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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of Ohio Lions license plates.
- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to collect a contribution of \$15 for each registration or renewal of Ohio Lions license plates.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Ohio Lions" license plates

The bill permits 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 to apply to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of Ohio Lions license plates. The application for Ohio Lions license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate (often called "vanity plates" provided under existing law.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, Ohio Lions license plates must be inscribed with identifying words or markings designed by the organization known on the bill's effective date as "Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc.," and approved by the Registrar. Like other plates, Ohio Lions license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (R.C. 4503.73(A).)

Ohio Lions license plates and validation stickers (or validation stickers alone, if the applicant already has the plates) must be issued upon payment of the regular license tax, a fee of \$10 for the purpose of compensating the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) for additional services required in the issuing of Ohio Lions license plates, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, the contribution required by the bill, the extra fee for vanity plates (if applicable), and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. (R.C. 4503.73(B).)

For each application for registration or renewal, the Registrar must collect a contribution of \$15. The Registrar must transmit this contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the Ohio Lions License Plate Fund, which the bill creates in the state treasury. (R.C. 4503.73(C).)

The Registrar must deposit the additional \$10 fee charged to compensate the BMV for issuing the Ohio Lions license plates in the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (R.C. 4503.73(D)).

Ohio Lions License Plate Fund

All contributions deposited in the Ohio Lions License Plate Fund must be paid to the organization known on the bill's effective date as "Multiple District 13 - Ohio Lions, Inc." That organization must use the contributions to fund its humanitarian and philanthropic programs. All investment earnings of the Fund must be credited to the Fund. (R.C. 4503.73.)

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