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HOUSE BILL NO. 425

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

MTR VEHICLE/LICEN PLATES: Creates a special "For Hire" license plate for use in the city of New Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:469.1, relative to special license plates; to create a special "For Hire" plate  
3 for use in the city of New Orleans; to provide for the design and cost; to provide for  
4 rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:469.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §469.1. Special license plate; "For Hire"; city of New Orleans

11 A. Taxi cabs, limousines, horse drawn carriages, and pedicabs owned or  
12 operated by companies licensed by the city of New Orleans, shall be issued a special  
13 "For Hire" plate.

14 B. The plate shall be designated with a series consisting of numeric  
15 characters, alpha characters, or any combination thereof. The series shall be  
16 consistent with the license number issued by the city of New Orleans to identify the  
17 vehicle and may be accompanied by a symbol or emblem representing the city of  
18 New Orleans, taxi cab bureau.

19 C.(1) The city of New Orleans shall provide the office of motor vehicles  
20 with the series to be issued to the vehicles. All plates authorized by this Section shall  
21 include a handling charge of three dollars and fifty cents, as authorized by R.S.

1       47:463(A)(3)(a), to offset the administrative costs of the department for the issuance  
2       of such plates. All vehicles registered with a "For Hire" plate, except horse drawn  
3       carriages and pedicabs, shall also be issued a secondary plate, identical in appearance  
4       to the primary plate, which shall be displayed on the front of the vehicle.

5               (2) In addition to the three dollars and fifty cents authorized by R.S.  
6       47:463(A)(3)(a) collected for the primary and secondary plate authorized by this  
7       Section, the annual rate for the plates shall be fifty dollars.

8               D.(1) Horse drawn carriages and pedicabs, licensed by the city of New  
9       Orleans, shall be issued a plate for identification purposes only.

10              (2) The plate shall be designated by a series consisting of numeric characters,  
11       alpha characters, or any combination thereof. The series shall be consistent with the  
12       license number issued by the city of New Orleans to identify the vehicle and may be  
13       accompanied by a symbol or emblem representing the city of New Orleans, taxi cab  
14       bureau. The city of New Orleans shall provide the office of motor vehicles with the  
15       series to be issued to the vehicles.

16              (3) In addition to the three dollars and fifty cents as authorized by R.S.  
17       47:463(A)(3)(a), the annual rate for the plate shall be thirty dollars.

18              E. Permissible road usage of horse drawn carriages and pedicabs shall be  
19       determined by New Orleans city ordinances.

20              F. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate all rules and regulations  
21       necessary, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, to administer and  
22       enforce the provisions of this Section.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the special "For Hire" plate to be used by taxis, limousines, horse drawn carriages, and pedicabs operating in New Orleans.

Proposed law provides that taxis, limousines, horse drawn carriages, and pedicabs operating in the city of New Orleans shall be issued a special "For Hire" plate.

Proposed law provides that the city of New Orleans shall provide the office of motor vehicles with the series designation to be placed on each plate. Requires taxis and limousines to have two plates, one in front and one on the back, at an annual cost of \$50 for the two plates. Also provides for a handling fee of \$3.50.

Proposed law provides that horse drawn carriages and pedicabs shall be required to have only one plate at an annual cost of \$30, with a handling fee of \$3.50.

Proposed law authorizes the commissioner of motor vehicles to promulgate rules and regulations.

(Adds R.S. 47:469.1)