

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 93

BY SENATOR MURRAY

MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates a prestige license plate for Masonic Blue Lodge. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.141, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to provide
3 for the establishment and issuance of the "Masonic Blue Lodge" plate; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 **§463.141. Special prestige license plate; Masonic Blue Lodge**

8 **A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections**
9 **shall establish a special prestige license plate to be known as the "Masonic Blue**
10 **Lodge," hereafter referred to as the "organization," plate, subject to the**
11 **provisions of this Section. The license plate shall be restricted to passenger cars,**
12 **pickup trucks, vans, and recreational vehicles. The color and design of the**
13 **license plate shall be selected by the Worshipful Grand Master of the**
14 **organization or his designee, shall contain the organization's logo, and shall**
15 **otherwise be in compliance with the provisions of R.S. 47:463(A)(3).**

16 **B. The prestige license plate shall be issued upon application to any**
17 **member in good standing of the organization.**

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. The money received from the royalty fee by the**
8 **organization shall be used solely for academic or financial need-based**
9 **scholarships for students attending any public or private college or university**
10 **in the state of Louisiana. The organization shall be responsible for establishing**
11 **and disbursing the funds for the scholarship program.**

12 **E. The secretary shall establish a prestige license plate for the**
13 **organization in accordance with the provisions of this Section when both of the**
14 **following conditions are met:**

15 **(1) All necessary contracts regarding use of the organization's logo have**
16 **been executed.**

17 **(2) The secretary has received a minimum of one thousand applications**
18 **for the license plate.**

19 **F. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations as are necessary**
20 **to implement the provisions of this Section.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

Murray (SB 93)

Proposed law establishes a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Masonic Blue Lodge" plate. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

Proposed law provides that the color and design of the license plate shall be selected by the Worshipful Grand Master of the organization or his designee, shall contain the organization's logo, and shall otherwise be in compliance with the provisions of R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

Proposed law provides that the charge for the special license plate shall be the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed plus an annual royalty fee of \$25 for each plate, and a

handling fee of \$3.50 to be retained by the department to offset a portion of administrative costs.

Proposed law provides that an annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded to the organization. Proposed law further provides that the monies received from the royalty fee by the organization shall be used solely for academic or financial need-based scholarships for students attending any public or private college or university in the state of Louisiana. Proposed law further provides that the organization shall be responsible for establishing and disbursing the funds for the scholarship program.

Proposed law provides that the secretary shall establish a prestige plate for the organization in accordance with provisions of proposed law when the following conditions are met:

- (1) All necessary contracts regarding use of the organization's logo have been executed;
and
- (2) The secretary has received a minimum of 1,000 applications for the license plate.

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

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 47:463.141)