

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1999

Bill Subtitle: TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

Basic Change :

Representative Bell

The bill adds a new section to the Arkansas Code to limit the types of new special license plates that may be issued by DFA. The bill sets the limitation to provide that the total number of special plates issued by DFA is limited to the total number of special plates in existence on January 1, 2013. The bill further provides that on and after that date, the total number of special plate types may increase by three percent (3%) for each calendar year, and that number may be exceeded only if a law authorizing an existing plate is repealed.

Revenue Impact :

None

Taxpayer Impact :

Requests by organizations and groups requesting special plate types could be denied if the number of special plates issued by the Department has reached the limit set by the bill.

Resources Required :

No additional resources required.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided.

Procedural Changes :

None

Other Comments :

None

Legal Analysis :

HB1999 would limit the number of special license plates to those in existence on January 1, 2013. After January 1, 2013 the number of special license plate could increase by 3% per calendar year. Any license plate that resulted in an increase greater than 3% could be issued only if a license plate is repealed.

One interpretation of the language of this bill is that any special license plate bills that were enacted into law during the 2013 session that created license plates in excess of 3% of the number of plates that existed 1/1/13, if any, would not be effective unless the bill also repealed another license plate. If that is not the intent, then this bill should not be effective until January 1, 2014.