

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB2154

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; TO LIMIT THE TYPES OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: S. Meeks

HB2154 amends §§ 27-24-1401 through 27-24-1404 and discontinues special interest license plates if fewer than five thousand (5,000) plates have been issued and allows them to be substituted with a special decal.

HB2154 amends the special interest plate application process to require an applicant to maintain issuance of at least two hundred fifty (250) special decals for three (3) consecutive years before being eligible for a special interest plate provided that a new special plate could be created only if a law authorizing a special plate was repealed.

Revenue Impact :

Unknown loss of fees for special interest groups.

Taxpayer Impact :

Special Interest Plates not meeting the requirements of the bill would be discontinued.

Resources Required :

Programming will be required and is estimated to cost \$15,000.

Time Required :

Implementation date of November 13, 2017 is requested.

Procedural Changes :

Motor Vehicle Procedure Manual will need to be revised and distributed to State Revenue offices.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

HB2154 discontinues at least 8 separate special license plates currently provide for by law. The plates specifically identified as being discontinued are: Ducks Unlimited; Committed to Education; Choose Life; Susan G. Komen; Boy Scouts; Arkansas Cattlemen's Association; Organ Donor Awareness; and Arkansas Realtors Association. These plates will be discontinued 90 days after adjournment. In addition, other special plates shall be discontinued on November 13, 2017 if fewer than 5,000 plates have been issued. Each discontinued plate shall be replaced with a license plate decal.

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HB2154 provides that special license plate decals shall be discontinued if fewer than 250 decals are issued per year for three consecutive years. New special license plates may be created only if an existing special license plate is repealed and more than 5,000 decals have been issued for the special interest group seeking the new plate.

HB2154 is silent regarding the action, if any, that DFA is to take with regard to the expiring license plates. It is unclear whether DFA is to require the surrender of those special license plates currently affixed to a motor vehicle or whether the vehicle owner may continue to use the plate. If the plate is to be surrendered, HB2154 contains no enforcement provisions if a person fails to surrender the discontinued plate to DFA.

Page 3, lines 11 and 12 appear to contain a typographical error. All language on those two lines likely should have been deleted.