## **RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**

**ACT 173 (HB 520)** 

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New law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue special prestige license plates to be known as the "Utility Line Worker", the "Louisiana Soccer Association", and the "Louisiana Respiratory Therapist "RT STRONG"" license plates provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for each of the plates.

New law requires the secretary work in conjunction with a designee from Entergy, Cleco, Southwestern Electric Power Company, the Association of Electric Cooperatives, the La. Power Authority, AT&T, and the La. Internet Association to select the design of the plate. Requires the design include the words "Utility Line Worker". Additionally, requires the secretary to work in conjunction with the president of the La. Soccer Association to select the design of the plate. As it pertains to the La. Soccer Association plate, requires the design to include the words "Louisiana Soccer Association". With respect to the La. Respiratory Therapist plate, new law further requires the secretary to work in conjunction with the president of the La. Society for Respiratory Care to select the color and design of the plate.

<u>New law</u> specifies that these license plates will be issued, upon application, to any citizen of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plates.

<u>New law</u> requires that the department collect a \$3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

<u>New law</u> requires the secretary promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in <u>new law</u>.

Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, to create the "Utility Line Worker", "Louisiana Soccer Association", and the Louisiana Respiratory Therapist specialty license plates when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.225, 463.226, and 463.227)

Effective August 1, 2023.