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HOUSE BILL NO. 825

BY REPRESENTATIVES NANCY LANDRY, BROWN, GISCLAIR, HONORE, AND ST. GERMAIN

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Louisiana Master Gardener" special prestige license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.165, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide
3 for the "Louisiana Master Gardener" special prestige plate; to provide for creation,
4 issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and
5 distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and
6 regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license
7 plate; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.165 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §463.165. Special prestige license plate; "Louisiana Master Gardener"

11 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
12 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Louisiana
13 Master Gardener Program" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand
14 applicants for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger
15 cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

16 B. The license plate color and design shall be selected by the Louisiana
17 Master Gardener Program of the LSU AgCenter, provided it is in compliance with
18 R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words, "Louisiana Master
19 Gardener".

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 royalty fee of ten dollars, which
4 shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be
5 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section
6 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents
7 for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative
8 costs.

9 E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to
10 the Louisiana Master Gardener Program of the LSU AgCenter, or its successor
11 organization. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to develop
12 and enhance community programs related to horticulture, including but not limited
13 to, environmental improvement activities, community and school garden programs,
14 and public horticultural events.

15 F. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to
16 implement the provisions in this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Louisiana Master Gardener" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law provides for the design and creation of the "Louisiana Master Gardener" special prestige license plate provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants.

Proposed law requires the license plate be issued, upon application, to any citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law provides for the collection of a \$10 royalty fee, as well as a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law provides that monies collected by the department and forwarded to the Louisiana Master Gardener Program of the LSU AgCenter, or its successor organization, be used to develop and enhance community programs related to horticulture.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.165)