

SENATE BILL NO. 129

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the Section heading of R.S. 47:463.191, (A), and (C) and to enact R.S. 47:463.243, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to modify the member of congress special prestige license plate; to establish the "Master Combat Infantryman" special prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, design, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation applicable to the license plate; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The Section heading of R.S. 47:463.191, (A), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 47:463.243 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§463.191. Special prestige license plate; member of congress; **designated state officials**

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 47:463(A)(3)(b), the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a special prestige license plate for motor vehicles, restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, and vans, which may be issued upon application of any Louisiana member of congress, **to members of the Louisiana Supreme Court, or upon written request of the clerk of court, for official vehicles used by duly commissioned officers in the course and scope of their official duties.**

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C. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including rules and regulations governing the **issuance**, transfer, and disposition of the license plates upon the death of the recipient and governing the design of the plate.

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§463.243. Special prestige license plate; "Master Combat Infantryman"

A.(1) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections

1 shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the
2 "Master Combat Infantryman" plate. The license plate shall be restricted to use
3 on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

4 (2) The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
5 vehicles, shall create the special prestige license plate when the applicable
6 statutory provisions are met and the department's electronic vehicle and title
7 registration system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

8 B. Provided the design is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3), the
9 design shall bear a likeness of the United States Army Master Combat
10 Infantryman Badge as set forth in Department of the Army MILPER 25-093,
11 centered on the left side of the license plate and the words "Master Combat
12 Infantryman" centered on the bottom of the plate under the license plate
13 number. The colors of the plate shall be light blue and gold.

14 C. The special prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to
15 any person having been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and one of the
16 following expert badges: the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Expert Field
17 Medical Badge, or the Expert Soldier Badge which shall be sufficient to show
18 the applicant is authorized to wear the Master Combat Infantryman Badge.

19 D. The fee for the license plate shall be pursuant to R.S. 47:463 and
20 490.1.

21 E.(1) The secretary shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as
22 are necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

23 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, each military honor
24 license plate issued pursuant to this Section shall be returned to the secretary
25 upon the death of the person to whom the plate was issued. A surviving spouse
26 of a person to whom a license plate was issued pursuant to this Section may
27 retain a license plate issued pursuant to this Section, provided the surviving
28 spouse has not remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies to the
29 secretary for a transfer of the license plate to the surviving spouse. A military
30 honor license plate transferred pursuant to this Paragraph to a surviving spouse

1 shall be returned to the secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving
2 spouse.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____