



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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AMENDED
FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1316

sorority and fraternity special plates

Purpose

Establishes sorority and fraternity special plates and the Sorority and Fraternity Special Plate Fund (Fund).

Background

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Motor Vehicle Division provides one license plate to every motor vehicle owner for each vehicle registered ([A.R.S. § 28-2351](#)). ADOT is required to issue or renew special plates in lieu of regular license plates under specified conditions and procedures ([A.R.S. § 28-2403](#)). The fee for obtaining or renewing a special plate is \$25 ([A.R.S. § 28-2402](#)). Of the \$25 fee, \$8 is an administration fee that ADOT deposits in the State Highway Fund (SHF) and \$17 is a donation.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires ADOT to issue a sorority and fraternity special plate if, by December 31, 2024, an entity pays the \$32,000 implementation fee.
2. Requires the entity that pays the \$32,000 implementation fee to design a special plate for the sorority or fraternity that is different than designs for other sorority or fraternity special plates.
3. Subjects the design and color of the sorority and fraternity special plates to the approval of ADOT.
4. Allows the Director of ADOT (Director) to combine a request for a sorority and fraternity special plate with a request for a personalized special plate.
5. Specifies that a combined request must be submitted in a form prescribed by the Director and is subject to the fees for both the sorority and fraternity special plate and personalized special plate.
6. Specifies that, of the \$25 fee required to obtain or renew a sorority and fraternity special plate, \$8 is an administration fee and \$17 is an annual donation.
7. Establishes the Fund which is to be administered by the Director.
8. Requires ADOT to deposit all special plate administration fees in the SHF and transmit sorority and fraternity special plate donations to the Fund.

9. Requires the Director to annually allocate Fund monies to the entity that paid the implementation fee.
10. Requires the entity to have been founded in 2018 and have a mission to:
 - a) foster cooperative actions of its members in dealing with matters of mutual concern;
 - b) promote the wellbeing of its affiliate sororities and fraternities;
 - c) facilitate the establishment and development of local councils;
 - d) provide leadership training for its constituents; and
 - e) educate citizens and communities in Arizona in the interest of the general public through community education, literature and broadcast information with respect to:
 - i. government issues about methodologies and strategies to improve, maintain and promote the needs and knowledge of Arizona residents; and
 - ii. economic development, public safety and access to educational opportunities so that Arizona residents can serve for the protection, conservation and preservation of their human and natural environment in and around the state.
11. Requires, on notice from the Director, the State Treasurer to invest and divest Fund monies and credit monies earned to the Fund.
12. Specifies that Fund monies are continuously appropriated.
13. Makes technical and conforming changes.
14. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

1. Renames the sorority and fraternity special plate and the Sorority and Fund as the divine nine special plate and Divine Nine Special Plate Fund.
2. Requires the entity to design the divine nine special plate, rather than a special plate for a sorority or fraternity that is different from designs for other sorority or fraternity special plates.
3. Allows the name of member sororities and fraternities to be displayed along the bottom of the special plate.
4. Makes conforming changes.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- The committee amendment was withdrawn.

Senate Action

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