

New 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 is restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

New 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.

New 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.

New 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 no recipient of such royalty fees.

New law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in new law.

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(Adds R.S. 47:463.160)