

REFERENCE TITLE: **beekeepers special plates; deadline extension**

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# **HB 2188**

Introduced by  
Representatives Longdon: Pawlik

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING SECTION 28-2470.17, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SPECIAL PLATES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-2470.17, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 to read:

4 28-2470.17. Arizona beekeepers special plates; fund

5 A. If, by December 31, ~~2022~~ 2024, a person pays \$32,000 to the  
6 department for the implementation of this section, the department shall  
7 issue Arizona beekeepers special plates. The person that provides the  
8 \$32,000 shall design the Arizona beekeepers special plates. The design  
9 and color of the Arizona beekeepers special plates are subject to the  
10 approval of the department. The director may allow a request for Arizona  
11 beekeepers special plates to be combined with a request for personalized  
12 special plates. If the director allows such a combination, the request  
13 shall be in a form prescribed by the director and is subject to the fees  
14 for the personalized special plates in addition to the fees required for  
15 the Arizona beekeepers special plates.

16 B. Of the \$25 fee required by section 28-2402 for the original  
17 special plates and for renewal of special plates, \$8 is a special plate  
18 administration fee and \$17 is an annual donation.

19 C. The department shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and  
20 35-147, all special plate administration fees in the state highway fund  
21 established by section 28-6991 and all donations collected pursuant to  
22 this section in the Arizona beekeepers special plate fund established by  
23 this section.

24 D. The Arizona beekeepers special plate fund is established  
25 consisting of monies deposited pursuant to this section. The director  
26 shall administer the fund. The first \$32,000 in the fund shall be  
27 reimbursed to the person that paid the implementation fee to the  
28 department pursuant to subsection A of this section. Not more than ten  
29 percent of monies deposited in the fund annually shall be used for the  
30 cost of administering the fund. Monies in the fund are continuously  
31 appropriated.

32 E. The director shall annually allocate monies from the fund to an  
33 entity that is a charitable organization that is qualified under section  
34 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code for federal income  
35 tax purposes. The entity must:

- 36 1. Be located in this state.
- 37 2. Have been in existence since 2017.
- 38 3. Have a mission to teach and encourage better methods among  
39 beekeepers in this state, to promote cooperation and sharing, to reach a  
40 common understanding regarding beekeeper problems and solutions and to  
41 stimulate the interest of the general public in the advantages and  
42 benefits of beekeeping.
- 43 4. Encourage the study of and research in apiculture with an  
44 emphasis on better methodology, increased production, public safety and  
45 improved marketing.

1           5. Participate in outreach activities, including special events and  
2 visits to schools, to teach and inform the general public about honeybees  
3 and the beekeeping industry.

4           Sec. 2. Retroactivity

5           This act applies retroactively to from and after December 30, 2022.