

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1879

Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LICENSE PLATE.

Basic Change :

The bill creates a special license plate for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission will design the plate subject to approval of the Department. Issuance is subject to the procedures for existing special interest plates. The Department will determine the costs of the initial order and require fees for such costs, the number of applications that must be received, or a combination of applications and signatures. Fees for issuance and renewal of the plate are the regular registration fee, a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fund raiser fee to be deposited monthly to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, and a ten-dollar (\$10.00) administrative fee to be deposited to the State Central Service Fund.

Revenue Impact :

Unknown increase in revenue to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and unknown increase in the State Central Services Fund, depending on how many people register their vehicle with the new special tag.

Taxpayer Impact :

Vehicle owners may register their vehicles with a special plate supporting the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission

Resources Required :

A supply of the special plate will need be acquired and maintained.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided.

Procedural Changes :

Program the motor vehicle system for issuance of the new plate.

Other Comments :

None

Legal Analysis :

HB 1879 adds a new section to Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14 to create a new special license plate to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In order for a special license plate to be created under Subchapter 14, it should be created according to the procedure in § 27-24-1404. If the Martin Luther King Commission qualifies under § 27-24-1404, it can apply for a license plate following that procedure and one will be issued. If the Commission does not qualify, then the license plate should be created under a different subchapter of Title 27, Chapter 24 than Subchapter 14.

This bill provides for the issuance of a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. special license plate. The plate may be issued to anyone who applies and pays the regular registration fee, a \$50.00 design fee, and a \$10.00 administrative fee.

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The plate may be renewed under the procedure in § 27-24-1405, which is the procedure to renew a special interest license plate under Subchapter 14 and provides for the collection of the regular registration fee, the design fee, and the administrative fee.

The design fee is to be remitted monthly to the Commission, and the administrative fee is deposited into the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the DFA Revenue Division.

The effective date is January 1, 2014.