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SENATE BILL NO. 506

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PETERSON, QUINN, RISER, SHAW, THOMPSON AND
WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates the special prestige license plate honoring the World Champion New Orleans Saints with proceeds being used solely to pay debt service on state debt issued to fund improvements to the La. Superdome. (7/1/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.141, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to honor
3 the 2009 World Champion New Orleans Saints; to provide for the creation and
4 issuance of such plates; to provide for the design of such plates; to provide relative
5 to the fee and application of the fee for such plates; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.141 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§463.141. Special prestige license plate;"World Champion New Orleans**
10 **Saints"; distribution of royalty fees**

11 **A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
12 **shall establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to commemorate the**
13 **New Orleans Saints World Football Champions for the 2009 season, provided**
14 **that there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plates. The license**
15 **plate shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational**
16 **vehicles, and vans.**

17 **B. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any**

1 person, in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

2 C. The license plate shall be designed by the New Orleans Saints in
3 consultation with the state of Louisiana, through the office of motor vehicles.

4 D. The charge for the special prestige license plate shall be the standard
5 motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution
6 of Louisiana plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, to
7 be collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate. A
8 handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents shall also be charged and retained
9 by the department to offset a portion of administrative cost.

10 E. The first three hundred plates shall be reserved for purchase at the
11 direction of the New Orleans Saints.

12 F. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
13 deposited into the state treasury. The monies received from the royalty fees
14 shall be used solely to pay debt service on state debt issued to fund
15 improvements to the Louisiana Superdome.

16 G. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to
17 implement the provisions of this Section.

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor
19 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
20 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument was prepared by Carla S. Roberts. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

Crowe (SB 506)

Proposed law establishes a special prestige motor vehicle license plate honoring the 2009 World Champion New Orleans Saints, provided there is a minimum of 1,000 applicants for the plates. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

Proposed law requires the secretary of DPS&C to consult with the New Orleans Saints as to the design of the plate.

Proposed law provides for the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed plus an annual royalty fee of \$25 for each plate to be collected every two years. A handling fee of \$3.50

shall also be collected and retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law provides that the first 300 plates shall be reserved for purchase at the direction of the New Orleans Saints.

Proposed law requires the annual royalty fee to be collected by the department and deposited into the state treasury. Further requires that the monies received from the royalty fees be used solely to pay debt service on state debt issued to fund improvements to the La. Superdome.

Proposed law requires the secretary to adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to implement proposed law.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.141)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Provides that the foundation is subject to the provisions of R.S. 24:513A(1)(b)(iv) relative to the legislative auditor.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Removes the provisions creating the foundation.
2. Removes the provisions relating to the governing board of the foundation.
3. Removes the collection of an annual royalty fee by DPS&C to provide grants to nonprofit organizations which are exempt from federal taxes.
4. Removes the provision that the foundation is subject to the provisions of R.S. 24:513A(1)(b)(iv) relative to the legislative auditor.
5. Removes provision requiring distribution of the money, on a parish-by-parish basis, and determined by the number of plates sold in the specific parish.
6. Requires the annual royalty fee to be collected by DPS&C and deposited into the state treasury.
7. Requires monies received from the royalty fees be used solely to pay debt service on state debt issued to fund improvements to the La. Superdome.