

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 674

BY SENATOR WARD

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates Democratic, Republican, and Registered Independent Prestige License Plates. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.155, 156, and 157, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license
3 plates; to provide for the creation and issuance of such plates; to provide for the
4 design of such plates; to provide relative to the fee and application of the fee for such
5 plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and regulations; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.155, 156, and 157 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§463.155. Special prestige license plate; Republican Party of Louisiana**

10 **A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
11 **shall establish a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Republican**
12 **Party of Louisiana", hereafter referred to as the "organization", subject to the**
13 **provisions of this Section. The license plate shall be restricted to passenger cars,**
14 **pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The color and design of the**
15 **license plate shall be selected by the executive committee of the organization.**

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

1 C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor
2 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of
3 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, and
4 a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents which shall be retained by the
5 department to offset administrative costs.

6 D. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
7 forwarded to the organization.

8 E. The first five hundred plates shall be reserved for purchase at the
9 direction of the organization.

10 F. The secretary shall establish a prestige license plate for the
11 organization in accordance with the provisions of this Section when both of the
12 following conditions are met:

13 (1) The executive committee for the organization has selected and
14 approved a design for the license plate.

15 (2) The secretary has received a minimum of one thousand applications
16 for the license plate.

17 G. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary
18 to implement the provisions of this Section.

19 §463.156. Special prestige license plate; Democratic Party of Louisiana

20 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
21 shall establish a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Democratic
22 Party of Louisiana", hereafter referred to as the "organization", subject to the
23 provisions of this Section. The license plate shall be restricted to passenger cars,
24 pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The color and design of the
25 license plate shall be selected by the executive committee of the organization.

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

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

1 Louisiana, plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, and
2 a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents which shall be retained by the
3 department to offset administrative costs.

4 D. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and
5 forwarded to the organization.

6 E. The first five hundred plates shall be reserved for purchase at the
7 direction of the organization.

8 F. The secretary shall establish a prestige license plate for the
9 organization in accordance with the provisions of this Section when both of the
10 following conditions are met:

11 (1) The executive committee for the organization has selected and
12 approved a design for the license plate.

13 (2) The secretary has received a minimum of one thousand applications
14 for the license plate.

15 G. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary
16 to implement the provisions of this Section.

17 §463.157. Special prestige license plate; Registered Independent of Louisiana

18 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
19 shall establish a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Registered
20 Independent of Louisiana" subject to the provisions of this Section. The license
21 plate shall be restricted to passenger cars, pickup trucks, vans, and recreational
22 vehicles. The color and design of the license plate shall be selected by the
23 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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

26 C. The charge for this special license plate shall be the standard motor
27 vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of
28 Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and fifty cents which shall be
29 retained by the department to offset administrative costs.

1 **D. The secretary shall establish a prestige license plate in accordance**
 2 **with the provisions of this Section when the secretary has received a minimum**
 3 **of one thousand applications for the license plate.**

4 **E. The secretary may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary**
 5 **to implement the provisions of this Section.**

The original instrument was prepared by Sharon F. Lyles. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Riley Boudreaux.

DIGEST

Ward (SB 674)

Proposed law establishes special prestige motor vehicle license plates to be known as the "Republican Party of Louisiana" plate, the "Democratic Party of Louisiana" plate, and the "Registered Independent of Louisiana" plate. The license plates are restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans and the color and design of the plate are to be selected by the executive committee of the parties and by the secretary of DPSC in the case of the plate for Independents.

Proposed law provides that the charge for the special license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed, plus a handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs, and in the case of the parties, an annual royalty fee of \$25 for each plate.

Proposed law provides that an annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded to the executive committee of the parties.

Proposed law provides that the first 500 party plates are reserved for purchase at the direction of the executive committee of the parties.

Proposed law provides that the secretary must establish a prestige plate for the executive committee of the parties in accordance with provisions of proposed law when the following conditions are met:

1. The executive committee for the party has selected and approved a design for the license plate.
2. The secretary has received a minimum of 1,000 applications for the license plate. The secretary must also receive a minimum of 1,000 applications for the "Registered Independent of Louisiana" plate

Proposed law provides that the secretary may promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.155, 156, and 157)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Adds the "Registered Independent of Louisiana" plate.