

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 891

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOB LANDRY

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Provides for wildlife special prestige license plates

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.46(B) and (C), 463.53(C) and (D), and R.S. 56:10(B)(8)  
3 through (17), to enact R.S. 47:463.243, and to repeal R.S. 56:10(B)(18) through (20),  
4 relative to reallocation of fees and creation of special prestige license plates  
5 associated with wildlife; to provide for the reallocation of fees to the Louisiana Quail  
6 Forever organization; to provide for the reallocation of funds to the Louisiana Ducks  
7 Unlimited organization; to establish the "Conserve Louisiana" special license plate;  
8 to provide for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and  
9 rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.46(B) and (C) and 463.53(C) and (D) are hereby amended  
12 and reenacted and R.S. 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §463.46. Special prestige license plates; Louisiana Quail Forever plate

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15 B. ~~The charge for this special license plate shall be twenty-six dollars, which~~  
16 ~~shall be assessed every two years in addition to the regular fee charged under the~~  
17 ~~provisions of R.S. 47:463.~~ The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of fifty  
18 dollars for this special prestige license plate that shall be disbursed in accordance  
19 with Subsection C of this Section. This fee shall be in addition to the standard motor  
20 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of



1           D. ~~The revenues realized from the additional fifty-dollar fee imposed by~~  
2           ~~Subsection C of this Section shall be remitted to the state as provided by law. The~~  
3           ~~state treasurer shall place an amount equal to those revenues in the Conservation~~  
4           ~~Fund, after complying with the requirements of R.S. 56:10(B), and shall credit that~~  
5           ~~amount to the "waterfowl account" which is created within the Conservation Fund~~  
6           ~~through the provisions of R.S. 56:10(B)(8). The funds raised from the license plates~~  
7           ~~shall be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing~~  
8           ~~migratory waterfowl habitat in Louisiana. The annual royalty fee shall be collected~~  
9           ~~by the department and forwarded to the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited organization, to~~  
10           ~~be used solely for the conservation of ducks and their habitats in Louisiana. The~~  
11           ~~monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely to support the activities~~  
12           ~~of the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited organization. The purchaser of the plate shall be~~  
13           ~~classified as a member of the Louisiana Ducks Unlimited and will receive an annual~~  
14           ~~membership.~~

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16           §463.243. Special prestige license plate; Conserve Louisiana

17           A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
18           establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Conserve  
19           Louisiana" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such  
20           plates. The license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up trucks,  
21           recreational vehicles, and vans.

22           (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor  
23           vehicles, shall create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory  
24           provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system  
25           is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

26           B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Department of Wildlife  
27           and Fisheries to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance  
28           with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Conserve Louisiana".



1       ~~the proceeds shall be made in consultation with Louisiana Ducks Unlimited,~~  
2       ~~provided that Louisiana Ducks Unlimited contributes an amount each fiscal year~~  
3       ~~equal to the amount of funds collected from the sale of the license plates placed into~~  
4       ~~the "waterfowl account".~~

5           ~~(9)~~ (8) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
6       account known as the "black bear account". The revenues shall be subject to the  
7       same requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund  
8       in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The funds in this account shall be used solely  
9       for the purpose of managing, conserving, restoring, and enhancing black bear in  
10       Louisiana.

11           ~~(10)~~ There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special account  
12       ~~known as the "quail account". The revenues shall be subject to the same~~  
13       ~~requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in~~  
14       ~~Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The funds in this account shall be used solely for~~  
15       ~~the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing quail habitat in Louisiana.~~

16           ~~(11)~~ (9) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
17       account known as the "white tail deer account" which shall consist of those revenues  
18       collected from the sale of the white tail deer license plates provided for in R.S.  
19       47:463.86. The revenues shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for  
20       other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.  
21       The funds in this account shall be used solely for programs pertaining to the white  
22       tail deer in Louisiana.

