

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1880

Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE FOR ISSUANCE A HISPANIC AMERICANS LICENSE PLATE.

Basic Change :

Representative H. Wilkins

The bill creates a special license plate for Hispanic Americans. The department is authorized to establish fees, the number of applications that must be submitted, or combination thereof for the initial order of the plates. The plate will be designed by the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission subject to Department approval. Fees are the regular registration fee for the vehicle, a ten-dollar administrative fee to be deposited to the State Central Services Fund, and a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fund raiser fee to be deposited to be deposited monthly to the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission. All fees are collected annually.

Revenue Impact :

There would be an unknown increase in revenue for the State Central Services Fund and for the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission depending on how many vehicle owners choose to register the vehicles with the special plate.

Taxpayer Impact :

Vehicle owners may register their vehicles with special license plates to support the Vehicle owners may register their vehicles with special license plates to support the 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 :

Will require system programming to identify and track the new plate.

Other Comments :

The bill states that the fund raiser fees are to be deposited to the "commission", without specifying that the "commission" is the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission

Legal Analysis :

HB 1880 adds a new section to Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14 to create a new special license plate to honor Hispanic Americans. 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, the beneficiary of the design funds under this bill, 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.

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This bill provides for the issuance of a Hispanic Americans special license plate to be designed by the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. 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.

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 Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. 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.