

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1999**

**Amendment Number: S1**

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

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### **Basic Change :**

Representative Bell

The bill as originally written added a new section to the Arkansas Code to limit the types of new special license plates that may be issued by the Department. It provided that the total number of special plates issued by the Department was limited to the total number of special plates in existence on January 1, 2013; established a three percent (3%) limit for the increase in the number of the plates in existence on January 1, 2013; and provided that a new special plate could be created in excess the number existing on January 1, 2013, only if a law authorizing a special plate was repealed.

H1 and H2, changed the January 1, 2013 date to January 1, 2014; removed the three percent (3%) limit; created a sunset provision that required the Department to review the number of plates that were created after January 1, 2014; provided that plate types with fewer than five hundred (500) in use would be discontinued; and a new plate could be created if one was discontinued.

S1 removed the sunset provision, and the provision that new special plate could be created if one had been discontinued. With S1, the types of license plates issued is limited to the total types of special plates in existence on January 1, 2014, and a new type may be created and issued in excess of the plates in existence on January 1, 2014, only if a law authorizing an existing special plate is repealed.

### **Revenue Impact :**

None

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

With Senate Amendment 1, requests for special plates by organizations and groups would be approved only if a special plate authorized under existing law is repealed.

### **Resources Required :**

No additional resources required.

### **Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided.

### **Procedural Changes :**

None

### **Other Comments :**

None

### **Legal Analysis :**

Under amendment S-1, the types of special license plates issued under Chapter 24 of Title 27 is limited to the total number of types in existence on January 1, 2014 and a new type of plate may only be created under Chapter 24 if a law authorizing an existing type of plate is repealed.