

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 373

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN

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

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the Free and Accepted Mason prestige plate

1 AN ACT

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §463.160. Special prestige license plates; "Free and Accepted Mason"

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 "Free and
13 Accepted Mason" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for
14 such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup
15 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

16 B. The color and design of the license plate shall be selected by the Free and
17 Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26 of Lake Charles and shall include the
18 organization's logo and the words "Free and Accepted Mason".

19 C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
20 member of a Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge in this state in the same manner

1 as any motor vehicle license plate in this state. Each applicant shall present to the
2 office of motor vehicles a membership identification card indicating such Free and
3 Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge membership.

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

10 E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to
11 the Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26 of Lake Charles to be used
12 solely for philanthropic endeavors as the lodge sees fit.

13 F. The secretary shall establish rules and regulations as necessary to
14 implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules and
15 regulations governing the collection and disbursement of annual fees, verification of
16 applicant membership, the transfer and disposition of such license plate, and required
17 design criteria.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Franklin

HB No. 373

Abstract: Creates a special prestige license plate for the Free and Accepted Masons. 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 "Free and Accepted Mason" 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 Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26 of Lake Charles, La.

Proposed law provides that the prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any member of the Free and Accepted Masons, upon verification of valid organization membership, in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law establishes a royalty fee of \$25 for the "Free and Accepted Mason" 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 Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26 of Lake Charles, La.

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

(Adds R.S. 47:463.160)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical changes.
2. Added a provision which specifies that the Free and Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge Number 26 of Lake Charles shall select the color and design of the special prestige license plate.