

HB 1641 -- AMERICAN RED CROSS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

SPONSOR: Pollock

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill allows a person to obtain a Missouri Chapter American Red Cross specialty personalized license plate for any vehicle except an apportioned motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle in excess of 18,000 pounds gross weight.

To obtain the plate, a person must pay a \$25 emblem-use contribution to the American Red Cross Trust Fund, submit an application to the Director of the Department of Revenue accompanied by an emblem-use authorization statement, and pay an additional \$25 fee. Any person who was previously issued a Red Cross plate and who does not provide an emblem-use authorization statement at a subsequent time of registration will be issued a new plate which does not bear the foundation's emblem.

Prior to the issuance of the specialty plate, a list of at least 200 potential applicants for the plate, the proposed design of the plate, and an application fee not to exceed \$5,000 must be submitted to the department.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Red Cross is always there to support us in times of disaster and this is a way to show our support for the American Red Cross.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pollock; Dave Griffith, American Red Cross; and American Red Cross - Missouri Chapter.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say there is now a standard form of special licence plate legislation.

Testifying on the bill was Department of Revenue.