23           ~~(12)~~ (10) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
24       account known as the "enforcement emergency situation response account", which  
25       shall consist of funds received from federal grant reimbursements, contracts or  
26       cooperative agreements, interagency transfers, other grants or other resources to  
27       recoup monies for services which are designated for deposit into this account, and  
28       those revenues as provided in R.S. 56:40.9(A). All revenues to this account shall be  
29       subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the

1 Conservation Fund pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The funds in this  
2 account shall be used solely by the enforcement division of the Department of  
3 Wildlife and Fisheries for emergency situation preparedness, operations in  
4 emergency situations, responses to emergency situations, and emergency search and  
5 rescue operations, as appropriated annually by the legislature.

6 ~~(14)~~ (11) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
7 account known as the "Rare and Endangered Species Account", which shall consist  
8 of revenues collected from the sale of the "Rare and Endangered Species" special  
9 prestige license plate provided for in R.S. 47:463.150, donations, and any other  
10 source which may specify deposit to this account. The revenues in the account shall  
11 be subject to the same requirements as other revenues in the Conservation Fund. All  
12 expenditures and allocations of funds from this account shall be used solely for  
13 purposes of conserving, restoring, and enhancing rare and endangered species  
14 habitats in Louisiana.

15 ~~(15)~~ (12)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
16 account known as the "litter abatement account" which shall consist of revenue  
17 received by the Conservation Fund from the Department of Public Safety and  
18 Corrections, office of motor vehicles as provided in R.S. 32:412; revenue received  
19 by the Conservation Fund from fines for violations of the provisions of Part I of  
20 Chapter 21 of Subtitle II of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 as  
21 provided in R.S. 30:2531 and 2532; funds from public or private donations and any  
22 other source which may specify deposit to this account; and any remaining balance  
23 in the litter abatement and education account as of August 1, 2022. The revenues  
24 shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues placed in  
25 the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

26 (b) The funds in this account shall be used solely for the following:

27 (i) To provide for litter abatement grant programs in the state.

28 (ii) To provide for litter abatement and enforcement.

29 (iii) To support community-based litter abatement programs.

1           ~~(16)~~ (13)(a) The monies in the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation  
2 Fund shall be used solely for the administration and conducting of the Louisiana  
3 Recreational Creel Survey (LACREEL), the Recreational Offshore Landing Permit  
4 program (ROLP), and the saltwater fish stock estimate.

5           (b) The monies allocated to the programs described in Subparagraph (a) of  
6 this Paragraph shall not be used on or for any of the following purposes:

7           (i) To create any exempted fishing permit program or pilot program as  
8 recognized and granted by the United States Department of Commerce through the  
9 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Marine Fisheries  
10 Service, that establishes a limited access or entry program for licensed fishermen,  
11 either voluntarily or required, fishing in territorial waters, including the boundary  
12 from the shoreline to a distance nine miles into the Gulf of Mexico, as established  
13 by federal law.

14           (ii) To create limited entry programs, including but not limited to lotteries,  
15 established for any of the following:

16           (aa) The issuance of fish harvest tags.

17           (bb) The issuance of fish harvest tags on a "first-come, first-served basis" for  
18 more than eighty percent of the total allowable catch of an individual species of fish.

19           (cc) The limitation of the days at sea that further restrict access to a number  
20 of days that differs from seasons established for all licensed fishermen by the  
21 department or the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

22           (dd) The creation of fisheries unit efforts or effort units or any other program  
23 that limits access for licensed fishermen to fish other than the beginning and end  
24 dates of established seasons as determined by the secretary in consultation with the  
25 commission or seasons set by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

26           (ee) The creation or enforcement of any individual fishing quota or  
27 individual transferrable quota systems for licensed fishermen, licensed charter boat  
28 fishing guides, and federally permitted licensed charter boat operations in which  
29 vessels used in that operation are registered in the state.

1           (ff) The establishment of any mandatory reporting programs by licensed  
2 fishermen, including required advanced notification of any department personnel  
3 prior to commencement of a fishing trip by licensed fishermen.

