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HOUSE BILL NO. 147

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "I'm Cajun" and "I'm Creole" prestige license plates

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161, relative to motor vehicle special prestige plates; to  
3 provide for creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative  
4 to the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of  
5 rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige  
6 license plate; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.160. Special prestige license plates; "I'm Cajun"

10 A. 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 "I'm  
12 Cajun" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate.  
13 These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,  
14 recreational vehicles, and vans.

15 B. The plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Council for the  
16 Development of French in Louisiana, provided that it is in compliance with R.S.  
17 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the phrase "I'm Cajun...and proud" and shall  
18 also include a prominent image celebrating the Cajun culture.

1           C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen  
2           of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

3           D. The department shall collect an annual fee of fifteen dollars for this  
4           special prestige license plate, which shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection  
5           E of this Section. This fee shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle license  
6           tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a  
7           handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents to be retained by the department to offset  
8           a portion of administrative costs.

9           E. The monies received from the additional fifteen dollar fee shall be  
10           disbursed solely to fund scholarships to "La Fondation Louisiane for the Escadrille  
11           Louisiane" scholarship program of the Council for the Development of French in  
12           Louisiana.

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

15           §463.161. Special prestige license plates; "I'm Creole"

16           A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
17           establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "I'm  
18           Creole" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate.  
19           These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,  
20           recreational vehicles, and vans.

21           B. The plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Council for the  
22           Development of French in Louisiana, provided that it is in compliance with  
23           R.S.47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the phrase "I'm Creole...and proud" and  
24           shall also include a prominent image celebrating the Creole culture.

25           C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen  
26           of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

27           D. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor  
28           vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of

- 1        Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents which shall be retained  
 2        by the department to offset the administrative costs associated with such plate.  
 3                E. The secretary shall establish rules and regulations as are necessary to  
 4        implement the provisions of this Section.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the special prestige license plates to be known as the "I'm Cajun" license plate and the "I'm Creole" license plate. Provides for fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, and design of the license plates and promulgation of rules.

Proposed law requires the secretary of Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "I'm Cajun" license plate and the "I'm Creole" license plate.

Proposed law provides that each prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law authorizes the Council for the Development of French in La. to design the "I'm Cajun" prestige license plate, provided such design bears the words "I'm Cajun...and proud" and the "I'm Creole" prestige license plate, provided such design bears the words "I'm Creole...and proud".

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of \$15 for "I'm Cajun" prestige plate issued and specifies that such fees be forwarded to the Council for the Development of French in La. to solely fund scholarships for "La Fondation Louisiane for the Escadrille Louisiane" program. Further specifies that the standard license registration fee and a handling fee of \$3.50 be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs. Additionally, the standard license registration and handling fee is also applicable to the "I'm Creole" prestige license plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by HouseHouse Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added provisions to require the secretary of Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "I'm Creole" license plate.
2. Added provisions to provide that the "I'm Creole" prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate and provides for fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, and design of the license plate and promulgation of rules.

