

**ACT No. 11**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 323

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:463.165, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide for the "Down Syndrome Awareness" special prestige plate; to provide for the creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation of a special prestige license plate; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:463.165 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§463.165. Special prestige license plates; "Down Syndrome Awareness"

A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Down Syndrome Awareness" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

B. The license plate color and design shall be selected by the Down Syndrome Association of Acadiana provided it is in compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3). The design shall include the words, "Down Syndrome Awareness".

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

D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of thirty dollars, which shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section

1           5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents  
2           for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative  
3           costs.

4           E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to  
5           the Down Syndrome Association of Acadiana, to be used solely to promote the  
6           interests of persons with Down syndrome and their families through advocacy and  
7           public awareness throughout the state of Louisiana.

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

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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

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