

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1234

As Engrossed: 2/12/2015

Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND REPLACEMENT OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT AUTISM AWARENESS.

Basic Change : Sponsors: Representative Baltz and Senator U. Lindsey

The bill creates a special license plate for Autism Awareness. The plate is to be designed by DFA in consultation with the Arkansas Autism Resource Outreach Center. Fees are the regular registration fee for the vehicle, a \$25.00 design use fee, and a \$10.00 administrative and handling fee. The design use fee is to be deposited monthly to the Arkansas Autism Resource Outreach Center and the administrative and handling fee is to be deposited to the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division. The bill as originally written did not repeal an existing special plate, which was contrary to current law that states that a new special plate cannot be authorized unless authority for an existing special plate is repealed. The bill as engrossed on 2/12/15 repeals the previously authorized special plate for Special Prostate Cancer Awareness plate. Therefore, the bill is no longer contrary to current law.

Revenue Impact :

Increase in revenue for the Autism Resource Outreach Center and the State Central Services Fund depending on the number of vehicle owners that register their vehicles with the new special plate.

Taxpayer Impact :

Taxpayers would be able to register their vehicles with a special plate for Autism Awareness

Resources Required :

No additional resources required.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided.

Procedural Changes :

Program the Motor Vehicle computer system for the issuance of the new special plate. Revise the Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute revisions to Revenue Offices.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

Amendment No. 1 to HB1234 adds a new Section 2 that repeals § 27-24-1410, regarding the ability of DFA to issue special license plates for prostate cancer awareness. HB1234, as amended, would require DFA to no longer issue special license plates to promote prostate cancer awareness.