

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1009

As Engrossed: 1/17/2013

Bill Subtitle: TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO DISABLED VETERANS.

Basic Change :

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The bill as originally written increased the number of disabled veterans that would have been eligible to obtain disabled veteran license plates. Amendment 1 as engrossed 1/17/13 deletes changes that would cause such an increase. Plates will be issued as required by current law.

Revenue Impact :

The bill, as originally written, reduced revenues for the Highway and Transportation Department by up to \$250,000 annually. Amendment 1 as engrossed 1/17/13 eliminates the decrease.

Taxpayer Impact :

Under the bill as originally written, veterans with service connected injuries with at least thirty percent (30%) disability and lifetime members of the Disabled American Veterans would be eligible for a disabled veteran license plate. With Amendment 1 as engrossed 1/17/13, current law requiring 100% disability will remain in effect.

Resources Required :

None

Time Required :

None

Procedural Changes :

None

Other Comments :

None

Legal Analysis :

HB1009 As Engrossed: H 1/17/13 removes all prior substantive changes proposed to the definition of a "disabled veteran" by the original HB1009, except a grammatical change of "any American veteran" to "an American veteran" under Ark. Code Ann. 27-24-203(2). This grammatical change is the only alteration to the current law now proposed by the engrossed version of HB1009. Accordingly, although both the bill title and the purpose section of the bill state that the bill "revise[s] the qualifications for issuance of a special license plate to disabled veterans" that is not the effect following the amendment, which does not revise any qualification for the issuance of a disabled veteran plate.