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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 500

5 By: Senator Irvin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A  
9 SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE THE BUFFALO RIVER  
10 AND SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SEARCY COUNTY;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF  
15 A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE THE  
16 BUFFALO RIVER AND SUPPORT ECONOMIC  
17 DEVELOPMENT IN SEARCY COUNTY.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14, is  
24 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

25 27-24-1430. Buffalo River Community Development special license plate.

26 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration  
27 shall create and issue a Buffalo River Community Development special license  
28 plate:

29 (1) In the manner and subject to the conditions provided for  
30 under this subchapter; and

31 (2) Subject to the discontinuation of the collegiate special  
32 license plate assigned to the school formerly known as the College of the  
33 Ouachitas as required under § 27-24-1003.

34 (b) The Buffalo River Community Development special license plate  
35 shall be:

36 (1) Designed by the Department of Finance and Administration in



1 consultation with the Buffalo River Community Development Corporation; and

2 (2) Numbered consecutively.

3 (c) The procedures concerning costs for issuance under § 27-24-  
4 1404(c)(1)(A) shall apply.

5 (d) The department shall issue a special license plate under this  
6 section to a motor vehicle owner upon payment of:

7 (1) The fee required by law for registration of the motor  
8 vehicle;

9 (2)(A) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover the design-use  
10 contribution.

11 (B) The design-use contribution shall be remitted monthly  
12 to the Buffalo River Community Development Corporation to be used exclusively  
13 to promote and support economic development in Searcy County; and

14 (3)(A) A handling and administrative fee of ten dollars  
15 (\$10.00).

16 (B) The handling and administrative fee shall be:

17 (i) Deposited into the State Central Services Fund  
18 for the benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and  
19 Administration; and

20 (ii) Credited to the division as supplemental and in  
21 addition to all other funds that may be deposited for the benefit of the  
22 division.

23 (C) The handling and administrative fee shall not be  
24 considered or credited to the division as direct revenue.

25 (e)(1) A special license plate issued under this section may be  
26 renewed annually or replaced under the procedures set out in § 27-24-1405.

27 (2) However, the division shall remit the fees collected under §  
28 27-24-1405(b)(2) on a monthly basis to the Buffalo River Community  
29 Development Corporation.

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32 **APPROVED: 4/1/21**