

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

Prior law required a charge of \$26, which was assessed every two years in addition to the regular fee charged under existing law for the La. Quail Forever special prestige license plates. Specified that revenues from the additional \$26 fee had to be deposited immediately upon receipt in the state treasury. Further required the state treasurer place an amount equal to those revenues in the Conservation Fund, after complying with the requirements of existing law, and credit that amount to the "quail account" created within the Conservation Fund.

Prior law required 5% of the net proceeds from the \$26 fee be used to promote the existence of the La. Quail Forever prestige license plate and its availability for use on passenger vehicles.

New law removes the provisions regarding the fees and revenue received for the La. Quail Forever special prestige license plates.

New law requires the dept. collect an annual royalty fee of \$50 for the La. Quail Forever special prestige license plate and be disbursed in accordance with existing law. Further requires this fee be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by existing law and a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

New law requires the \$50 annual royalty fee collected by the dept. be forwarded to La. Quail Forever and used solely to support the activities of the La. Quail Forever. Requires the purchaser of the plate be classified as a member of the La. Quail Forever and receive an annual membership.

Existing 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 existing law.

Prior law required the charge for the Ducks Unlimited plates be \$50 imposed by existing law. Additionally required the state treasurer place an amount equal to those revenues in the Conservation Fund, after complying with the requirements of existing law and credit that amount to the "waterfowl account" created within the Conservation Fund. Required the funds be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing migratory waterfowl habitat in La.

New law removes the provisions regarding the fees and revenue received for the Ducks Unlimited special prestige license plates.

New law requires the dept. collect an annual royalty fee of \$50 for this special prestige license plate and be disbursed in accordance with existing law. Requires this fee be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by existing law, and a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

New 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 receive an annual membership.

New 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. Requires that the license plate 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.

New law requires the secretary work in conjunction with the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with existing law. The design must include the words "Conserve Louisiana".

New 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.

New 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 dept. to offset a portion of administrative costs.

New law requires the revenues realized from the \$50 fee imposed by new law be deposited immediately upon receipt in the state treasury. After compliance with the requirements of new 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 existing law.

New law requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of new law.

Prior law created within the Conservation Fund a special account known as the "waterfowl account" which consisted of those revenues collected from the sale of the Ducks Unlimited license plates. Required the funds be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing migratory waterfowl habitat in La. Additionally required that the specific expenditures of the proceeds be made in consultation with La. Ducks Unlimited, provided that La. Ducks Unlimited contributed an amount each fiscal year equal to the amount of funds collected from the sale of the license plate placed into the "waterfowl account".

New law removes prior law.

Prior law created within the Conservation Fund a special account known as the "quail account" which consisted of those revenues collected from the sale of the La. Quail Forever license plates. Required the revenues be subject to the same requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in existing law. Additionally required the funds be used solely for the purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing quail habitat in La.

New law removes prior law.

New 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 new law by Jan. 1, 2027.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 11, 2026).

(Amends R.S. 47:463.46(B) and (C) and 463.53(C) and (D); Adds R.S. 47:463.243; Repeals R.S. 56:10(B)(8)-(10))