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## DIGEST

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HB 801 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Classic Black" special prestige license plate and provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distributions, 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), issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Classic Black" 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 the special prestige license plate when applicable statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and registration system is updated to accommodate creation of the new plates.

Proposed law requires the plate to display the license plate number as a white alpha-numeric series on a black background. Requires the design include a white border with "LOUISIANA" centered at the top of the plate.

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 a one-time 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 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the annual royalty be fee collected by the department and forwarded to the Donald J. Thibodeaux Training Center in Zachary, La. Further requires the monies received from the royalty fees be used for emergency vehicle operations training for local governments pursuant to present law.

Proposed law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provision 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. Change the referenced location for the Donald J. Thibodeaux Training Center from Holden to Zachary.
3. Redesignate uncodified language to a statutory provision that requires the office of motor vehicles to create the "Classic Black" 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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the description of the characters on the "Classic Black" plate from white alpha-numeric series of the license plate numbers to the license plate number as a white alpha-numeric series.