



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1343

girls' youth organization special plates

Purpose

Creates a Girls' Youth Organization special plate and its respective fund in statute. Defines the organization that is eligible to receive donations from sales of the plate.

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 a Girls' Youth Organization special plate (GYO plate) if \$32,000 is paid for its implementation to ADOT by December 31, 2013.
2. Requires the entity that provides the \$32,000 implementation fee to design the GYO plate, subject to ADOT approval. The entity must be a qualified 501 (c)(3) incorporated nonprofit corporation that provides a program for young girls that builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The incorporated nonprofit corporation must have been in existence for at least one century and must help girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together. Further specifies requirements the program must meet.

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3. Establishes the Girls' Youth Organization Special Plate Fund (GYO Fund) to be administered by the ADOT Director. Monies in the GYO Fund are continuously appropriated.
4. Specifies that of the \$25 fee required for the original GYO plate and subsequent renewals, \$8 is an administration fee and \$17 is an annual donation. ADOT is required to deposit all administration fees into the SHF and all annual donations into the GYO Fund.
5. Requires the ADOT Director to annually allocate all monies from the GYO Fund to the qualified 501 (c)(3) incorporated nonprofit corporation that paid the plate implementation fee.
6. Allows the ADOT Director to combine a request for a GYO 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.
7. Requires the State Treasurer, on the notice of the ADOT Director, to invest and divest monies in the GYO Fund. Monies earned from investments must be credited to the GYO Fund.
8. Makes technical and conforming changes.
9. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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