



**State of Arkansas  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Fiscal Impact Statement**

**Bill: HB1654**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF THE MID SOUTH; AND TO ADDRESS THE INVENTORY OF THE MID-SOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.**

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**Sponsors:**

**Rep. Tosh and McGruder**

**Sen. Wallace**

**Basic Change:**

HB1654 creates a new special license plate for the Make-a-Wish Foundation of the Mid South. The plate will be designed by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in consultation with the Make-a-Wish Foundation of the Mid South.

Fees for issuance and renewal of the special license plate are the regular registration fee, a \$10.00 administrative fee to be deposited to the State Central Services Fund for the benefit of the Revenue Division of DFA, and a \$30.00 design-use contribution fee to be remitted monthly to Make-a-Wish Foundation of the Mid South.

HB1654 deems repealed the Mid-South Community College education special license plate. HB1654 directs DFA to make the Mid-South Community College education special license plate available for issuance and renewal until the existing supply is exhausted.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The cost for the design and inventory setup of the Make-A-Wish of the Mid South plate is estimated at \$20,000. Unknown increase in the State Central Services fund depending on how many plates are issued.

**Taxpayer Impact:**

This bill will allow for the purchase of a special license plate that supports and promotes the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid South.

**Resources Required:**

The Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) Driver Services/Motor Vehicle (DSMV) will need to be modified at project cost of \$11,000.

**Time Required:**

An implementation date of January 1, 2026, is requested.

**Procedural Changes:**

Updates will be required to the Motor Vehicle manual and the DFA website. Training and review



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sessions will be conducted for State Revenue Office employees and Office of Driver Services and Office of Motor Vehicle staff. Notification will also be provided to the taxpayer community.

**Other Comments:**

None.

**Legal Analysis:**

None.