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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 327

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Authorizes and directs the office of motor vehicles to exercise greater discretion in the issuance of both temporary and permanent license plates and Louisiana State Police to increase enforcement to deter the influx of fictitious license plates

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the office of motor vehicles to exercise greater discretion in the  
3 issuance of both temporary tags and permanent license plates and Louisiana State  
4 Police to increase enforcement to deter the influx of fictitious license plates in  
5 Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the office of motor vehicles regulates the sale and issuance of temporary  
7 and permanent license plates; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana State Police enforces the safety and security of the people in  
9 the state through enforcement, education, and providing other essential public safety  
10 services; and

11 WHEREAS, fictitious license plates can be easily spotted by the office of motor  
12 vehicles whether the numbers are bigger, the letters are thicker, or by the alternation in the  
13 plate size due to their expertise in the field; and

14 WHEREAS, many temporary license plates are obtained illegally through networks  
15 of questionable car dealers, by owners who exceeded the expiration date to avoid paying fees  
16 and taxes, and some are fictitious plates created on a printer; and

17 WHEREAS, one major concern is the ability citizens have to obtain temporary tags  
18 and plates as there is no distinguishment to symbolize proper plates to enforce the law; and

19 WHEREAS, limiting where and how license plates can be obtained in Louisiana  
20 could be a start to remedy the influx of fictitious license plates; and

1           WHEREAS, fictitious license plates are creating safety concerns on Louisiana roads  
2 and leaving victims helpless; and

3           WHEREAS, fictitious license plates are usually indicative of uninsured drivers which  
4 leave victims to pay for damages sustained as a result of being hit by such drivers; and

5           WHEREAS, the rise of the fraudulent temporary tags have been robbing the  
6 government of needed revenue and making it harder to enforce traffic laws; and

7           WHEREAS, vehicle operators with fictitious license plates have been involved in a  
8 large number of offenses from robberies and carjackings to deadly vehicle crashes involving  
9 fleeing suspects; and

10          WHEREAS, although there are penalties in place for those driving with fraudulent  
11 license plates, without enforcement these violations of the law will continue; and

12          WHEREAS, enforcing the law will take some time to completely remedy the issue;  
13 and

14          WHEREAS, it is essential to enforce regulations to prohibit the issuance of fictitious  
15 tags or plates; and

16          WHEREAS, officers have been working the street to confiscate fake tags and in the  
17 last ten weeks seventy fake tags were confiscated by Kenner police; and

18          WHEREAS, while the increased intensity of enforcing the law in certain jurisdictions  
19 is commendable it will take a complete, proactive, sustained effort by both the office of  
20 motor vehicles and law enforcement across the state to eradicate fictitious license plates.

21          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
22 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the office of motor vehicles to  
23 exercise greater discretion in the issuance of both temporary tags and permanent license  
24 plates, and Louisiana State Police to increase enforcement.

25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
26 commissioner of the office of motor vehicles and the superintendent of the Louisiana State  
27 Police.

DIGEST

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