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HOUSE BILL NO. 818

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "George Rodrigue Foundation" license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.165, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide
3 for the "George Rodrigue Foundation" special prestige plate; to provide for the
4 creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and
5 distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and
6 regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license
7 plate; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.165 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §463.165. Special prestige license plate; "George Rodrigue Foundation"

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

16 B. The license plate color and design shall be selected by the George
17 Rodrigue Foundation, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The
18 design shall include the words "George Rodrigue Foundation".

19 C. The prestige plate shall be issued, upon application to any citizen of
20 Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

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

7 E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to
 8 the George Rodrigue Foundation, or its successor organization. The monies received
 9 from the royalty fees shall be used to plan, develop, and implement a series of unique
 10 education art programs that are specially designed to enhance and expand art
 11 curriculums and expose children to education in the arts.

12 F. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to
 13 implement the provisions in this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "George Rodrigue Foundation" special prestige license plate.

Proposed law provides for the design and creation of the "George Rodrigue Foundation" special prestige license plate provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants.

Proposed law provides for the collection of a \$30 royalty fee, as well as a handling fee of \$3.50 for each plate to be retained by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law provides that monies collected by the department and forwarded to the George Rodrigue Foundation, or its successor organization, be used to plan, develop, and implement a series of unique educational art programs that are specially designed to enhance and expand art curriculums and expose children to education in the arts.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.165)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways
and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Makes a technical change.