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HOUSE BILL NO. 629

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MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates a license plate for the Krewe of Athena

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to
3 establish the "Krewe of Athena" specialty license plate; to provide for the creation,
4 issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation
5 applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; "Krewe of Athena"

10 A.(1) 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 "Krewe
12 of Athena" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such
13 plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
14 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

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

1 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Krewe of Athena
2 Carnival Club to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance
3 with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Krewe of Athena".

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

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

12 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
13 to the treasurer of the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. The monies received
14 from the royalty fees shall be used to provide scholarships for debutantes.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Krewe of Athena" motor vehicle special prestige license plate. Provides for the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to this license plate.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of motor vehicles (OMV), to issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Krewe of Athena" license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such a plate.

Proposed law requires that the secretary work in conjunction with the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Krewe of Athena".

Proposed law specifies that the license plates will be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create the special prestige plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the dept. 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 dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires monies received from the royalty fees be forwarded to the treasurer of the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. Specifies that monies received from the royalty fees be used to provide scholarships for debutantes.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.243)

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. Redesignate uncodified language to a statutory provision that requires the office of motor vehicles to create the "Krewe of Athena" special prestige license plate when applicable statutory requirements are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate creation of the new plates.