

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 146

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates the "A.B.A.T.E" specialty license plate

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.209, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide
3 for the "A.B.A.T.E." special prestige license plate; to provide for the creation,
4 issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and rule promulgation
5 applicable to such license plate; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.209 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §463.209. Special prestige license plate; "A.B.A.T.E."

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

14 B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the president of A.B.A.T.E.
15 of Louisiana, Inc. to select the color and design of the plate, provided it is in
16 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include an image of the state
17 shield for A.B.A.T.E. Louisiana, Inc., in white, black, and yellow, with the words
18 "Share the Road" at the bottom of the license plate in black text.

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

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

7 E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded
 8 to A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc., to be used to fund the "Share the Road" program.

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

11 Section 2. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
 12 vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable
 13 statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new
 14 plates.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the "A.B.A.T.E." special prestige license plate. Provides for the creation, issuance, design, implementation, fees, distribution, and promulgation of rules applicable to this license plate.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to issue a special prestige license plate to be known as the "A.B.A.T.E." license plate, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for such plate.

Proposed law requires the secretary to work in conjunction with the president of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc., for the color and design of the plate. Requires the design include an image of the state shield for A.B.A.T.E. Louisiana, Inc., in white, black, and yellow, with the words "Share the Road" at the bottom of the license plate in black text.

Proposed law specifies the license plate will be issued to any citizen of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

Proposed law requires the department collect an annual royalty fee of \$25 in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax and a \$3.50 handling fee for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law requires that monies received from the royalty fees be forwarded to A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc., and used to fund the "Share the Road" program.

Proposed law requires the secretary to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions provided in proposed law.

Directs the office of motor vehicles to create the "A.B.A.T.E." speciality license plate when the applicable statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new plates.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.209)