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DIGEST

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Proposed law requires the deputy secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to create and issue the "Blue Star Family" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law provides for issuance of the plate to an applicant who is a Louisiana resident, submits written evidence of motor vehicle ownership, and family relationship as the spouse, sibling, parent, or child of a person serving or who has served in the armed forces of the United States.

Proposed law provides that "armed forces of the United States" means and includes persons serving or who have served in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, including reservists, and members of the National Guard.

Proposed law provides that an applicant shall submit proof of service and establish his family relationship to the armed service member by submitting documentation to the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs for certification; further, provides that proof of service includes a member's military identification card, a member's DD214, a member's leave and earning statement, or a letter from the member's unit commander on official letterhead describing the member's status; further, provides that proof of family relationship includes a marriage license, a birth certificate, or a signed and notarized affidavit from the service member attesting to the applicant's family relationship.

Proposed law provides that the plate is not transferable between motor vehicle owners and shall be retained by applicant to whom the plate was issued if he should sell, trade, exchange, or otherwise dispose of such vehicle.

Proposed law requires the department to collect an annual royalty fee of $25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a $3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires the department to forward the royalty monies collected in equal amounts to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund and to the Mothers of Military Servicemen and Woman/Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1.

Proposed law provides for adoption of rules and regulations necessary to implement its provisions.

Effective August 1, 2017.

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