2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS AND SENATORS BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CONNICK, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, JACKSON, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, PEACOCK, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, STINE, TALBOT, TARVER, AND WOMACK

1   AN ACT

2   To enact R.S. 47:463.214, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to

3   establish the "Sickle Cell Disease Association" specialty license plate; to provide for

4   the creation, issuance, design, fees, implementation, distribution, and rule

5   promulgation applicable to such license plate; to provide an effective date; and to

6   provide for related matters.

7   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8   Section 1. R.S. 47:463.214 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9   §463.214. Special prestige license plate; "Sickle Cell Disease Association"

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 "Sickle

12   Cell Disease Association" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand

13   applicants for such plate. The plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars,

14   pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans.

15   B. The secretary shall work in conjunction with the Sickle Cell Disease

16   Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter to select the color and

17   design of the plate, provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design

18   shall include the Sickle Cell Disease of America, Inc. official logo.

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.

21   D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars

22   that shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee

23   shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,

1   Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and

2   fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of

3   administrative costs.

4   E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded

5   to the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, the Sickle Cell Disease

6   Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter, the Southwest Louisiana

7   Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc., the Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical

8   Resource Foundation, Inc., and the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation in equal

9   payments. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used to assist the local

10   sickle cell foundations with operational costs and to support programs for sickle cell

11   clients and their families in their efforts to live productive and stable lives.

12   F. The secretary shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations as are

13   necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

14   Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

15   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

16   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

17   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

18   effective on the day following such approval.

19   Section 3. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor

20   vehicles, is hereby directed to create the special prestige license plate when the applicable

21   statutory provisions are met and its system is updated to accommodate the creation of new

22   plates.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____