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HOUSE BILL NO. 334

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO AND SENATOR PETERSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates a special license plate for Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.160, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide  
3 for the creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the  
4 fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and  
5 regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license  
6 plate; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.160 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.160. Special prestige license plate; Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation

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

15 B. The license plate color and design shall be selected by the Board of  
16 Directors of the Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation, a nonprofit corporation  
17 qualified as tax exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code,  
18 provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3) and shall bear the words,  
19 "Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation".

1           C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen  
2           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           which shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee  
5           shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
6           Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and  
7           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 Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation, to be used solely for administrative  
11          and operational purposes, including but not limited to the lease or purchase of  
12          supplies and equipment for programming, production, and the marketing needs of  
13          the foundation.

14          F. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to  
15          implement the provisions of this Section.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates a special prestige license plate for the La. Cultural Economy Foundation. Provides for the fees, distribution of fees, issuance, creation, and design of the license plate and promulgation of rules.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Louisiana Cultural Economy" plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate. This license plate will be restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

Proposed law specifies that the color and design of the plate will be selected by the Board of Directors of the La. Cultural Economy Foundation.

Proposed law provides that the prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizens of La. in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law establishes a royalty fee of \$25 for the "Louisiana Cultural Economy Foundation" license plate, authorizes a handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department, and specifies that the recipient of the royalty fees shall be the La. Cultural Economy Foundation.

Proposed law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.160)