Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

an act to limit the number of special license plates ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 1, concerning general provisions of the Special License Plate Act of 2005, § 27-24-101 et seq., is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-24-111. Limitation on types of new special license plates.
(a) The total number of special license plates issued under this chapter by the Department of Finance and Administration is limited to the total number of types of special license plates in existence on January 1, 2014.
(b) A new special license plate may be created and issued in excess of the number set forth in subsection (a) of this section only if:
(1) A law authorizing an existing license plate is repealed; or
(2) The new type of special license plate will replace a special license plate that has been discontinued under subsection (e) of this section.
(c) The department shall annually review the number of special license plates that are created under this chapter after January 1, 2014 and shall:
(1) Determine the number of such plates that have been issued;
and
(2) Determine the number of such plates that are currently in use.
(d)(1) If the department determines that there are fewer than five hundred (500) plates in use for each type of plate that is created under this chapter after January 1, 2014, that plate type shall be discontinued.
(2)(A) An applicant may continue to use and annually renew a special license plate that has been discontinued for up to ten (10) years from the date of issuance of the plate. (B) However, the department shall not:
(i) Order or issue additional plates for plate types that have been discontinued under this section; or
(ii) Provide replacement plates for lost, stolen, or damaged discontinued special license plates.
(3)(A) The department shall provide notice of the discontinuance of a special license plate type to all persons to whom such plate types have been issued.
(B) The notice required in this subdivision shall be provided in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the discontinuance of the plate type; and (C) The notice shall advise:
(i) That the plate type is being discontinued;
(ii) Why the plate type is being discontinued;
(iii) That the applicant may continue to renew the existing plate annually for not longer than ten (10) years from the date of issuance of the plate; and
(iv) That the plate issued to the applicant shall not be replaced:
(a) After ten (10) years from the date of the issuance of the plate; or
(b) If the original plate is lost, damaged, mutilated, or destroyed.
(e) The department may promulgate rules necessary for the proper administration of this section.

