

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 327

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES