



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

Bill: HB1770

Bill Subtitle: TO ESTABLISH THE PREGNANCY PARKING ACT; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PARKING FOR A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY SPECIAL CERTIFICATE TO PREGNANT WOMEN.

Sponsors:

Rep. Pilkington

Sens. Irvin and Davis

Basic Change:

HB1770 creates the "Pregnancy Parking Act" which would allow a pregnant woman to obtain a temporary special parking certificate from the Office of Motor Vehicle of the Department of Finance and Administration (OMV). The certificate would provide parking privileges under the same law that governs parking certificates for individuals with a temporary disability. The certificate would remain valid for one year following the date of childbirth.

OMV would be required to:

- Develop an appropriate form, including a provision for a sworn statement of pregnancy;
- Distribute a copy of the Pregnancy Parking Act to law enforcement agencies;
- Adopt procedures to advise and inform the general public of the availability of the temporary special certificates;
- Maintain accurate records of the annual number of temporary special certificates issued and remaining in inventory;
- Enter into the permanent record of each applicant the temporary special certificate number and type of allowable disability; and
- Include a notice with each application informing the applicant of the law regarding parking in a space reserved for persons with disabilities.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

A pregnant woman would be eligible to obtain a temporary special parking certificate. The certificate will remain valid for one year following the date of childbirth.

Resources Required:

The Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) will need to be modified with a project cost of \$32,000.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.



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Procedural Changes:

Updates will be required to the Office of Motor Vehicle (OMV) manual and the Department of Finance and Administration website. Training and Review sessions will be conducted for State Revenue Office, Office of Drivers Services, and Office of Motor Vehicle employees and staff.

Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

HB1770 may benefit from an amendment to remove "and promulgate rules" from page 2, line 9. HB1770 also permits DFA to promulgate rules if necessary on page 2, lines 25-26.

HB1770 may benefit from an amendment to clarify the time of expiration of the parking certificate, as the date must be determined when the parking certificate is issued.