

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1531

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Basic Change : Sponsor: Representative Vines

Currently, applicants for a Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) special motorcycle license plate are not required to pay a fund raiser fee. The bill requires that such applicants pay a fund raiser fee of \$10.00 annually, which would be deposited to the Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship Fund. The veteran of a foreign war is allowed only 1 special motorcycle plate and the fee for the plate is \$1.00. The bill allows additional special motorcycle plates at the regular registration fee for a motorcycle. With regard to passenger cars and Class 1 trucks, the bill specifies that a veteran with a VFW plate is eligible for the same conflicts on their plates, as other eligible veterans.

Revenue Impact :

There are 57 VFW motorcycle plates in issuance. Payment of the \$10.00 fund raiser would increase the Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship Fund deposits by \$570.00 annually.

Taxpayer Impact :

Owners of motorcycles with VFW special license plates would be required to pay annually, a ten-dollar (\$10.00) fund raiser fee. A veteran of a foreign war would be allowed additional special motorcycle plates at the regular fee for a motorcycle and the fund raiser fee.

Resources Required :

No additional resources required.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided.

Procedural Changes :

Program the motor vehicle computer system to collect the fund raiser fee and to charge the proper fees for addition plates. Revise the Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute to Revenue Offices.

Legal Analysis :

HB1531 amends state law concerning the issuance and renewal of Veterans of Foreign Wars ("VFW") motorcycle license plates. DFA may charge a fundraising fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for a qualified applicant's first special motorcycle license plate and an annual fee not to exceed one dollar (\$1.00) to issue and renew the first special license plate. A qualified applicant may obtain and renew additional special motorcycle license plates upon payment of a ten dollar (\$10.00) fundraising fee and the fee for licensing a motorcycle authorized pursuant to § 27-14-601. The ten dollar (\$10.00) fundraising fee paid on issuance or renewal of a special VFW motorcycle license plate shall be remitted monthly to the Nick Bacon VFW Special Veterans Scholarship Fund. HB1531 also amends § 27-24-213(d) concerning the decal placement on the special license plate to honor VFW members' service. A permanent decal shall be available for a veteran of each conflict authorized pursuant to § 27-24-202(a), upon proof of the applicant's eligibility as required by § 27-24-202, and the decal may be in place of the legend "The Natural State" at the bottom of the special license plate.