

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: SB358**

**Bill Subtitle: TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE FOR THE ARKANSAS VOLUNTARY ENHANCED SECURITY DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD ACT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

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### **Basic Change :**

Sponsors: Senator B. Sample

Currently Arkansas law provides an option for the state to issue an enhanced security driver's licenses and identification cards. The United States House of Representatives is currently considering legislation that may reduce the need for issuance of enhanced security drivers license and identification cards. This bill will extend the period of time to decide whether issuance of enhanced security driver's licenses and identification cards is necessary from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, allowing additional time to await the actions of the U.S. Congress on the proposed and anticipated legislation.

### **Revenue Impact :**

None

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

None

### **Resources Required :**

None

### **Time Required :**

None

### **Procedural Changes :**

None

### **Other Comments :**

The emergency clause in this bill sets the effective date as June 30, 2013.

### **Legal Analysis :**

Current law provides the state with the option of establishing enhanced security driver's licenses and identification cards but that provision expires on June 30, 2013. The prior session of the United State's House of Representatives filed but did not vote on legislation that would have reduced the need to establish enhanced security identification cards. See *LEAVE Act*, H.R. 1196, 112th Cong. § 201-02 (2011). Additional legislation is anticipated this session as well. This bill will extend the period of time for the state of Arkansas to decide whether to issue enhanced security driver's licenses and identification cards to June 30, 2015, allowing additional time to await the actions of the U.S. Congress on the anticipated legislation. The bill has an emergency clause and is effective on June 30, 2013.