

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill: HB1485**

**Amendment Number: H1**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES IN ARKANSAS; AND TO CREATE THE LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.**

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### Basic Change :

**Sponsors: Reps. Ennett, F. Allen, and McCullough; Sen. C. Tucker**

**House Amendment No. 1** --- HB1485-H1 (engrossed H3/6/23) specifies that the requirement to repeal or discontinue a special license plate in order to create a new one shall not apply to the creation and issuance of a special license plate for an area of historical significance located in Arkansas that is officially designated by the United States Congress as a "National Historic Site," including the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Original Bill** --- HB1485 amends the Special License Plate Act, Acts 2005, No. 2202, to allow a new special license plate to be created for "an officially recognized area of national historic significance located in Arkansas." Under § 27-24-111, no new type of special license plate may be created under Title 27, Chapter 24 unless an existing type of special license plate is repealed. HB1485 amends § 27-24-111 to add an exception for the creation and issuance of a special license plate for an officially recognized area of national historic significance, such as:

- Fort Smith National Historic Site,
- Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site,
- President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home National Historic Site,
- Arkansas Post National Memorial,
- Hot Springs National Park,
- Pea Ridge National Military Park, and
- Trail of Tears National Historic Trail.

Additionally, HB1485 creates a special license plate for the Little Rock Central High National Historic Site with the proceeds to benefit The Tiger Foundation. The plate will be designed by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in consultation with The Tiger Foundation. Fees for issuance and renewal of the special license plate are the regular registration fee, a \$25.00 design-use contribution fee to be remitted monthly to The Tiger Foundation, and a \$10.00 administrative fee to be deposited to the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division of DFA.

### Revenue Impact :

Unknown.

### Taxpayer Impact :

A vehicle owner may purchase a special plate to support the Tiger Foundation and Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site.

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### **Resources Required :**

The Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) will need to be modified with a project cost of \$8,000. A supply of the special plates must be acquired and maintained. Computer programming will be necessary for new use type and use code for plate issuance. Plates will need to be disbursed to 134 State Revenue Offices and inventoried in each location.

### **Time Required :**

An implementation date of January 1, 2024 is requested.

### **Procedural Changes :**

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

### **Other Comments :**

None.

### **Legal Analysis :**

HB1485 is contrary to the Special License Plate Act of 2005. Acts 2005, No. 2202, was enacted to reach a settlement agreement over the free speech challenges to the previous special license plate process including the limit on the number of special license plate designs available. Under § 27-24-111, no new type of special license plate may be created under Title 27, Chapter 24 unless an existing type of special license plate is repealed.