

# Department of Finance and Administration

## Legislative Impact Statement

**Bill:** HB2230

**Amendment Number:** H1

**Bill Subtitle:** TO CREATE AND AUTHORIZE FOR ISSUANCE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IN SUPPORT OF THE ARKANSAS RICE COUNCIL.

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### **Basic Change :**

Representative Wright

The bill creates a special license plate for the Arkansas Rice Council. The Council may submit three designs to be considered by DFA. The design is subject to the approval of DFA and DFA 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 Rice Council. 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 Rice Council.

### **Taxpayer Impact :**

Vehicles may be registered with special license plates to support the Arkansas Rice Council.

### **Resources Required :**

A supply of the new plate will need to 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 to identify and track the new plate.

### **Legal Analysis :**

DFA is instructed to create the special license plate for support of the Arkansas Rice Council after the Council provides up to three designs for its consideration. The license plate shall be renewed annually.

Any motor vehicle owner can apply for this plate. The fee for issuance of the plate shall be the fee required for motor vehicle registration, payment of a \$25.00 design-use contribution (remitted monthly to the Rice Council), and a handling and administrative fee of \$10.00. The handling and administrative fee is deposited into the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division and shall not be direct revenue.

The Department has general authority to issue regulations regarding issuance of special license plates. The act is effective on January 1, 2014.