

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 373

BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN AND SENATOR MURRAY

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.160, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide
3 for the Free and Accepted Mason license plate; to provide for the creation, issuance,
4 and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee for such plates; to
5 authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and
6 implementation of a special prestige license plate; to provide for qualified applicants;
7 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
21 as any motor vehicle license plate in this state. Each applicant shall present to the
22 office of motor vehicles a membership identification card indicating such Free and
23 Accepted Mason Ionic Lodge membership.

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

7 E. The secretary shall establish rules and regulations as necessary to
 8 implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules and
 9 regulations governing the collection and disbursement of annual fees, verification of
 10 applicant membership, the transfer and disposition of such license plate, and required
 11 design criteria.

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____