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HOUSE BILL NO. 323

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MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Down Syndrome Awareness" 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 "Down Syndrome Awareness" special prestige plate; to provide for the
4 creation, 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 plates; "Down Syndrome Awareness"

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 "Down
13 Syndrome Awareness" 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 Down
17 Syndrome Association of Acadiana provided it is in compliance with R.S.
18 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words, "Down Syndrome Awareness".

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 thirty 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 Down Syndrome Association of Acadiana, to be used solely to promote the
11 interests of persons with Down syndrome and their families through advocacy and
12 public awareness throughout the state of Louisiana.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "Down Syndrome Awareness" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law provides for the design and creation of the "Down Syndrome Awareness" special prestige plate provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants.

Proposed law provides that the 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 collection of a \$30 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 requires that monies collected by the department be forwarded to the Down Syndrome Association of Acadiana, or its successor organization, to be used solely to promote the interests of persons with Down syndrome and their families through advocacy and public awareness throughout the state.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.165)