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(As Reported by H. Transportation & Public Safety)

Reps. Setzer, Redfern, Latta, Seitz, McGregor, Carano, Schaffer, Strahorn, Key, Allen, C. Evans, Perry, S. Patton, Reinhard, Schlichter

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of "Share the Road" license plates bearing markings designed by the nonprofit Ohio Bicycle Federation and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution of \$5 (plus a \$10 processing fee) for each "Share the Road" license plate application.
- Requires the "Share the Road" contributions to be used by the Department of Public Safety to publish a booklet on bicycle safety.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Share the Road" license plates

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 for issuance of "Share the Road" license plates. The application for "Share the Road" 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 "Share the Road" license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone if required by current law.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, "Share the Road" license plates must be inscribed with the words "Share the Road" and markings designed by the nonprofit organization known on the bill's effective date as the Ohio Bicycle Federation and approved by the Registrar. "Share the Road" license plates must bear the usual county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.521(A).)

"Share the Road" license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of a \$5 contribution (see below), the regular license tax 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 compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. (Sec. 4503.521(B).)

For each application for registration and renewal that the Registrar receives under this bill, the Registrar is required to collect a contribution of \$5 and transmit it to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the "Share the Road" License Plate Fund, which the bill creates. The additional \$10 fee is to compensate the BMV for additional services required in issuing "Share the Road" license plates.

The "Share the Road" License Plate Fund

The bill creates in the state treasury the "Share the Road" License Plate Fund, consisting of the contributions that the Registrar collects from "Share the Road" license plate applicants. All investment earnings of the Fund must be credited to the Fund.

The money in the Fund is to be used by the Department of Public Safety only to publish and distribute a booklet that instructs bicycle riders on the methods and procedures of riding bicycles on the roads and streets in a "confident, legal, and safe manner." (Sec. 4501.521.)

HISTORY

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