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BILL SUMMARY

- Until January 1, 2005, authorizes the issuance of special license plates honoring the city of Worthington bicentennial and allows the renewal of such special license plates after that date.
- Until January 1, 2005, requires the Registrar to collect a \$15 contribution for each application for registration and registration renewal that involves Worthington bicentennial license plates and specifies that such license plate renewals processed after that date be processed without the contribution.
- Requires the contributions collected from people who are issued Worthington bicentennial license plates to be deposited into the Worthington Bicentennial License Plate Fund, which the bill creates, and paid to the city of Worthington to assist the city in paying bicentennial celebration expenses.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under the bill, the owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, 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 Worthington bicentennial license plates. The application for Worthington bicentennial 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 Worthington bicentennial license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by current law. However, the bill specifies that new sets of Worthington bicentennial license plates may be issued only until January 1, 2005. After that date, upon the annual renewal of the certificate of registration, a vehicle may continue to display

the license plates, but no new license plates may be issued. (Sec. 4503.573(A) and (E).)

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, Worthington bicentennial license plates must be inscribed with identifying words and a symbol or logo submitted by the mayor of Worthington and approved by the Registrar. The identifying words and symbol or logo must be related to the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of Worthington. Worthington bicentennial license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.573(A).)

Worthington bicentennial license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of a \$15 contribution (see below), the regular 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 is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, the additional fee prescribed for special reserved plates also must be paid. (Sec. 4503.573(B).)

Until January 1, 2005, the Registrar is required to collect a \$15 contribution for each application for registration and renewal received under the bill. The Registrar transmits the contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the Worthington Bicentennial License Plate Fund, which the bill creates in the state treasury. All money in the Fund must be paid to the city of Worthington to assist the city in paying the expenses it incurs in holding its bicentennial celebration. After January 1, 2005, the \$15 contribution no longer is collected and any application for registration renewal must be processed without payment of the contribution. Worthington bicentennial license plates may be renewed as long as the license plates remain serviceable. (Secs. 4501.701 and 4503.701(C).)

The additional \$10 fee is to compensate the BMV for additional services required in issuing Worthington bicentennial license plates. The Registrar must deposit this fee into the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. This administrative fee continues to be required for renewal of the plates even after January 1, 2005, when the \$15 contribution is no longer required. (Sec. 4503.701(D).)

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