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By: Senator Malone

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP A COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATE; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall develop a collegiate license plate, as provided in this act, for state and independent universities and community colleges domiciled in this state and shall issue a collegiate license plate to the owner of any motor vehicle upon application and payment of the appropriate license fees.

(b) Each request shall be submitted annually to the department on an application form supplied by the department, accompanied by the following license fees:

(1) The fee for registration and licensing for motor vehicles as required by Arkansas Code §27-14-601.

(2) A collegiate plate annual use fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(3) A processing fee of two dollars (\$2.00).

(c) An application for a collegiate license plate may be made any time during an applicant's registration period. If an application is made for a collegiate plate to replace an existing current valid license plate, the specialty plate shall be issued with the appropriate decals attached at no fee for the plate. All fees and service charges must be paid. No refund shall be made to the applicant for any unused portion remaining on the original plate. When application is made for a specialty plate at the beginning of the applicant's registration period, the collegiate plate annual use fee, together with all other applicable fees and service charges, shall be paid.

(d) The collegiate plate annual use fee shall be distributed to the

state or independent university or community college designated by the purchaser for deposit in an account to be used for the enhancement of library holdings and/or student scholarships as the president or chancellor shall designate. The governing board of the university or community college shall require each state university or community college to submit a plan for approval of the expenditure of all funds so designated. The State Board of Higher Education shall require each state university and community college to submit a plan for approval of the expenditure of all funds so designated.

(e) If a vehicle owner who has been issued a collegiate license plate requires a replacement vehicle within the registration period, the department shall authorize a transfer of the license plate to the replacement vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Arkansas Code §27-14-902. There shall be no refund of the annual use fee or processing fee.

(f) Collegiate license plates shall be the color and design approved by the department as appropriate for each state and independent university and community college. The president or chancellor of each university or community college must approve the design and, if necessary, provide the department with written permission to use any patented or trademarked logo. In addition to letters identifying the university or community college, the plate may be imprinted with numerals from one (1) to nine (9), inclusive, capital letters "A" through "Z", or a combination thereof. The maximum number of characters including both numerals and letters shall be determined by the department. Collegiate license plates shall otherwise be of the same material and size as standard license plates issued by the state for any registration period and the word "Arkansas" shall be stamped across the top of the license plate and "The Natural State" shall be stamped across the bottom of the license plate.

(g) The request for a collegiate license plate may be combined with a request that such a plate be a special personalized prestige license plate. Such a request shall be upon a form supplied by the department and shall be subject to the additional fees required by Arkansas Code §27-14-1101.

(h) The department must receive one thousand (1,000) or more applications for each state and independent university and community college before a specialized collegiate license plate may be developed for that university or community college. More than one (1) logo may be developed for each university or community college. The university or community college

shall keep a file of all applications until one thousand (1,000) applications for each license plate are received.

(i) The collegiate plate annual use fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be considered a contribution to the state or independent university or community college for the purposes of Arkansas Code §26-51-419.

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.