

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1475**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE.**

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### **Basic Change :**

Representative Hawthorne

Senator Teague

The bill creates a special motorcycle license plate to be issued to disabled veterans. DFA is required to design the plate consistent with current design of military plates, which are plates designed for passenger cars. The base registration fee for a special disabled veteran motorcycle plate will be one dollar (\$1.00) for initial issuance and renewal

### **Revenue Impact :**

Minimal revenue loss to the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department.

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

Eligible disabled veterans may obtain a special license plate for a motorcycle.

### **Resources Required :**

Additional programming costs will arise if implementation is prior to completion of development of the new motor vehicle system. If implemented with development of the new system, there would be no additional programming cost. A supply of special disabled veteran motorcycle plates will be required.

### **Time Required :**

Ninety (90) days after adjournment if implemented in the current system. If implemented with the new system, implementation date will need to be January 1, 2014.

### **Procedural Changes :**

Will require system programming to identify and track the new plate.

### **Other Comments :**

None

### **Legal Analysis :**

This bill authorizes the issuance of a special motorcycle license plate to a person who establishes that he or she is a disabled veteran. The plate is issued free of charge and the disabled veteran pays an annual renewal fee not to exceed one dollar. The registration fee for a regular motorcycle license plate is \$6.50.

This bill creates the disabled veteran motorcycle license plate in Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 2. Chapter 24 of Title 27 is entitled the "Special License Plate Act of 2005" and authorizes the issuance of a special license plate for a motor vehicle. A motorcycle is not a motor vehicle for purposes of Subchapter 2 of Title 27, Chapter 24. Section 27-24-103 defines "motor vehicle" as a Class One, Two or Three pleasure vehicle under § 27-14-601(a)(1) or a Class One Truck under § 27-14-601(a)(3)(A).

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Neither of these categories apply to motorcycles which are categorized under § 27-14-601(a)(4). Accordingly, the special license plate law is not applicable to motorcycles.

A motorcycle license plate that is different from a regular motorcycle license plate could be more appropriately created in Title 27, Chapter 15 which governs registration and licensing for special uses. For example, the current statutory provisions for licensing and registration of antique motorcycles is codified in Title 27, Chapter 15, Subchapter 23. Another option is to amend § 27-14-715, which governs the issuance of regular license plates for motorcycles to add the special motorcycle license plate to be issued to a disabled veteran.