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## **HB 2883: empowering charitable organizations special plates**

**Sponsor: Representative Cano, LD 3**

**House Engrossed**

### **Overview**

Establishes the Empowering Charitable Organizations Special Plate and Fund.

### **History**

Pursuant to [A.R.S. § 28-2351](#), 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 [A.R.S. § 28-2403](#), 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 ([A.R.S. § 28-2402](#)). 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.

### **Provisions**

1. Instructs ADOT to issue an Empowering Charitable Organizations Special Plate, if by December 31, 2021, a person pays \$32,000 for implementation. (Sec. 3)
2. Requires the person that provides the implementation fee to design the special plate, subject to approval by ADOT. (Sec. 3)
3. Allows ADOT to combine request for the special plate and a personalized special plate, in a form prescribed by ADOT and subject to fees for both plates. (Sec. 3)
4. Establishes the Empowering Charitable Organizations Special Plate Fund (Fund), administered by ADOT. (Sec. 3)
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 administrative 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. 3)
8. Requires no more than 10% of the monies annually deposited in the Fund be used to administer the Fund. (Sec. 3)
9. Stipulates that monies in the Fund are continuously appropriated. (Sec. 3)
10. Requires ADOT to annually allocate monies from the Fund, excluding administrative fees, to a non profit that must:

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- a) Be headquartered in Arizona;
  - b) Have a mission to improve lives in the greater Tucson community by empowering charitable organizations with resources to carry out their missions of assisting veterans and active-duty military members who are based in the southern part of Arizona. (Sec. 3)
11. Stipulates that monies in the Fund are exempt from lapsing. (Sec. 3)
12. Requires the State Treasurer, on notice of ADOT, to invest and divest money in the Fund.
- a) Requires monies earned from investments to be credited to the Fund. (Sec. 3)
13. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1, 2, 4-6)