

SENATE BILL NO. 15

BY SENATOR APPEL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the title to Part II-B of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the
3 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 47:491(A)(1) and (6) and 492(A),
4 (B), and (E), relative to amateur radio station operators; to provide for changing
5 the design of a prestige license plate from "HAM Operator" to "Amateur Radio";
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The title to Part II-B of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the
9 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 47:491(A)(1) and (6), and 492(A), (B), and (E)
10 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 PART II-B. ~~HAM~~ **AMATEUR** RADIO STATION LICENSE PLATES

12 §491. Legislative findings

13 A.(1) The legislature finds that amateur ~~or "ham"~~ radio station operators
14 have had the privilege of having their own identifiable plates since 1951.

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16 (6) The legislature concludes from these findings that the state has a
17 legitimate governmental interest in the issuance of amateur ~~or "ham"~~ radio station
18 license plates to owners or operators as a way to recognize amateur radio station
19 owners or operators and to raise public awareness of their valuable service to the
20 public. The legislature further concludes that for these reasons the plates are
21 issued in accordance with a "narrow, objective, and definitive standard" as is
22 recommended by the *Henderson vs. Stalder*, 265 F.Supp.2d 699 (E.D. La., 2003)
23 decision.

24 §492. ~~Ham~~ **Amateur** radio station plates for owners and operators

