

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 331

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MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the Louisiana GOP special prestige license plate

1 AN ACT

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

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47.463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §463.243. Special prestige license plate; Louisiana GOP

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

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

18 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the chair of the Republican  
19 Party of Louisiana to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in  
20 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include "Louisiana GOP".

1           C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen  
 2           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 fee  
 5           shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
 6           Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
 7           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 Republican Party of Louisiana. The monies received from the royalty fees  
 11          shall be used solely for the activities of the Republican Party of Louisiana.

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

#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Louisiana GOP" special prestige license plate and provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distributions, and promulgation of rules applicable to these license plates.

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

Proposed law specifies that the plate is restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. Further directs the DPS&C, OMV, to create this special prestige license 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 secretary work in conjunction with the Republican Party of La. to select the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Louisiana GOP".

Proposed law specifies that the plate will be issued, upon application, to any citizen of the state in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law requires that the dept. collect an annual fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed in 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 annual royalty fee collected by the dept. be forwarded to the Republican Party of La. and all monies be used solely for the activities of the Republican Party of La.

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