

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1527**

**Bill Subtitle: TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR A VIETNAM VETERAN SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE BY DEFINING VIETNAM VETERAN AND VIETNAM ERA VETERAN.**

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### **Basic Change :**

Representative D. Whitaker

The bill adds new provisions to the law to define "Vietnam Era Veteran" and "Vietnam Veteran". Under this bill a person who served during the Vietnam era but not in the country of Vietnam could obtain a "Vietnam Era Veteran" plate. A person who actually served in Vietnam could obtain the "Vietnam Veteran" plate. Under existing law special Vietnam veteran license plates are issued with a decal "Vietnam War Veteran" attached at the bottom of the plate. Such plates are issued to any veteran who served during the Vietnam War period, whether in Vietnam or elsewhere. The appropriate Vietnam War decal is to be placed on military plates authorized under existing law.

### **Revenue Impact :**

None

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

Vietnam Era Veterans, as defined in the bill, will be eligible for a special military license plate with a permanent "Vietnam Era Veteran" decal across the bottom of the plate.

### **Resources Required :**

An inventory of Vietnam Era Veteran decals will be purchased and maintained.

### **Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided.

### **Procedural Changes :**

Program the motor vehicle computer system for the additional type of the military plate. Revise Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute to Revenue Offices.

### **Other Comments :**

None

### **Legal Analysis :**

This bill creates a license plate with a permanent decal for a Vietnam Era Veteran. A plate or decal for a Vietnam Veteran already exists. The bill defines both Vietnam Era Veteran and Vietnam Veteran, with the difference being that the Vietnam Veteran must establish not only service during the Vietnam war but also that the veteran received the Vietnam Service Medal.

The effective date is January 1, 2014.

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