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Effective date: *

ACT SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of a license plate bearing identifying words or markings representing Future Farmers of America (FFA), and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution in the amount of \$15 for each application for registration or renewal that involves FFA license plates.
- Requires the contributions to be deposited into the Future Farmers of America License Plate Fund to be used by the FFA Foundation for educational and scholarship purposes of the Foundation.

* *The Legislative Service Commission had not received formal notification of the effective date at the time this analysis was prepared.*

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Future Farmers of America license plates

(sec. 4503.50)

Under the act, the owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may apply to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of Future Farmers of America license plates (see **COMMENT 1**). The application for the license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate (also commonly known as "vanity plates") provided in continuing law. Upon receipt of the completed application and payment of the applicable taxes and fees as explained below, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of Future Farmers of America license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone once the person already has FFA plates. (See **COMMENT 2**.)

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, FFA license plates must be inscribed with identifying words or markings representing the FFA and approved by the Registrar. The license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

Future Farmers of America license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of a contribution of \$15 that is deposited in the Future Farmers of America License Plate Fund, payment of the regular state and local taxes and fees prescribed in continuing law, a fee of \$10 for the purpose of compensating the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of FFA license plates, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for FFA license plates is combined with a request for a vanity plate, the applicant also must pay the additional fee specified for those plates.

The Registrar must transmit the \$15 contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the Future Farmers of America License Plate Fund, which the act creates. The Registrar also is required to deposit in the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund the additional \$10 fee that the applicant for registration pays for the purpose of compensating the Bureau.

Future Farmers of America License Plate Fund

(sec. 4501.40)

The act creates the Future Farmers of America License Plate Fund in the state treasury. The Fund consists of the contributions that are paid to the Registrar by applicants who choose to obtain FFA license plates. The contributions deposited in the Fund are paid to the Future Farmers of America Foundation, which must deposit the contributions into its general account to be used for educational and scholarship purposes of the Foundation. All investment earnings of the Fund are retained by the Fund.

COMMENT

1. Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a national organization fostering careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture. Members are students from high school age to age 21. The Ohio FFA Association has approximately 21,000 members. The Ohio FFA Foundation is a charitable organization raising funds for FFA awards, scholarships, and programs.

2. Under the motor vehicle licensing law (Chapter 4503.), the Registrar is not required to implement legislation creating a nonstandard special license plate if he receives fewer than 1,000 statements indicating intent to obtain the plate. Also, a special license plate may be terminated if fewer than 1,000 plates of that type are sold annually.

HISTORY

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