



Louisiana Department of Public Safety  
Office of Motor Vehicles  
**Policy 138.00 Protect Wild Dolphins**

**Section:** 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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To view Special Plates: <http://omv.dps.state.la.us>

**Authority:**

[R.S. 47:462](#)

[R.S. 47:463.139](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us>

**General:**

- This law provides for the issuance of a Protect Wild Dolphins license plate and provides revenues to EarthEcho International. The funds shall be used solely for the support of scientific research, conservation, and educational programs that serve to restore and protect the ocean environment and freshwater systems and to protect wild dolphins. This license plate can be issued to private passenger automobiles, vans, private trucks up to 16,000 lbs., and private buses.

**Eligibility:**

- There are no eligibility requirements for the Protect Wild Dolphins license plate.

**Requirements:**

- Any citizen of Louisiana can be issued, upon application, the Protect Wild Dolphins license plate.
- A photocopy of the registration certificate of the vehicle on which the plate will be placed.  
OR
- If the vehicle is not registered in the applicant's name, proper title documentation and fees must be submitted along with the request for the special plate.

**Fees:**

- \$50.00 - in addition to regular registration fees, due at initial issuance and all subsequent renewals.
- \$8.00 - handling fee is due on all transactions except renewals.
- \$3.50 - administrative handling fee is due only at initial issuance.
- \$3.00 - transfer the plate to another vehicle in the applicant's name.

**Notes:**

- Plates may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name, but cannot be transferred between owners.
- Initial requests must be mailed to the Office of Motor Vehicles, Specialized Vehicle Unit, P.O. Box 64886, Baton Rouge, LA 70896. All other transactions can be processed by any motor vehicle office or public tag agent.