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ACT No. 276

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUVAL, BARRAS, STUART BISHOP, BROWN, CHAMPAGNE, FRANKLIN, GISCLAIR, HILL, HONORE, HOWARD, NANCY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEOPOLD, MACK, MONToucET, AND ST. GERMAIN

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license
3 plates; to provide for creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide
4 relative to the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the
5 promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of
6 a special prestige license plate; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.160 and 463.161 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.160. Special prestige license plates; "I'm Cajun"

10 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
11 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "I'm
12 Cajun" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate.
13 These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks,
14 recreational vehicles, and vans.

15 B. The plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Council for the
16 Development of French in Louisiana, provided that it is in compliance with R.S.
17 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the phrase "I'm Cajun...and proud" and shall
18 also include a prominent image celebrating the Cajun culture.

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

21 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of fifteen dollars for
22 this special prestige license plate, which shall be disbursed in accordance with
23 Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be in addition to the standard motor

1 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of
2 Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents to be retained by the
3 department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

4 E. The monies received from the additional fifteen dollar fee shall be
5 disbursed solely to fund scholarships to "La Fondation Louisiane for the Escadrille
6 Louisiane" scholarship program of the Council for the Development of French in
7 Louisiana.

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

10 §463.161. Special prestige license plates; "I'm Creole"

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

16 B. The plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Council for the
17 Development of French in Louisiana, provided that it is in compliance with
18 R.S.47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the phrase "I'm Creole...and proud" and
19 shall also include a prominent image celebrating the Creole culture.

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

22 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of fifteen dollars for
23 this special prestige license plate, which shall be disbursed in accordance with
24 Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be in addition to the standard motor
25 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of
26 Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate to be
27 retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

28 E. The monies received from the additional fifteen dollar fee shall be
29 disbursed solely to fund scholarships to "La Fondation Louisiane for the Escadrille

1 Louisiane" scholarship program of the Council for the Development of French in
2 Louisiana.

3 F. The secretary shall establish rules and regulations as are necessary to
4 implement the provisions of this Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____