

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 244 (HB 363)**

**2021 Regular Session**

**Tarver**

Existing law establishes a "Protect Wild Dolphins" special prestige license plate. Prior law provided the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections design the plate in consultation with EarthEcho International, Inc.

New law changes the entity to be consulted in the design of the plate from EarthEcho International, Inc., to Protect Wild Dolphins Alliance, Inc.

Prior law required the department forward the annual royalty fee collected from such plates to EarthEcho International, Inc., for use of the group's logo.

New law changes the entity receiving the annual royalty fee from EarthEcho International, Inc. to Protect Wild Dolphins Alliance, Inc., and removes language for the fee to forwarded for use of the group's logo.

Existing law authorizes 25% of the funds to be used for promotion and marketing of the plate and cause. Prior law required that the royalty fees also be used to support scientific research, conservation, and educational programs that serve to restore and protect the ocean environment and freshwater systems and to protect wild dolphins by EarthEcho International, Inc.

New law removes the requirement that the royalty fees be used to support the efforts provided by EarthEcho International, Inc., but otherwise retains existing law.

Prior law provided the purpose of the license plate was to recognize and support contributions to environmental protection by EarthEcho International, Inc.

New law removes prior law.

Effective June 14, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.139(C), (E), and (F); Repeals R.S. 47:463.139(G))