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## DIGEST

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HB 629 Reengrossed

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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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical change.