

ACT No. 409

HOUSE BILL NO. 366

BY REPRESENTATIVES PEARSON AND KLECKLEY AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, APPEL, BROOME, BROWN, CHABERT, CORTEZ, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, HEITMEIER, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LONG, MILLS, MURRAY, NEVERS, PEACOCK, PERRY, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

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

1 C. The charge for the license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle
 2 license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana as
 3 provided in R.S. 47:463, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each
 4 plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

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 license plate for each vehicle registered
 11 in the 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 license plate was issued. A surviving spouse of
 15 a 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.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____