

SENATE BILL NO. 213

BY SENATORS WALSWORTH, ERDEY, NEVERS AND THOMPSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.71.1, 463.183, 463.184, and 463.185, relative to motor vehicle special  
3 prestige license plates; to provide for the Eagle Scouts special prestige license plate;  
4 to provide for the "Louisiana Licensed Professional Geoscientist" special prestige  
5 license plate; to provide for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Louisiana special  
6 prestige license plate; to provide for the Southern University and A&M College  
7 Marching Band special prestige license plate; to provide for creation, issuance, and  
8 design of the license plates; to provide relative to the fee for the plates; to authorize  
9 the promulgation of rules and regulations relative to the creation and implementation  
10 of the prestige license plates; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.71.1, 463.183, 463.184, and 463.185 are hereby enacted to  
13 read as follows:

14 **§463.71.1. Special prestige license plate; Eagle Scouts**

15 **A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**  
16 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate for the Eagle Scouts**  
17 **program within the Boy Scouts of America. The plate shall be restricted to use**  
18 **on passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The license**  
19 **plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Boy Scouts of America,**  
20 **provided that the plate shall comply with all requirements of R.S. 47:463(A)(3).**

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

3           C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor  
 4           vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of  
 5           Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, to be  
 6           collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate. The  
 7           annual royalty fee shall be paid by the department to the appropriate Louisiana  
 8           council of the Boy Scouts of America as determined by the zip code of the  
 9           purchaser's parish of origin, and the council shall use the money solely for its  
 10           Eagle Scout program. A handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents shall also  
 11           be charged and retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative  
 12           costs.

13           D. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary  
 14           to implement the provisions of this Section.

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16           §463.183. Special prestige license plate; "Louisiana Licensed Professional  
 17           Geoscientist"

18           A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
 19           shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate for the Louisiana  
 20           Board of Professional Geoscientists when the department has received a  
 21           minimum of one thousand applications for the plate. The license plate shall be  
 22           restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The  
 23           license plate shall be of a color and design selected by the Louisiana Board of  
 24           Professional Geoscientists, provided that it is in compliance with R.S.  
 25           47:463(A)(3).

26           B. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any  
 27           Louisiana licensed professional geoscientist in good standing in the same  
 28           manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

29           C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor  
 30           vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of



1 handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the  
2 department to offset a portion of administrative costs. The annual royalty fee  
3 shall be paid by the department to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of  
4 Louisiana to the appropriate Louisiana society as determined by the zip code  
5 of the purchaser's parish of origin, and each society shall use the money solely  
6 to support its charitable programs.

7 D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to  
8 implement the provisions of this Section.

9 §463.185. Special prestige license plate; "Southern University and A&M  
10 College Marching Band"

11 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
12 shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate for the Southern  
13 University and A&M College Marching Band. The plate shall be restricted to  
14 use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The  
15 secretary shall work in conjunction with the director of the Southern University  
16 and A&M College marching band to select the color and design of the plate,  
17 provided that the plate shall comply with all requirements of R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

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

20 C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor  
21 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of  
22 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, to be  
23 collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate, and a  
24 handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the  
25 department to offset a portion of administrative costs. The annual royalty fee  
26 shall be paid by the department to the Southern University System Foundation  
27 for deposit into the Human Jukebox Fund, and the Southern University System  
28 Foundation shall utilize such funds solely for academic and financial-need-  
29 based scholarships for band members and financial assistance for band trips  
30 and activities.

1                    **D. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to**  
2                    **implement the provisions of this Section.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_