

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB379

Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND REPLACEMENT OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT QUAIL FOREVER.

Basic Change :

SB 379 amends Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14 and adds a new section to the code to create a special Quail Forever license plate for the Arkansas Big Rock Chapter of Quail Forever. The plate will be designed by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

DFA 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. The bill creates a new fund, the Arkansas Big Rock Chapter of Quail Forever Fund.

Fees for issuance and renewal of the plate are the regular registration fee, a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fund raiser fee to be deposited monthly to the Arkansas Big Rock Chapter of Quail Forever Fund, and a ten-dollar administrative fee to be deposited to the State Central Service Fund. All fees are annual. SB379 also repeals § 27-24-1413 pertaining to Support Law Enforcement Special License Plates.

Revenue Impact :

Unknown increase in the State Central Services Fund and the Arkansas Big Rock Chapter of Quail Forever Fund, depending on how many plates are issued.

Taxpayer Impact :

Vehicle owners may register their vehicles with a special plate to support the Arkansas Big Rock Chapter of Quail Forever Fund and be issued a special Quail Forever plate.

Resources Required :

A supply of the special plates must be acquired and maintained. Computer Programming will be necessary for new use type and use code and have been estimated at \$3,000.00.

Time Required :

Request implementation date of January 1, 2018.

Procedural Changes :

Program the motor vehicle computer system for issuance of the new plate and revise the Motor Vehicle Procedures Manual and distribute to Revenue Offices.

Other Comments :

None.

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Legal Analysis :

This bill requires the Director of DFA to create and issue a Quail Forever special license plate to be designed by DFA in conjunction with the Arkansas Big Rock Chapter of Quail Forever. The license plates shall be numbered consecutively. Cost for issuance of the plates shall be governed by § 27-24-1404(c)(1)(A). License plates issued under this section may be renewed annually or replaced under the procedures set out in § 27-24-1405.

The license plates shall be issued by DFA upon payment a twenty-five (\$25.00) design use contribution in addition to the standard motor vehicle registration fee. The design use contribution shall be remitted monthly to the Officer Committee of the Arkansas Big Rock Chapter of Quail Forever to be used exclusively in Arkansas to fund the conservation of quail throughout the state. In addition to the design use contribution, a ten dollar (\$10.00) handling and administrative fee shall be deposited into the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division of DFA as supplemental funds. The \$25.00 design use fee would be remitted to the Officer Committee of the Arkansas Big Rock Chapter of Quail Forever, Inc. This bill generally complies with the Special Interest License Plate subchapter of the Arkansas Code, Ark. Code § 27-24-1401 et seq. This bill repeals Ark. Code Ann. § 27-24-1413 pertaining to Support Law Enforcement special license plates.