



**S.B. 33**

123rd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Authorizes the issuance of a Ducks Unlimited license plate bearing identifying words or markings representing Ducks Unlimited, Inc., 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 and registration renewal that involves Ducks Unlimited license plates.
- Requires the contributions collected from persons who are issued the license plates to be deposited into the Ducks Unlimited License Plate Fund and used exclusively for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands and conserving wildlife habitat.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Ducks Unlimited license plates**

(sec. 4503.561)

Under the bill, 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 may apply to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of Ducks Unlimited license plates. The application for the license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate provided in current law. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with the requirements of the bill, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of Ducks Unlimited 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, Ducks Unlimited license plates must be inscribed with identifying words or markings representing Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and approved by the Registrar. The license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

The Ducks Unlimited license plates and validation sticker are issued upon receipt of a contribution of \$15 as provided in the bill and upon payment of the regular taxes and fees prescribed in current law, a fee of \$10 for the purpose of compensating the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of Ducks Unlimited license plates, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for Ducks Unlimited license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, the license plate and validation sticker must be issued upon payment of the contribution, fees, and taxes specified in the bill and the additional fee specified for special reserved license plates.

As noted, for each application for registration and registration renewal he receives under the bill, the Registrar is required to collect a contribution of \$15. The Registrar must transmit this contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the Ducks Unlimited License Plate Fund, which the bill creates.

The Registrar also is required to deposit in the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund the additional fee of \$10 that the applicant for registration pays for the purpose of compensating the Bureau for the additional services required in the issuing of the applicant's Ducks Unlimited license plates.

### **Ducks Unlimited License Plate Fund**

(sec. 4501.33)

The bill creates in the state treasury the Ducks Unlimited License Plate Fund, consisting of the contributions that are paid to the Registrar by applicants who choose to obtain Ducks Unlimited license plates. A contribution deposited in the Fund must be paid to the Ohio chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., which must deposit the contribution into a special bank account that it establishes. This special bank account must be separate and distinct from any other account maintained by the Ohio chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and must be used exclusively for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands and conserving wildlife habitat. Not later than January 15, 2000, and annually thereafter, the Ohio chapter of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., is required to notify the Registrar in writing of the name, address, and account to which payments are to be made under the bill.

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## HISTORY

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