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HOUSE BILL NO. 323

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AND WRIGHT

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.225 and 463.226, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license
3 plates; to establish the "Juneteenth" specialty license plate; to establish the
4 "Louisiana State University 2023 NCAA Women's National Championship"
5 specialty licence plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, design, fees,
6 implementation, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to such license plate;
7 to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.225 and 463.226 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §463.225. Special prestige license plate; "Juneteenth"

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
13 "Juneteenth" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such
14 plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
15 recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

16 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Southwest Louisiana
17 (SWLA) Juneteenth Committee, Inc., to select the color and design of the plate,
18 provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the
19 word "Juneteenth".

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

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

9 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
10 to the treasurer of the SWLA Juneteenth Committee, Inc. The monies received from
11 the royalty fees shall be used to assist the SWLA Juneteenth Committee, Inc.

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

14 §463.226. Special prestige license plates; Louisiana State University 2023 NCAA
15 Women's National Championship

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 Louisiana
18 State University 2023 NCAA Women's National Championship plate. The plate
19 shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles,
20 motorcycles, and vans.

21 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Louisiana State
22 University Board of Supervisors to select the color and design of the plate, provided
23 it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the year "2023".

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

26 D. An annual fee of fifty-one dollars shall be paid to Louisiana State
27 University for each license plate issued as provided in this Section.

28 E. The tax for the plate shall be the standard motor vehicle license tax
29 imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 F. The department shall collect the annual fee required by Subsection D of
 2 this Section for each license plate. The department shall retain one dollar from each
 3 annual fee to offset administrative costs. The remainder of the fee shall be
 4 forwarded to Louisiana State University. The amount forwarded to the institution
 5 shall be considered to be a charitable donation to Louisiana State University by the
 6 applicant.

7 G. The secretary shall establish such rules and regulations as are necessary
 8 to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules and
 9 regulations governing the collection and disbursement of fees, the transfer and
 10 disposition of such license plates, the colors available, and the design criteria.

11 H. The monies received by Louisiana State University shall be used solely
 12 for academic or financial need-based scholarships.

13 I. Upon the signing of a contract authorizing the use of the logo of Louisiana
 14 State University, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
 15 shall establish the "Louisiana State University 2023 NCAA Women's National
 16 Championship" in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

17 J. The special license plate authorized by this Section shall not be subject to
 18 the design requirements provided for by R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

19 Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
 20 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable
 21 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of the
 22 new plates.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____