



H.B. 451

124th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Transportation & Public Safety)

**Reps. Fessler, Faber, Hughes, Schaffer, Setzer, Willamowski, Seaver,
R. Miller, Damschroder, Perry, Hagan**

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of Ohio Lions license plates bearing identifying words or markings approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution of \$15 for each application for registration and renewal of Ohio Lions license plates.
- Requires the contributions to be deposited into the Ohio Lions License Plate Fund, and paid to "Multiple District 13 – Ohio Lions, Inc." to fund its humanitarian and philanthropic programs.

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 issuance of Ohio Lions license plates. The application for these 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 register the vehicle and to issue a set of Ohio Lions 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, 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. Ohio Lions license plates must also bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.83(A).)

Ohio Lions license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of the regular license taxes prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, an administration 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, and a contribution of \$15 as provided in the bill (see below). If the application for Ohio Lions license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, payment of the additional fee prescribed for the special reserved plates is also required. (Sec. 4503.83(B).)

For each application for registration or renewal, the Registrar is required to collect a contribution of \$15 and transmit it to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the Ohio Lions License Plate Fund, which the bill creates in the state treasury. All investment earnings of the Fund must be credited to the Fund. The contributions deposited in the Fund must be paid to the organization "Multiple District 13 – Ohio Lions, Inc.," and that organization must use the contributions to fund its "humanitarian and philanthropic programs." (Sec. 4501.38.)

The Registrar also is required to deposit into the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund the additional \$10 administrative service fee required by the bill. (Sec. 4503.83(D).)

HISTORY

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