

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1569

Bill Subtitle: TO REDUCE THE STANDARD LICENSING FEE FOR CERTAIN MILITARY MEMBERS AND VETERANS.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Rep. C. Douglas

HB 1569 amends § 27-24-206 to allow veterans the option to receive a standard Arkansas license plate instead of a military or veteran special license plate with payment of a fee of \$1.00.

Revenue Impact :

Currently there are approximately 113,674 Arkansas drivers with military plates. Special plate fees for Military or Veteran plates are \$1.00 for the plate. There could be an unknown decrease in revenues for the Highway and Transportation Department, depending on how many veterans elect to receive a standard Arkansas plate who may have elected not to receive a Military or veteran plate.

Taxpayer Impact :

Motor Vehicle drivers eligible for veterans and special military plates may elect to receive a standard Arkansas plate instead of a military special plate.

Resources Required :

None.

Time Required :

DFA would request an implementation date of November 13, 2017 to coincide with scheduled programming changes to the Office of Motor Vehicle system.

Procedural Changes :

Develop programming to code standard plates for military who are eligible under the new criteria. Computer programming estimated to cost \$3,600.00. Update the Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute updates to Revenue Offices.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

HB1569 permits a person that is qualified to receive a military or veteran special license plate to be issued or renewed a standard Arkansas license plate.