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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1558

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND  
9 REPLACEMENT OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM; TO CREATE A CASH  
11 FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 REPLACEMENT OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR  
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM AND  
18 TO CREATE A CASH FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT  
19 OF PARKS AND TOURISM.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 24, is amended to add an  
26 additional subchapter to read as follows:

27 Subchapter 16 – Department of Parks and Tourism

28 27-24-1601. Purpose.

29 The purpose of this subchapter is to:

30 (1) Authorize the design and issuance of license plates  
31 featuring state parks for the Department of Parks and Tourism;

32 (2) Provide funding to a cash fund to be used by the Department  
33 of Parks and Tourism for sponsoring college scholarships in the state parks  
34 profession and state parks education programs; and

35 (3) Authorize the Department of Finance and Administration to  
36 issue, renew, and replace the license plates authorized for the Department of



1 Parks and Tourism.

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3 27-24-1602. Special license plates.

4 (a)(1) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration  
5 shall accept requests from the Department of Parks and Tourism to create and  
6 issue special license plates under this subchapter.

7 (2) The Department of Parks and Tourism shall submit with a  
8 request for a special license plate a proposed design for the approval of the  
9 director.

10 (b) When considering a request from the Department of Parks and  
11 Tourism for a special license plate, the director shall consider the  
12 following factors:

13 (1) The administrative cost to the Department of Finance and  
14 Administration for issuance of a Department of Parks and Tourism special  
15 license plate; and

16 (2) The estimated demand for the special license plate requested  
17 by the Department of Parks and Tourism.

18 (c)(1) If a request submitted under subsection (a) of this section is  
19 approved, the director shall determine:

20 (A) The fee for the cost of initial orders of new designs  
21 for special license plates that shall be based on the cost of initial orders  
22 of new designs for special license plates;

23 (B) The number of applications that must be received to  
24 cover the cost of the initial orders of new designs for special license  
25 plates; or

26 (C) The combination of subdivisions (c)(1)(A) and (B) of  
27 this section that must be received to cover the cost of the initial orders of  
28 new designs for special license plates.

29 (2)(A) The fee remitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section  
30 shall be:

31 (i) Deposited into the State Central Services Fund  
32 for the benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and  
33 Administration; and

34 (ii) Credited as supplemental and in addition to all  
35 other funds that may be deposited for the benefit of the division.

36 (B) The fee remitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this

1 section shall not be considered or credited to the division as direct  
2 revenue.

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4 27-24-1603. Issuance – Renewal – Replacement.

5 (a) A person who owns a motor vehicle and who is a resident of the  
6 state may apply for and renew annually a special license plate under this  
7 subchapter.

8 (b) An applicant shall remit the following fees to obtain a special  
9 license plate issued under this subchapter for use on a motor vehicle:

10 (1) The fee required by law for the registration and licensing  
11 of the motor vehicle;

12 (2)(A) A fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover  
13 the design-use contribution by the Department of Parks and Tourism or to  
14 cover contributions for fundraising purposes.

15 (B) The fee remitted under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this  
16 section shall be deposited into a cash fund to be used by the Department of  
17 Parks and Tourism for the following purposes:

18 (i) Sponsoring college scholarships related to the  
19 field of conservation; and

20 (ii) Providing conservation education programs; and

21 (3)(A) A handling and administrative fee in the amount of ten  
22 dollars (\$10.00).

23 (B) The fee remitted under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this  
24 section shall be:

25 (i) Deposited into the State Central Services Fund  
26 for the benefit of the Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and  
27 Administration; and

28 (ii) Credited as supplemental and in addition to all  
29 other funds as may be deposited for the benefit of the division.

30 (C) The fee remitted under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this  
31 section shall not be considered or credited to the division as direct  
32 revenue.

33 (c) To renew a special license plate issued under this subchapter, the  
34 owner of the motor vehicle shall remit the fees stated in subsection (b) of  
35 this section.

36 (d) To replace a special license plate issued under this subchapter

1 the owner of the motor vehicle shall remit:

2 (1) The fee stated in subdivision (b)(3) of this section if the  
3 registration has not expired; or

4 (2) The fees stated in subsection (b) of this section if the  
5 registration has expired.

6 (e) The registration of a special license plate under this subchapter  
7 may:

8 (1) Continue from year to year if it is renewed each year within  
9 the time and manner required by law; and

10 (2) Be renewed as provided in § 27-14-1012.

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