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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules specifying procedures for reporting information from applications for temporary license placards and windshield stickers to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles so that the information is entered into the Bureau's records and is available to law enforcement agencies not later than four days after the date on which a temporary license placard or windshield sticker is issued.
- Requires temporary license placards to bear a distinctive combination of six letters, numerals, or letters and numerals, and to incorporate a security feature that, to the greatest degree possible, prevents tampering with the information entered upon a placard.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Temporary license placards, current law

Under current law, a purchaser of a motor vehicle, upon application and proof of purchase of the vehicle, may be issued a temporary license placard or windshield sticker for the motor vehicle. The purchaser must execute an affidavit that the person has not been issued previously during the current registration year a license plate registration that could legally be transferred to the vehicle. Such a placard or windshield sticker is issued only for the applicant's use of the vehicle to enable the applicant to legally operate the motor vehicle while proper title and license plate registration are being obtained and cannot be displayed on any other motor vehicle. Temporary windshield placards or windshield stickers are valid for a period of 30 days from date of issuance and are not transferable or renewable. The fee for each placard or windshield sticker is \$2 plus a fee of \$2.25 when a deputy registrar issues a placard. (R.C. 4503.182(A).)

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles may issue temporary license placards to motorized bicycle dealers or licensed motor vehicle dealers for issuance to purchasers for use on vehicles the dealer sells, in accordance with rules of the Registrar. The dealer must notify the Registrar within 48 hours of proof of issuance on a form prescribed by the Registrar. The fee for each placard the Registrar issues to a motor vehicle dealer is \$2 plus a fee of \$2.25. (R.C. 4503.182(B).)

The Registrar has adopted rules specifying the procedures for reporting the information from applications for temporary license placards or windshield stickers and for providing the information from these applications to law enforcement agencies (R.C. 4503.182(D)).

Changes made by the bill

The bill clarifies that a temporary license placard or windshield sticker is issued only for the applicant's use of the vehicle to enable the applicant to legally operate the motor vehicle while proper title, license plates, and a certificate of registration are being obtained and cannot be displayed on any other motor vehicle (R.C. 4503.182(A)). The bill requires a motorized bicycle dealer or licensed motor vehicle dealer who issues a temporary license placard to notify the Registrar within 48 hours of proof of issuance on a form the Registrar prescribes (existing law) or *in any other manner the Registrar prescribes* (added by bill) (R.C. 4503.182(B)).

The bill requires the Registrar, not later than six months after the bill's effective date, to adopt rules specifying the procedures for reporting the information from applications for temporary license placards and windshield stickers to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles so that the information from these applications is entered into the records of the Bureau and is available to law enforcement agencies not later than four days after the date on which a temporary license placard or windshield sticker is issued. The Registrar must take any measures necessary and proper in order to implement this requirement, including using computers to facilitate the electronic transfer of the information (R.C. 4503.182(D)).

Under the bill, temporary license placards must bear a distinctive combination of six letters, numerals, or letters and numerals and must incorporate a security feature that, to the greatest degree possible, prevents tampering with any of the information that is entered upon a placard when it is issued (R.C. 4503.182(E)).

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