

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 213

BY SENATORS WALSWORTH, ERDEY, NEVERS AND THOMPSON

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

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates the "Eagle Scouts", the "Louisiana Licensed Professional Geoscientist", and the "Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Louisiana" prestige license plates. (8/1/15)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.71.1, 463.183 and 463.184, relative to motor vehicle special prestige
3 license plates; to provide for the Eagle Scouts special prestige license plate; to
4 provide for the "Louisiana Licensed Professional Geoscientist" special prestige
5 license plate; to provide for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Louisiana special
6 prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, and design of the license
7 plate; to provide relative to the fee for the plate; to authorize the promulgation of
8 rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of the prestige
9 license plate; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.71.1, 463.183, and 463.184 are hereby enacted to read as
12 follows:

13 **§463.71.1. Special prestige license plate; Eagle Scouts**

14 **A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
15 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate for the Eagle Scouts**
16 **program within the Boy Scouts of America. The plate shall be restricted to use**
17 **on passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The license**

1 plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Boy Scouts of America,
2 provided that the plate shall comply with all requirements of R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

5 C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor
6 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, to be
8 collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate. The
9 annual royalty fee shall be paid by the department to the appropriate Louisiana
10 council of the Boy Scouts of America as determined by the zip code of the
11 purchaser's parish of origin, and the council shall use the money solely for its
12 Eagle Scout program. A handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents shall also
13 be charged and retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative
14 costs.

15 D. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary
16 to implement the provisions of this Section.

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18 §463.183. Special prestige license plate; "Louisiana Licensed Professional
19 Geoscientist"

20 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
21 shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate for the Louisiana
22 Board of Professional Geoscientists when the department has received a
23 minimum of one thousand applications for the plate. The license plate shall be
24 restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The
25 license plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Louisiana Board of
26 Professional Geoscientists, provided that it is in compliance with R.S.
27 47:463(A)(3).

28 B. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any
29 Louisiana licensed professional geoscientist in good standing in the same

1 manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

2 C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor
3 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of
4 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, and
5 a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents which shall be retained by the
6 department to offset administrative costs.

7 D. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
8 forwarded to the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists or its successor,
9 for use of the board's logo. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be
10 used solely for the support of the programs established and administered by the
11 Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists.

12 E. Upon the signing of a contract authorizing the use of the logo of the
13 Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists, the secretary shall establish the
14 special prestige plate in accordance with this Section. The contract shall include
15 an agreement on the part of the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists
16 to use the royalty fees as provided for in this Section.

17 F. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary
18 to implement the provisions of this Section.

19 §463.184. Special prestige license plate; Society of St. Vincent de Paul of
20 Louisiana

21 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
22 shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate for the Society of St.
23 Vincent de Paul of Louisiana. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger
24 cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The secretary shall work
25 in conjunction with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Louisiana to select the
26 color and design of the plates, provided that the plate shall comply with all
27 requirements of R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

- 1 **C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor**
2 **vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of**
3 **Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, to be**
4 **collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate, and a**
5 **handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the**
6 **department to offset a portion of administrative costs. The annual royalty fee**
7 **shall be paid by the department to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of**
8 **Louisiana to the appropriate Louisiana society as determined by the zip code**
9 **of the purchaser's parish of origin, and each society shall use the money solely**
10 **to support its charitable programs.**
- 11 **D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to**
12 **implement the provisions of this Section.**

The original instrument was prepared by Sharon F. Lyles. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

SB 213 Reengrossed

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Proposed law creates a special prestige license plate for the Eagle Scouts within the Boy Scouts of America, which may be issued to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. Further provides for the plate to be issued, upon application, to any citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law provides that the Eagle Scouts special prestige license plate shall be a color and design selected by the Boy Scouts of America. Further provides for the annual royalty fee of \$25 and a handling fee of \$3.50. Provides that the \$25 fee shall be paid to the Boy Scouts of America, as determined by the zip code of the purchaser's parish of origin. Requires that the Boy Scouts of American shall use the money solely for its Eagle Scout program.

Proposed law creates a special prestige license plate for the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists, which may be issued to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such a plate. Further provides for the plate to be issued, upon application, to any Louisiana licensed professional geoscientist in good standing.

Proposed law charges the standard motor vehicle license tax, an annual royalty fee of \$25, and a handling fee of \$3.50 for the plate.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections to collect the royalty fee of \$25 and forward it to the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists. Requires monies received from the royalty fees to be used solely for the programs of the board.

Proposed law requires the signing of a contract authorizing use of the logo and agreeing to

use the royalty fees as provided in the proposed law.

Proposed law creates a special prestige license plate for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Louisiana, which may be issued to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. Further provides for the plate to be issued, upon application, to any citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law provides that the secretary will work with St. Vincent de Paul to select the plate color and design with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Louisiana. Further provides for the annual royalty fee of \$25 and a handling fee of \$3.50. Provides that the \$25 fee shall be paid to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Louisiana, as determined by the zip code of the purchaser's parish of origin. Requires that St. Vincent de Paul shall use the money solely to support its charitable programs.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety & Corrections to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement these provisions.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.71.1,463.183 and 463.184)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Establishes special prestige license plates for Eagle Scouts and for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.