



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
**Fifty-First Legislature, First Regular Session**

**FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2217**

extraordinary educators special plate

Purpose

Creates an Extraordinary Educators special plate and its respective fund in statute.

Background

The Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) provides one license plate to every motor vehicle owner for each vehicle registered (A.R.S. § 28-2351). Vehicle license plates display both the name of the state, as well as a number assigned to the vehicle and the owner. License plates must be clearly visible and displayed on the rear of the vehicle (A.R.S. § 28-2354).

In addition to regular Arizona vehicle license plates, MVD issues special license plates for a variety of causes and organizations. The cost to issue a new special plate is \$32,000. Currently, 53 different special license plates are available to the public. Several of the plates are limited to those that meet certain qualifications.

The fee for obtaining or renewing a special license plate is \$25 (A.R.S. § 28-2402). From the \$25 fee, typically, \$8 is an administration fee that ADOT deposits in the State Highway Fund (SHF) and \$17 is considered a donation to the respective organization or charitable fund.

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

Provisions

1. Creates an Extraordinary Educators special plate if \$32,000 is paid for its implementation to ADOT by December 31, 2016.
2. Requires the entity that provides the \$32,000 implementation fee to design the Extraordinary Educators special plate, subject to ADOT approval.
3. Establishes the Extraordinary Educators Special Plate Fund (Fund) to be administered by the ADOT Director. Monies in the Fund are continuously appropriated. Not more than five percent of the monies deposited in the Fund are to be used for the cost of administration.
4. Specifies that of the \$25 fee required for the original Extraordinary Educators special plate and subsequent renewals, \$8 is an administration fee and \$17 is an annual donation. ADOT

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is required to deposit all administration fees into the SHF and all annual donations into the Fund.

5. Requires the ADOT Director to annually allocate all monies from the Fund, minus administrative expenses, to the entity that provided the implementation fee.
6. Requires the entity receiving monies from the Fund to establish a process, including working with county school superintendents, to distribute the monies to public educators who propose extraordinary activities, projects or lessons for students in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight.
7. Allows the ADOT Director to combine a request for an extraordinary educators plate with a request for a personalized special plate. If the ADOT Director allows the combination, the request is subject to the additional fees for personalized special plates.
8. Requires the State Treasurer, on the notice of the ADOT Director, to invest and divest monies in the extraordinary educators fund. Monies earned from investments must be credited to the Fund.
9. Makes technical and conforming changes.
10. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

**House Action**

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