

**ACT No. 80**

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 629

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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.

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

1                   C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any  
2                   citizen 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 royalty  
5                   fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article  
6                   VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana and a handling fee of three dollars  
7                   and 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 treasurer of the Krewe of Athena Carnival Club, Inc. The monies received  
11                  from the royalty fees shall be used to provide scholarships for debutantes.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_