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*Bill Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

## **H.B. 47**

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(As Introduced)

**Reps. Patton, Allen, Jones, Healy, Sullivan**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Authorizes the issuance of Children's Trust license plates.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed \$40 as determined by the Children's Trust Fund Board for each registration or registration renewal for a motor vehicle with Children's Trust license plates.
- Requires the contributions collected from persons who are issued the license plates to be deposited into the existing state Children's Trust Fund.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill authorizes the owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to apply to the Registrar for the vehicle's registration and the issuance of Children's Trust license plates. The application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate. Upon receipt of a completed application and compliance with the bill's requirements (see below), the Registrar must issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of Children's Trust license plates with a validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when required by current law.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, the Registrar must ensure that Children's Trust license plates are inscribed with identifying words or markings designed by the Children's Trust Fund Board and approved by the Registrar. Children's Trust license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.74(A).)

The Registrar must issue Children's Trust license plates and a validation sticker upon receipt of a contribution (see below), receipt of payment of the regular license fees, receipt of a fee of \$10 for the purpose of compensating the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for additional services required in issuing the Children's Trust license plates, receipt of any applicable local motor vehicle tax, and receipt of proof satisfactory to the Registrar of compliance by the owner or lessee with all other laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for Children's Trust license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, the Registrar must issue the license plates and a validation sticker upon receipt of payment by the owner or lessee of the contribution, fees, and taxes specified above and the special fee prescribed by existing law for special reserved license plates. (Sec. 4503.74(B).)

For each application for registration and registration renewal that the Registrar receives under the bill, the Registrar must collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed \$40 as determined by the Children's Trust Fund Board. The Registrar is required to transmit this contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the existing Children's Trust Fund. The fee to compensate the Bureau must be deposited in the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. (Sec. 4503.09(C).)

The Children's Trust license plate program is subject to existing law providing that the Registrar is not required to implement any legislation that creates a special license plate and provides for its issuance until the Registrar receives written statements from not less than 1,000 persons indicating they intend to apply for and obtain the license plates for their motor vehicles. The program also is subject to the termination and re-establishment provisions of existing law if the number of vehicle registrations involving the Children's Trust license plate falls below 1,000. (Secs. 4503.77 and 4503.78, not in the bill.)

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**COMMENT**

Moneys in the Children's Trust Fund are used to administer child abuse and child neglect prevention programs.

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**HISTORY**

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