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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates bearing identifying words or markings selected by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc., and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution in the amount of \$15 plus a \$10 processing fee for each application for registration and registration renewal that involves Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates.
- Requires the contributions collected from persons who are issued the license plates to be deposited into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame License Plate Fund, which the bill creates, and paid to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc.
- Permits the issuance of one additional variety of certain nonstandard license plates for every 20,000 new and renewal motor vehicle registrations during a calendar year involving the original nonstandard license plate and any of its additional varieties.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates

Under the bill, 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 may apply to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates. The application for

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 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 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 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, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates must be inscribed with identifying words or markings selected by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc., and approved by the Registrar. The license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.74(A).)

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates and a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone are issued upon receipt of an application for registration and a contribution of \$15 as provided in the bill (see below); payment of the regular license taxes prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, and a fee of \$10 for the purpose of compensating the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates; and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, the license plates and validation sticker or validation sticker alone must be issued upon payment of the contribution, fees, and taxes specified in the bill and the additional fee prescribed for special reserved license plates. (Sec. 4503.74(B) and (C).)

For each application for registration and registration renewal that the Registrar receives under the bill, the Registrar is required to collect a contribution of \$15 and transmit it to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame License Plate Fund, which the bill creates (see below). The Registrar also is required to deposit into the existing State Highway Safety Fund the additional fee of \$10 that the applicant pays for the purpose of compensating the Bureau for additional services required in the issuing of license plates under the bill. (Sec. 4503.74(C).)

The bill creates in the state treasury the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame License Plate Fund, consisting of the contributions that are paid to the Registrar by applicants who choose to obtain Rock and Roll Hall of Fame license plates. All investment earnings of the Fund must be credited to the Fund. All money in the Fund must be paid to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc. (Sec. 4501.34.)

Additional varieties of a nonstandard license plate

The bill provides that if, on and after the bill's effective date, the total number of motor vehicle registrations involving a particular type of nonstandard license plate that has a sponsor equals or exceeds 20,000 during a calendar year, including both new registrations and registration renewals, the Registrar must send a written notice to the sponsor informing the sponsor of that fact. The notice also must inform the sponsor that the sponsor is eligible to design and have available for issuance additional varieties of the sponsor's nonstandard license plate at the rate of one additional variety for every 20,000 new and renewal motor vehicle registrations during a calendar year. The Registrar must approve the design of every additional variety of a nonstandard license plate created and issued under the bill. Every additional variety of a nonstandard license plate of a sponsor must be issued in the same manner as the sponsor's original nonstandard license plate. The Bureau must issue all additional varieties of nonstandard license plates. (Sec. 4507.82(B) and (E).)

After an additional variety of a nonstandard license plate is created and issued, the total number of new and renewal motor vehicle registrations of the original nonstandard license plate and all varieties of that particular plate must be counted for purposes of determining whether the motor vehicle registration threshold established by the bill for the issuance of an additional variety of a nonstandard license plate has been met (sec. 4507.82(C)). The total number of new and renewal motor vehicle registrations of all varieties of a particular nonstandard license plate, including the original plate, also are to be counted for purposes of existing law governing the termination of certain nonstandard license plates (sec. 4507.82(D)). Under that statute, if, during any calendar year, the total number of new and renewal motor vehicle registrations involving a particular type of nonstandard license plate totals less than 1,000, the issuance of that plate may cease as of December 31 of the following year. The issuance of a nonstandard license plate whose issuance is so ended may be resumed if certain conditions are met. (Sec. 4503.77, not in the bill.)

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