



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

Bill: HB1798

Bill Subtitle: TO ESTABLISH A GREEN ENVELOPE PROGRAM.

Sponsor:

Rep. Nazarenko

Basic Change:

HB1798 creates the Green Envelope Program which is aimed at improving communication between law enforcement and individuals diagnosed with a mental illness during motor vehicle-related interactions. HB1798 requires the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to develop and provide specially designed green envelopes that will:

- Identify the driver as an individual who has been diagnosed with a mental illness;
- Contain the driver's essential documents, including their driver's license, vehicle registration, and contact card; and
- Display communication guidelines on its exterior that will assist law enforcement in interacting with the driver.

An individual with a diagnosed mental illness may request a green envelope from a Revenue Office on or after January 1, 2026.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Taxpayer Impact:

An individual diagnosed with mental illness can request DFA provide a green envelope that will hold his or her essential driver's documentation to aid in the person's communication with law enforcement in the event of a motor vehicle-related interaction.

Resources Required:

The Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) Driver Service/Motor Vehicle will need to be modified at a project cost of \$10,000. DFA will order an initial supply of envelopes at an estimated cost of \$735.00.

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

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



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Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

HB1798 may benefit from an amendment to add a definition for "mental illness" to establish qualifying illnesses for the green envelope program.

HB1798 may also benefit from clarification as to what, if any, documentation an individual must present to DFA to obtain a green envelope.