

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 375

BY SENATORS KLEINPETER AND MILLER

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates a special prestige license plate for "Telecommunicators" and for the "Special Needs Advocacy, Support and Inclusion of Abilities". (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.230 and 463.231, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license  
3 plates; to provide for the establishment of the "Telecommunicator" and the "Special  
4 Need Advocacy, Support and Inclusion for all Abilities" special prestige license  
5 plates; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule  
6 promulgation applicable to such license plates; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.230 and 463.231 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§463.230. Special prestige license plate; "Telecommunicator"**

10 **A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**  
11 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the**  
12 **"Telecommunicator" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand**  
13 **applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,**  
14 **pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.**

15 **(2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor**  
16 **vehicles, shall create the special prestige license plate when the applicable**  
17 **statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and title**

1 registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

2 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the chairpersons of the  
3 Louisiana Care and Compassion Committee of the Louisiana Association of  
4 Public Safety Communications Officials to select the color and design of the  
5 plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall  
6 include the words "Telecommunicator".

7 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to  
8 any telecommunicator in good standing with a law enforcement, EMS, fire, or  
9 a 9-1-1 agency in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

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

16 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and  
17 forwarded to the Louisiana Care and Compassion Committee of the Louisiana  
18 Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

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

21 §463.231. Special prestige license plate; "Special Need Advocacy, Support and  
22 Inclusion for all Abilities"

23 A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
24 shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the  
25 "Special Needs Advocacy, Support and Inclusion for All Abilities" plate,  
26 provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate. The  
27 plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational  
28 vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

29 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor

1 vehicles, shall create the special prestige license plate when the applicable  
2 statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and title  
3 registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

4 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the president of The Arc  
5 Baton Rouge to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in  
6 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words "Special  
7 Needs Advocacy, Support and Inclusion for All Abilities".

8 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued upon application to  
9 any citizen of Louisiana certified as a member of The Arc Baton Rouge in the  
10 same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

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

17 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and  
18 forwarded to The Arc Baton Rouge. The monies received from the royalty fees  
19 shall be used to provide advocacy, services and support for Louisiana children  
20 and adults with special needs and of all abilities.

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

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Proposed law creates the "Telecommunicator" and the "Special Need Advocacy, Support and Inclusion for all abilities" special prestige license plates.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to issue the special prestige license plates, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for the plate.

Proposed law provides that the office of motor vehicles will create the plates when OMV's electronic vehicle and title registration system is updated.

Proposed law provides the design of the plate shall include the words "Telecommunicator" and "Special Need Advocacy, Support and Inclusion for all abilities".

Proposed law directs the department to collect an annual royalty fee and forward certain percentages to the Louisiana Care and Compassion Committee of the Louisiana Association of Public Safety Communications Official and The Arc Baton Rouge.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds 47:463.230 and 463.231)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Adds the "Special Need Advocacy, Support and Inclusion for all abilities" prestige license plate.
2. Makes technical corrections.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical corrections.