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(As Reported by H. Transportation and Public Safety)

Reps. Redfern, Flannery, Key, Allen, Distel, Carano, Jones, Rhine, Seaver, Seitz, D. Miller, Strahorn, Coates, Lendrum, Perry, Ford, Damschroder, Schneider, Oakar, Patton

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates bearing identifying words or markings approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, which must include a picture of a walleye.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution of \$15 for each application for registration and registration renewal that involves "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates.
- Requires the contributions collected from persons who are issued the license plates to be deposited into the "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" License Plate Fund, which the bill creates, and paid to the Ohio Sea Grant College Program to be used for Lake Erie area research projects.

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 "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates. The application for "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plates 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 "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" 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, "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates must be inscribed with identifying

words or markings approved by the Registrar, which must include the phrase "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" and a picture of a walleye. "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates also must bear the usual county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.74(A).)

"Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates and a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone are issued upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle and a contribution of \$15 (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 (BMV) for additional services required in the issuing of "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates; and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles including the payment of the additional fee prescribed if the person wants special reserved 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 "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" License Plate Fund, which the bill creates (see below). The Registrar also is required to deposit into the existing Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund the additional \$10 administrative fee. (Sec. 4503.74(C).)

The bill creates in the state treasury the "Lake Erie-Walleye" License Plate Fund, consisting of the contributions for the "Lake Erie-Walleye Capital" license plates. All investment earnings of the Fund must be credited to the Fund. All moneys in the Fund must be paid to the Ohio Sea Grant College Program to be used for Lake Erie area research projects conducted at the Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island in Put-in-Bay harbor. (Sec. 4501.38.)

HISTORY

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