

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB496

As Engrossed: 2/28/2013

Bill Subtitle: TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE REISSUED TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE RECIPIENT.

Basic Change :

Senators Cheatham, E. Williams, S. Flowers

Under the bill as originally written, the surviving spouse of a veteran who had been issued any military license plate could be reissued the plate at the same reduced \$1.00 fee as the eligible veteran. With the 2/28/13 engrossment, only a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran issued a disabled veteran license plate may be reissued the disabled veteran plate at the reduced \$1.00 fee.

Revenue Impact :

With the 2/28/13 engrossment, a loss of \$13,800 per year will be experienced by the Highway Department.

Taxpayer Impact :

Under the bill as originally written, the surviving spouse of a veteran that was issued any special military plate could be reissued the plate at a reduced fee of \$1.00, rather than the regular registration fee for the vehicle. With the 2/28/13 engrossment, only the surviving spouse of disabled veteran may be reissued the disabled veteran plate at the reduced fee.

Resources Required :

The 2/28/13 engrossment provides for an effective date of January 1, 2014, therefore, programming may be completed with implementation of the new motor vehicle system, and there will be no additional programming costs.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided with the 2/28/14 engrossment.

Procedural Changes :

Program motor vehicle computer system for issuance of license plates at the new fee.

Other Comments :

The amendment resolves technical issues previously raised by DFA.

Legal Analysis :

This bill changes current law to allow a special license plate issued to a disabled veteran to be reissued to a surviving spouse for an annual fee not to exceed \$1.00. Currently, surviving spouses of veterans, including disabled veterans, may have special license plates reissued to themselves only by paying the regular registration and licensing fees.

Effective date would be January 1, 2014.