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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the issuance of "Sportsmen's" license plates bearing the figure of either a walleye, white-tailed deer, or wild turkey.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution not exceeding \$40 plus a \$10 processing fee for each application for registration and registration renewal that involves Sportsmen's license plates.
- Requires the contributions collected from persons who are issued the license plates to be deposited into the existing Wildlife Fund for use by the Division of Wildlife.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Sportsmen's license plates

For purposes of the bill, "Sportsmen's license plate" means any of three license plates the bill creates, featuring either the walleye, white-tailed deer, or wild turkey.

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 for issuance of Sportsmen's license plates. The application for Sportsmen's license plates must specify which of the three Sportsmen's license plates created by the bill the applicant is requesting. The application also 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, a

set of the particular requested kind of Sportsmen's license plates, and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone if required by current law.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, Sportsmen's license plates must be inscribed with identifying words and the figure of either a walleye, white-tailed deer, or wild turkey. Each kind of Sportsmen's license plate must be designed by the Division of Wildlife and approved by the Registrar. Sportsmen's license plates must bear the usual county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.573(B).)

Sportsmen's license plates and validation stickers are issued upon the payment of a 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 not to exceed \$10, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. (Sec. 4503.573(C).)

For each application for registration and renewal the Registrar receives under the bill, the Registrar is required to collect a contribution not exceeding \$40, as determined by the Division of Wildlife. The Registrar must transmit this contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the existing Wildlife Fund. (Sec. 4503.573(D).)

The additional BMV fee (\$10 maximum) is to compensate the Bureau for additional services required in the issuing of Sportsmen's license plates. The Registrar is required to deposit all such fees into the existing state Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. (Sec. 4503.573(C).)

Applicability of the minimum registration requirements and termination provisions to each of the types of Sportsmen's license plates

Under current law, generally all special license plates created since October 21, 1997 are subject to a minimum registration requirement and to termination and revival procedures. For example, the Registrar is not required to implement any legislation that creates a new license plate until the Registrar receives written statements from at least 1,000 persons indicating that they intend to apply for and obtain the special license plate. (R.C. 4503.78, not in the bill.) If, during any calendar year, the total number of new and renewal motor vehicle registrations involving a particular type of nonstandard special license plate totals less than 1,000, the issuance of that special license plate may cease as of December 31 of the following year. A special license plate whose issuance is so ended may be revived if certain conditions are met. (R.C. 4503.77, not in the bill.)

The bill provides that these provisions apply to each of the three types of Sportsmen's license plate individually.

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