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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of Ohio State Parks license plates bearing identifying words or markings approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed \$40, as determined by the Chief of the Division of Parks and Recreation, for each application for Ohio State Parks license plates.
- Requires the contributions to be deposited in the existing State Park Fund to be used to pay the costs of state park interpretive and educational programs and displays and the development of state park interpretive centers.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under the bill, the owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, noncommercial boat trailer, 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 Ohio State Parks license plates. The application for Ohio State Parks 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 Ohio State Parks license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by current law. (Sec. 4503.573(A).)

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, Ohio State Parks license plates must be inscribed with identifying words or

markings designed by the Division of Parks and Recreation of the Department of Natural Resources and approved by the Registrar. Ohio State Parks license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.573(A).)

Ohio State Parks license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of a contribution (see below), the regular taxes prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, any applicable additional special reserved license plate fee, 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. (Sec. 4503.573(B).)

For each application for registration and renewal that the Registrar receives under the bill, the Registrar is required to collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed \$40, as determined by the Chief of the Division of Parks and Recreation. The Registrar must transmit the contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the existing State Park Fund. This fund generally consists of moneys derived from rental and other fees for the use of lands, waters, facilities, and equipment operated by the Division; the Fund currently is used for operating and management expenses associated with those properties. The bill specifies that money in the Fund derived from the Ohio State Parks license plates must be used only to pay the costs of state park "interpretive and educational" programs and displays and the development and operation of state park "interpretive centers." (Secs. 1541.22 and 4503.573(C).)

The additional \$10 fee is to compensate the BMV for additional services required in issuing Ohio State Parks license plates. The Registrar must deposit this fee into the existing Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. (Sec. 4503.573(C).)

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