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(As Introduced)

**Reps. Setzer, Carey, Young, DeWine, Barnes, Redfern, Allen, Carano, Coates,
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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of "Share the Road" license plates bearing identifying markings designed by the Ohio Bicycle Federation and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution in the amount of \$10 plus a \$10 processing fee for each application for registration and registration renewal that involves "Share the Road" license plates.
- Requires the contributions collected from persons who are issued the license plates to be deposited into the "Share the Road" License Plate Fund, which the bill creates, and paid to the Ohio Bicycle Federation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

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 "Share the Road" license plates. The application for "Share the Road" 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 "Share the Road" 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, "Share the Road" license plates must be inscribed with the words "Share the Road" and markings designed by the Ohio Bicycle Federation 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).)

"Share the Road" license plates and validation stickers are issued upon receipt of a contribution of \$10 as provided in the bill (see below); payment of the regular license tax 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 "Share the Road" license plates; and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for "Share the Road" license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, the license plates and validation sticker must be issued upon payment of the taxes, fees, and contribution 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 \$10 and transmit it to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the "Share the Road" License Plate Fund, which the bill creates (see below). The Registrar also is required to deposit into the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund the additional \$10 fee that the applicant pays for the purpose of compensating the Bureau for the additional services required in the issuing of license plates under the bill. (Sec. 4503.74(C).)

The bill creates in the state treasury the "Share the Road" License Plate Fund, consisting of the contributions that are paid to the Registrar by applicants who voluntarily choose to obtain "Share the Road" license plates. All investment earnings of the Fund must be credited to it. The contributions deposited in the Fund must be paid to the organization known on the bill's effective date as the Ohio Bicycle Federation, which is required to deposit the contributions into its education fund or other equivalent fund to pay the expenses that it incurs in sponsoring or holding educational programs to teach bicycle and traffic safety to Ohio's elementary school-age children. (Sec. 4501.34.)

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