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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates Autism Awareness license plates to provide funds to the Autism Society of Ohio, which must use the money for programs and autism awareness efforts throughout the state.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Autism Awareness license plates

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 Autism Awareness license plates. The request for Autism Awareness license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate provided in current law. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance by the applicant with the bill's requirements, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of Autism Awareness 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 the license plates, Autism Awareness license plates must bear identifying words or markings designed by the Autism Society of Ohio and approved by the Registrar. Autism Awareness license plates must display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (R.C. 4503.493(A).)

Autism Awareness license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of the regular license tax prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle license tax, any applicable additional special reserved license plate

fee, an additional \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles fee, a \$40 contribution for the Autism Society of Ohio and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles (R.C. 4503.493(B)).

The Registrar must collect the \$10 BMV fee and the \$40 contribution for every new and renewal registration application received under the bill. The additional \$10 BMV fee is to compensate the Bureau for additional services required in connection with the Autism Awareness license plate program. The Registrar must deposit all such fees into the state treasury to the credit of the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. The Registrar must transmit the \$40 contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the existing License Plate Contribution Fund for distribution to the Autism Society of Ohio. The Society is required to use the money for programs and autism awareness efforts throughout the state. (R.C. 4501.21(B)(2) and 4503.493(C).)

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