

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: SB939

Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE FOR CREATION AND ISSUANCE AN ARKANSAS STATE LODGE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE MOTOR VEHICLE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

Basic Change :

Senator B. Sample

The bill creates a special license plate for the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). The plate is to be designed by the FOP subject to the approval of the Department. The department is authorized to establish fees, the number of applications that must be submitted, or combination thereof for the initial order of the plates. Fees are the regular registration fee for the vehicle, a ten-dollar (\$10.00) administrative fee to be deposited to the State Central Services Fund, and a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fund raiser fee to be deposited monthly to the Arkansas State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police. All fees are collected annually.

Revenue Impact :

There would be an unknown increase in revenue for the State Central Services Fund and for the Arkansas State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, depending on how many vehicle owners choose to register the vehicles with the special plate.

Taxpayer Impact :

Vehicles may be registered with special license plates to support the Fraternal Order of Police.

Resources Required :

A supply of the special plate will need be acquired and maintained.

Time Required :

Adequate time is provided with the January 1, 2014 effective date.

Procedural Changes :

Program the motor vehicle computer system for issuance of the new plate.

Other Comments :

None

Legal Analysis :

SB939 creates a new license plate for the Fraternal Order of Police. This plate is created in Title 27, Chapter 24, Subchapter 14 which authorizes the issuance of only special license plates created before April 13, 2005, license plates for organizations that represent a viewpoint that is different from a viewpoint license plate that existed before April 13, 2005, and special license plates to organizations that qualify for a license plate under § 27-24-1404. If the Arkansas State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police qualifies, a plate can be issued under § 27-24-1404. If it does not, creation of the plate under another subchapter would be in accordance with the purposes of Subchapter 14.

Effective Date: January 1, 2014