Section:  5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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Authority:
Foreign Ministers Amendment Act, Public Law 98-164

General:
- Pursuant to the Foreign Ministers Amendment Act, Public Law 98-164, the United States Government has assumed the duties of licensing all Consular Corps vehicles. Excluded from the federal program are all vehicles owned by honorary consuls. Therefore, the State of Louisiana will continue to issue Honorary Consul license plates. The plates are issued for private passenger automobiles/vans and private use trucks up to 10,000 lbs.

Eligibility:
- Any Honorary Consul who is assigned a license plate number by the Executive Assistant to the Governor for International Development is eligible for this type plate.

Requirements:
- To apply for an Honorary Consul license plate, the applicant must submit the following items:
  - A copy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed. If the vehicle is not in the applicant’s name, all necessary documentation required for titling the vehicle must be submitted along with the request for the Honorary Consul license plate.
  - The application for initial issuance or renewal of the Honorary Consul license plate must be accompanied by a statement showing the license plate number to be issued.
  - Applicable fees.

Fees:
- The fee for the Honorary Consul license plate is the same as regular registration fees, however, the fees can be pro-rated since the plates expires the last day of December of each odd-numbered year.
- The $8.00 handling fee is due on all transactions except renewals.
- The $3.50 administrative handling fee is due only on initial issuance.
- The $3.00 fee is required to transfer the plate to another vehicle.
Notes:
- This plate may be transferred from one vehicle in the applicant's name to another vehicle in the applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between motor vehicle owners.
- This plate is available for immediate issuance and renewal through the Special/Dealer License Plate Unit.
- All requests for initial issuance, transfer, and renewal of the special plate must be mailed to the Special/Dealer License Plate Unit, Headquarters, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, La. 70896.