



Scarlet Tag Scenario

Louisiana Statute 538*

An act relating to license plates; requiring a driver whose driving privileges are restricted because of a violation related to driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) to have a red DUI plate on any vehicle that he or she operates; providing for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop such plate; providing a surcharge for the plate; providing for the use of such surcharges; authorizing a law enforcement officer to stop a vehicle bearing such plate without probable cause; providing an effective date.

(Section 1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall develop a red DUI license plate that must be displayed on any vehicle that is operated by a person whose driving privileges are restricted because of a violation related to driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other specified substances.

(Section 2) The plate shall be a bright red color that is easily distinguishable from other plates issued in this state. The word "Louisiana" must appear at the top of the plate and the first three letters in the alphanumeric numbering system used on the plate must be "DUI".

(Section 3) In addition to the other license plate fees and charges collected, an annual surcharge of \$20 shall be collected for each DUI plate. The proceeds from the surcharge shall be deposited into the Trauma Services Trust Fund created by s. 395.4034, Louisiana Statutes, and used for purposes provided in that section.

(Section 4) A law enforcement officer may stop any vehicle that bears a DUI plate without probable cause.

*(*This is a fictitious Louisiana law. It is not on the books.)*