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HB 2131: congenital heart defect special plates. Sponsor: Representative Carroll, LD 22 Caucus & COW

Overview

Establishes the Congenital Heart Defect Special Plate and Fund.

<u>History</u>

Pursuant to <u>A.R.S. § 28-2351</u>, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is required to provide every vehicle owner one license plate for every vehicle registered upon application and on payment of prescribed fees. In accordance with <u>A.R.S. § 28-2403</u>, special plates may be issued by ADOT in lieu of the regular license plate, upon application. An initial and annual renewal fee of \$25 is required for the special plate in addition to the vehicle registration fees, with outlined exceptions (<u>A.R.S. § 28-2402</u>). Of the \$25 special plate fee, \$8 is an administrative fee and \$17 is an annual donation to a specified organization.

Special plates are established through statutory authority and require a standard \$32,000 implementation fee from an organization. Currently, there are <u>65 special plate types</u>.

Provisions

- 1. Directs ADOT to issue a Congenital Heart Defect Special Plates if, by December 31, 2021, a person pays \$32,000 for implementation. (Sec. 3)
- 2. Requires the person that provides the \$32,000 to design the special plate, subject to approval by ADOT. (Sec. 3)
- 3. Allows ADOT to combine requests for the special plate and a personalized plate, in a form prescribed by ADOT and subject to fees for both plates. (Sec. 3)
- 4. Establishes the Congenital Heart Defect Special Plate Fund (Fund), to be administered by ADOT. (Sec. 6)
- 5. Requires that, of the \$25 fee required to obtain and renew a special plate, \$8 is an administrative fee and \$17 is an annual donation. (Sec. 3)
- 6. Requires that the \$8 administration fee be deposited into the State Highway Fund and the \$17 annual donation be deposited into the Fund. (Sec. 3)
- 7. Requires that the first \$32,000 in the Fund be reimbursed to the person who paid the implementation fee. (Sec. 6)
- 8. Requires that no more than 10% of the monies annually deposited in the Fund be used to administer the Fund. (Sec. 6)
- 9. States that monies in the Fund are continuously appropriated and exempt from lapsing. (Sec. 6)

□ Prop 105 (45 votes) □ Prop 108 (40 votes) □ Emergency (40 votes) □ Fiscal Note

- 10. Requires ADOT to annually allocate monies from the Fund, excluding administrative fees, to a hospital's foundation that:
 - a) Is headquartered in Arizona; and
 - b) Supports a hospital that has been operating in Arizona for at least 37 years, that has a primary focus of pediatric patient care and that has a heart center. (Sec. 6)
- 11. Requires monies allocated from the Fund to be used only for congenital heart defect research, treatment and community education and outreach. (Sec. 6)
- 12. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1-2, 4-5)