4           (gg) The creation of any mandatory reporting program in which licensed  
5 fishermen are required to report their catch immediately upon returning to port after  
6 fishing unless during a dockside intercept conducted by department personnel  
7 conducting dockside intercept surveys on behalf of LACREEL or ROLP.

8           (c) If the department violates Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the  
9 treasurer shall not release any more monies credited to the Saltwater Fish Research  
10 and Conservation Fund to the department, until such time as the department ceases  
11 its violation.

12           (d) The department shall make an annual report to the Senate Committee on  
13 Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment  
14 on the progress and effectiveness of LACREEL and the saltwater fish stock estimate.

15           ~~(17)~~ (14) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
16 account known as the "Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund". The funds in this account  
17 shall be used solely for and in accordance with the Louisiana Outdoors Forever  
18 Program, provided for in R.S. 56:1931 et seq. Any appropriations, public or private  
19 grants, gifts, or donations received by the state or the Department of Wildlife and  
20 Fisheries for the purposes of this program shall be credited to the fund. The monies  
21 in the fund shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for in Paragraph (1)  
22 of this Subsection. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the  
23 same manner as the monies in the state general fund and all interest earned shall be  
24 deposited and credited to the fund after compliance with the requirements of Article  
25 VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana. All unexpended or  
26 unencumbered monies remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain  
27 to the credit of the fund.

28           ~~(18)~~ (15)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
29 account known as the "environmental education account" which shall consist of

1 donations collected from the sale of the environmental education license plate  
2 provided for in R.S. 47:463.43 and funds from public or private donations and any  
3 other source which may specify deposit to this account. The revenues shall be  
4 subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the  
5 Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

6 (b) The funds in this account shall be used solely for the following:

7 (i) To develop, review, approve, and implement a plan for statewide  
8 environmental education.

9 (ii) To provide for environmental education grant programs in the state.

10 (iii) To develop an environmental education curriculum framework.

11 (iv) To develop guidelines for incorporating environmental education into  
12 teacher education requirements.

13 (v) To develop environmental education teacher professional development.

14 (vi) To provide for formal environmental education.

15 (vii) To develop, disseminate, and assess litter education and awareness  
16 programs and materials.

17 ~~(19)~~ (16) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a "Marine  
18 Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund". The monies in the fund shall be used solely for  
19 the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing the red drum population,  
20 including but not limited to the purchase, transportation, tagging, release, and  
21 monitoring of red drum, genetic testing, hatchery based production and stocking  
22 efforts, and academic research. Any appropriations, public or private grants, gifts,  
23 or donations received by the state or the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for  
24 these purposes shall be credited to the fund. The monies in the fund shall be subject  
25 to the same requirements as provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The  
26 monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as the  
27 monies in the state general fund, and all interest earned shall be deposited and  
28 credited to the fund after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section  
29 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana. All unexpended or unencumbered monies

1 remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain to the credit of the  
2 fund.

3 ~~(20)~~ (17) There is hereby established within the Conservation Fund a special  
4 account known as the "Conservation Incentive Program Account" for the purpose of  
5 assisting private landowners in enhancing wildlife habitat and managing native  
6 species on private lands. The funds in this account shall be used solely for and in  
7 accordance with the Conservation Incentive Program provided for in R.S. 56:1938.1  
8 et seq. Any transfers or appropriations to the account and any public or private gifts,  
9 grants, or donations received by the state or the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
10 for the purposes of this program shall be deposited into the account. Monies in the  
11 account shall be subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues  
12 placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The monies in  
13 the account shall be invested in the same manner as the monies in the state general  
14 fund and all interests earned shall be deposited and credited to the account after  
15 compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of  
16 Louisiana. All unexpended or unencumbered monies remaining in the account at the  
17 end of the fiscal year shall remain to the credit of the account.

18 Section 3. R.S. 56:10(B)(18) through (20) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

19 Section 4. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor  
20 vehicles, is hereby directed to credit the existing amount of revenue generated from the  
21 collection of fees pursuant to R.S. 47:463.46 and R.S. 47:463.53 and route it to the  
22 appropriate organization as required by law prior to August 1, 2026.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 891 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Reallocates revenue generated by certain special prestige license plates and creates the "Conserve Louisiana" special prestige license plate and provides for the issuance, design, implementation, fees, distributions, and promulgation of rules applicable to these plates.

Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV), to establish the La. Quail Forever special prestige license plate for La. citizens, bearing a picture of a quail on the logo. Further requires a charge of \$26, which must be assessed every two years in addition to the regular fee charged under present law. Additionally specifies that revenues from the additional \$26 fee must be deposited immediately upon receipt in the state treasury. Further requires the state treasurer place an amount equal to those revenues in the Conservation Fund, after complying with the requirements of present law, and must credit that amount to the "quail account" which is created within the Conservation Fund.

Present law requires 5% of the net proceeds from the \$26 be used to promote the existence of the La. Quail Forever prestige license plate and its availability for use on passenger vehicles.

Proposed law requires the dept. collect an annual royalty fee of \$50 for this special prestige license plate and be disbursed in accordance present law. Further requires this fee be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by present law, and a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the dept. collected \$50 annual royalty fee be forwarded to La. Quail Forever and used solely to support the activities of the La. Quail Forever. Further requires the purchaser of the plate be classified as a member of the La. Quail Forever and will receive an annual membership.

Present law requires the DPS&C, OMV, to establish the Ducks Unlimited special prestige license plate for La. citizens, with the color and design selected by the organization requesting the plate, pursuant to present law. Further requires the charge for the plates be \$50 imposed by present law. Additionally requires the state treasurer place an amount equal to those revenues in the Conservation Fund, after complying with the requirements of present law, and must credit that amount to the "waterfowl account" which is created within the Conservation Fund. Further requires the funds be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing migratory waterfowl habitat in La.

Proposed law requires the dept. collect an annual royalty fee of \$50 for this special prestige license plate and be disbursed in accordance present law. Further requires this fee be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by present law, and a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the dept. collected \$50 annual royalty fee be forwarded to La. Ducks Unlimited and used solely to support the activities of the La. Ducks Unlimited. Further requires the purchaser of the plate be classified as a member of the La. Ducks Unlimited and will receive an annual membership.

Proposed law requires the DPS&C, OMV, to establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Conserve Louisiana" plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plates. Further requires that the license plates be restricted to use on passenger cars, pick up trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the dept.'s electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with present law. The design shall include the words "Conserve Louisiana".

Proposed law requires the special prestige 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 fee for the plate be \$50 in addition to the standard motor vehicle registration license fee, and a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the revenues realized from the \$50 fee imposed by proposed law be deposited immediately upon receipt in the state treasury. After compliance with the requirements of proposed law relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and prior to money being placed in the state general fund, the state treasurer must place an amount equal to those revenues in the Conservation Fund, after complying with the requirements of present law.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Present law created within the Conservation Fund a special account known as the "waterfowl account" which consists of those revenues collected from the sale of the Ducks Unlimited license plates. Further requires the funds be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing migratory waterfowl habitat in La. Additionally requires that the specific expenditures of the proceeds be made in consultation with La. Ducks Unlimited, provided that La. Ducks Unlimited contributes an amount each fiscal year equal to the amount of funds collected from the sale of the license plate placed into the "waterfowl account".

Proposed law removes present law.

Present law created within the Conservation Fund a special account known as the "quail account" which consists of those revenues collected from the sale of the La. Quail Forever license plates. Further requires the revenues be subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in present law. Additionally requires the funds be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing quail habitat in La.

Proposed law removes present law.

Proposed law directs the DPS&C, OMV, to credit the existing amount of revenue generated from the La. Quail Forever and Ducks Unlimited special prestige plates to the appropriate organizations as provided in proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.46(B) and (C), 463.53(C) and (D), and R.S. 56:10(B)(8)-(17); Adds R.S. 47:463.243; Repeals R.S. 56:10(B)(18)-(20))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add the requirement that DPS&C, OMV, create this special prestige license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the dept.'s electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.