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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of National Rifle Association Foundation 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 registration renewal that involves National Rifle Association Foundation license plates.
- Requires the contributions collected from persons who are issued the license plates to be deposited into the National Rifle Association Foundation License Plate Fund, which the bill creates, and paid to the National Rifle Association Foundation to pay the costs of the educational activities and programs the Foundation holds or sponsors in this state.

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 National Rifle Association Foundation (NRAF) license plates. The application for NRAF license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate provided in current law. Upon compliance with the bill's requirements, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of NRAF 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, NRAF license plates must be inscribed with identifying words or markings

designed by the NRAF and approved by the Registrar. NRAF license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.541(A).)

NRAF license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of a \$15 contribution (see below), the regular license taxes prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, an additional Bureau of Motor Vehicles fee of \$10 (see below), and the applicant's compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for NRAF license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, the additional fee prescribed for special reserved plates must also be paid. (Sec. 4503.541(B).)

For each application for registration and 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 National Rifle Association Foundation License Plate Fund, which the bill creates in the state treasury. All money in the Fund must be paid to the NRAF, which must use the money to pay the costs of the educational activities and programs the Foundation holds or sponsors in this state. All investment earnings of the Fund must be credited to the Fund. (Sec. 4501.541.)

The additional \$10 fee is to compensate the BMV for additional services required in issuing NRAF license plates. The Registrar must deposit all these fees into the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. (Sec. 4503.541(C).)

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