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HOUSE BILL NO. 366

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "Distinguished Service Cross Recipient" military honor license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:490.26, relative to military honor license plates; to provide for the  
3 establishment of a military honor license plate for recipients of the Distinguished  
4 Service Cross award; to require the secretary to promulgate rules and regulations  
5 relative to the creation and implementation of this military honor license plate; to  
6 provide for the creation, issuance, and design of such plates; and to provide for  
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:490.26 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §490.26. Military honor license plates; "Distinguished Service Cross Recipient"

11 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
12 establish a military honor license plate to be known as the "Distinguished Service  
13 Cross Recipient" plate.

14 B. Upon application of a Distinguished Service Cross recipient, the secretary  
15 of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall issue a military honor  
16 license plate to be used in lieu of a regular motor vehicle registration plate. The  
17 license plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational  
18 vehicles, motorcycles, and vans. The "Distinguished Service Cross Recipient" plate  
19 shall bear a likeness of the award centered on the left side of the license plate and the

1 words "Distinguished Service Cross Recipient" centered on the bottom of the plate  
2 under the license plate number.

3 C. The fee for the license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle  
4 registration license fee provided in R.S. 47:463.

5 D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to implement the  
6 provisions of this Section, including but not limited to rules governing the transfer  
7 of license plates from one vehicle to another and the disposition of such license  
8 plates.

9 E.(1) Any applicant who qualifies for the military honor license plate  
10 authorized by this Section may be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the  
11 applicant's name.

12 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph, each military honor  
13 license plate issued pursuant to this Section shall be returned to the secretary upon  
14 the death of the person to whom the plate was issued. A surviving spouse of a  
15 person to whom a license plate was issued pursuant to this Section may retain a  
16 license plate issued pursuant to this Section provided the surviving spouse has not  
17 remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies to the secretary for a transfer  
18 of the license plate to the surviving spouse. A military honor license plate  
19 transferred pursuant to this Paragraph to a surviving spouse shall be returned to the  
20 secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the "Distinguished Service Cross Recipient" military honor license plate.

Proposed law provides for the design and issuance of the "Distinguished Service Cross Recipient" license plate. Also requires that the plate bear the likeness of the award centered on the left side of the license plate and the words "Distinguished Service Cross Recipient" centered on the bottom of the plate under the plate number.

Proposed law provides that the fee is the regular motor vehicle registration license fee and requires the secretary adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law, including rules governing the transfer and disposition of such license plates.

Proposed law provides that any applicant who qualifies for a "Distinguished Service Cross Recipient" license plate be issued a plate for each vehicle registered in the applicant's name. Further provides that each military honor license plate issued under the provisions of proposed law be returned to the secretary upon the death of the person to whom it was issued. Specifies that a surviving spouse may retain the military license plate, provided the surviving spouse has not remarried and provided the surviving spouse applies for a transfer. Requires the transferred license plate be returned to the secretary upon the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse.

(Adds R.S. 47:490.26)