



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

Bill: SB45

Bill Subtitle: TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE WOMEN VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE; AND TO REPEAL THE PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR LICENSE PLATE.

Sponsors:

Sen. Wallace

Basic Change:

SB45 amends the Special License Plate Act, Acts 2005, No. 2202, to allow a new special license plate to be created for Women Veterans.

A woman veteran of the United States Armed Forces may apply for the special license plate by providing her driver's license or identification card and her DD form 214. The Armed Forces include:

- United States Army;
- United States Navy;
- United States Air Force;
- United States Marine Corps;
- United States Space Force; and
- United States Coast Guard.

The plate will be designed by the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Program (VA). Fees for issuance of the special license plate are the regular registration fee and a \$15.00 design-use contribution. The design-use fees are to be remitted to the VA on a monthly basis to be used as follows:

- Until the expenses of the plate are recovered, \$10.00 towards repayment of the expenses incurred in creation of the plate and \$5.00 to fund and support educational programs and conferences of the VA Women Veterans Program; and
- After the expenses of the plate are recovered, \$15.00 to fund and support educational programs and conferences of the VA Women Veterans Program.

The special license plate may be renewed each year for a fee of no more than \$1.00. SB45 additionally repeals the Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate.

SB45 is effective on and after October 1, 2025.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost for the design and inventory setup of the Women Veterans plate is estimated at \$20,000.

Taxpayer Impact:

A woman veteran would be eligible to purchase a special license plate that supports and promotes the Department of Veterans Affairs Women Veterans Program.



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Resources Required:

Programming changes to the Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) for the Driver Services/Motor Vehicle system (DSMV) will need to be made with a cost estimate of \$5,000

Time Required:

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

Procedural Changes:

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