

SENATE BILL NO. 639

BY SENATORS PERRY AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN,  
FRANKLIN, GISCLAIR, GUINN AND ST. GERMAIN

1 AN ACT

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

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 **§463.165. Special prestige license plates; The Louisiana Youth Leadership**  
10 **Seminar Corporation**

11 **A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**  
12 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate for The Louisiana**  
13 **Youth Leadership Seminar Corporation, provided there is a minimum of one**  
14 **thousand applicants for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to**  
15 **use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.**

16 **B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with The Louisiana Youth**  
17 **Leadership Seminar Corporation to select the color and design of the plate,**  
18 **provided that it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). However, the plate**  
19 **shall bear the acronym "HOBY", across the bottom of the plate, immediately**  
20 **followed by the words "EMPOWER/LEAD/EXCEL" in capital letters.**

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

23 **D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five**  
24 **dollars for this special prestige license plate that shall be disbursed in**

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

6           E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and  
 7           forwarded to The Louisiana Youth Leadership Seminar Corporation. The  
 8           monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely for the support of  
 9           programs administered by The Louisiana Youth Leadership Seminar  
 10          Corporation for leadership training to high school sophomores.

11          F. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to  
 12          implement the provisions of this Section.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_