
DIGEST

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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.

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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.

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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 by January 1, 2027.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change the date for the fees to be routed to the appropriate organizations from August 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027.
3. Add a special effective date.