

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1621**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO A DISABLED VETERAN.**

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**Basic Change :** Sponsor: Representative Wallace

Under current law there are 2 criteria under which a disabled veteran may qualify for a disabled veteran license plate, a veteran who is 100% disabled, and a veteran who is at least 30% disabled and a lifetime member of the Disable Americans Veterans (DAV). The bill deletes the provision that the veteran must be a lifetime member of the DAV. The result is that a 30% disabled veteran need no longer be a lifetime member of the DAV to be eligible for the plate.

**Revenue Impact :**

Small decrease to the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department due to the decrease in disability to be eligible for the plate. More plates would be issued at the \$1.00 fee rather than a regular plate at the regular registration fee.

**Taxpayer Impact :**

Disabled veterans that have at least a 30% disability could register their vehicles with a disabled veteran plate at a fee of \$1.00 per vehicle.

**Resources Required :**

No additional resources required.

**Time Required :**

Adequate time is provided.

**Procedural Changes :**

Revise and distribute Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute revisions to Revenue Offices.

**Other Comments :**

Under current law a veteran must be 100% disabled to be eligible for the plate, unless the veteran is a lifetime member of the DAV. If a lifetime member of the DAV, the disability requirement is 30%. With the repeal of the DAV lifetime membership, and not the 30% disability provision, any veteran who is at least 30% disabled is eligible.

**Legal Analysis :**

HB1621 repeals § 27-24-203(2) concerning the definition of "Disabled American Veterans". The bill also repeals the reference to membership in "Disabled American Veterans" in the definition of "disabled veteran" in § 27-24-203(3).