

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: SB1021**

**Amendment Number: S2**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE OR DECAL TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF VETERANS OF THE LEBANON CONFLICT AND TO REPEAL PORTIONS OF THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES.**

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**Basic Change :** Sponsors: Senator Teague and Representative Sabin

The bill as engrossed 3/17/15 added a new section to the Arkansas Code to add the "Veterans of Lebanon Peace Keeping Mission" to the wars and conflicts for which veterans may obtain a special veterans license plate. Amendment 2 changes the language to name the conflict "Veterans of Operation Peace for Galilee-Lebanon War". The bill as engrossed 3/17/15 stated that a veteran must have served in Lebanon during the war to be eligible for the plate. Amendment 2 changes the language to state that eligibility for the plate is a veteran who served during the Lebanon War in Operation Peace for Galilee.

**Revenue Impact :**

Under Amendment 2, more veterans would be eligible for the special plate at the reduced \$1.00 fee, possibly resulting in a small decrease to the Arkansas Highway Transportation Department, depending on the number of eligible veterans who register their vehicles with the new special plate.

**Taxpayer Impact :**

With Amendment 2, veterans who served during the Lebanon War in Operation Peace for Galilee would be eligible regardless of whether they actually served in Lebanon.

**Resources Required :**

No additional resources required.

**Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided.

**Procedural Changes :**

Establish a code for, and program the Motor Vehicle computer system for the new version of the military plate. Revise the Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute to Revenue Offices.

**Other Comments :**

None.

**Legal Analysis :**

SB1021-S2 amends a new code section proposed by the original bill. Section 27-24-215 authorizes the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to issue one special license plate to an applicant who establishes that he or she is a veteran of the armed forces who served during the Lebanon War in Operation Peace for Galilee. No effective date is specified.