select the color and design of the "Humane Society of Louisiana" plate. Further requires the design include the words "Humane Society of Louisiana".

Proposed law specifies that the license plates 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 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 "Share the Road", "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators", "St. Thomas Aquinas", "Evangel Christian Academy", "United States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville High School Alumni", and "Humane Society of Louisiana" speciality license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.230 through 463.236)



Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Change the "Share the Road" specialty plate to the "3' for Cyclists" plate.
2. Add the "Icitte on parle français", "Bienvenue en Louisiane", "Lâche Pas", "Bayou Indian", "Bayou Cajun", "Je Chasse au Grand Chenier", "United States Submarine Veterans", "Leesville High School Alumni", and the "Humane Society of Louisiana" special prestige license plates and provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and promulgation of rules applicable to these plates.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Delete provisions that would have created the following specialty license plates: "Icitte on parle français", "Bienvenue en Louisiane", "Lâche Pas", "Bayou Indian", "Bayou Cajun", and "Je Chasse au Grand Chenier".