

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1999

As Engrossed: 4/9/2013

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

Basic Change :

Representative Bell

The bill as originally written limits the types of new special license plates that may be issued by DFA. It provided that the total number of special plates issued by DFA was limited to the total number of special plates in existence on January 1, 2013; established a 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plate could be created in excess the number existing on January 1, 2013, only if a law authorizing a special plate was repealed.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 3% limit; created a sunset provision that required DFA to review the number of plates that were created after January 1, 2014; provided that plate types with fewer than 500 in use would be discontinued; and a new plate could be created if one was discontinued.

The 4/9/13 Engrossment removed the sunset provision, and the provision that new special plate could be created if one had been discontinued; provides that the types of license plates issued is limited to the total types of special plates in existence on January 1, 2014; and provides that 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issued in excess of the plates in existence on January 1, 2014, only if a law authorizing an existing special plate is repealed.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special plates by organizations and groups would be approved only if a special plate authorized under existing law is repealed.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 :

HB1999 as engrossed April 9, 2013 creates an additional section in Subchapter 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 27 of the code to provide that no new type of special license plate may be created or issued after January 1, 2014 unless a law authorizing an existing type of special plate is repealed.