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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires an applicant for the registration of a motor vehicle, and an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a driver's license, to provide a description of the proof of financial responsibility maintained by the applicant or on the applicant's behalf.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Providing a description of the proof of financial responsibility maintained

Motor vehicle registration

(sec. 4503.20(G))

Current law requires that an application for the registration of a motor vehicle contain a statement, to be signed by the applicant, that states that the applicant maintains, or has maintained on the applicant's behalf, proof of financial responsibility at the time of application, and will not operate a motor vehicle in this state unless the applicant maintains, with respect to that motor vehicle or the operation of such vehicle, proof of financial responsibility. The bill requires the applicant for the registration of a motor vehicle to provide, in a manner prescribed by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, a description of the proof of financial responsibility maintained by the applicant, or on the applicant's behalf, with respect to that motor vehicle or the operation of such vehicle.

The bill requires that the description provided to the Registrar or to a deputy registrar in connection with the registration of a motor vehicle do all of the following: (1) identify the form of the proof of financial responsibility maintained, (2) identify the insurer providing insurance, if the form of the proof of financial responsibility maintained by the applicant is a policy of liability insurance, and provide the policy number for the policy, (3) state the effective and expiration

dates of the coverage provided by the financial responsibility maintained, and (4) provide any other information the Registrar considers necessary in order for the Registrar to obtain an accurate description of the proof of financial responsibility maintained.

Driver's license application or renewal

(sec. 4507.212(F))

Current law also requires that an application for a driver's license or the renewal of a driver's license ("driver's license" including, for this purpose, a commercial driver's, restricted, or probationary license) contain a statement, to be signed by the applicant, that states that the applicant maintains, or has maintained on the applicant's behalf, proof of financial responsibility at the time of application, and will not operate a motor vehicle in this state unless the applicant maintains, or has maintained on the applicant's behalf, proof of financial responsibility. The bill requires the applicant for a driver's license or the renewal of a driver's license to provide, in a manner prescribed by the Registrar, a description of the proof of financial responsibility maintained by the applicant, or on the applicant's behalf, with respect to the applicant's operation of a motor vehicle.

The bill requires the description provided in connection with an application for a driver's license to do all of the same things that the bill requires of a description provided in connection with an application for the registration of a motor vehicle (*see above*).

Definition of "proof of financial responsibility"

(secs. 4503.20(A) and 4507.212(A))

The bill defines "proof of financial responsibility" in both sections amended by the bill, sections 4503.20 and 4507.212 of the Revised Code, as having the same meaning as in section 4509.101 of the Financial Responsibility Law:

[P]roof of ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of such proof, arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle in the amount of twelve thousand five hundred dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars because of bodily injury to or death of

two or more persons in any one accident, and in the amount of seven thousand five hundred dollars because of injury to property of others in any one accident.

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