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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates "Support Our Troops" license plates to provide funds to Support Our Troops, Inc., which must use the money in accordance with its articles of incorporation and for the benefit of servicemembers of the United States armed forces and their families when they are in financial need.
- Permits the release of personal information (but not sensitive personal information such as Social Security numbers) for use by an organization that receives a contribution that the person paid to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or deputy registrar when the person obtained a special license plate for display on the person's motor vehicle.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Support Our Troops" license plates

Under the bill, the owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may apply for issuance of "Support Our Troops" license plates. The application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate provided in current law. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with the bill's requirements, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "Support Our Troops" license plates and 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, "Support Our Troops" license plates must bear an appropriate logo and the words "Support Our Troops." The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is required to design "Support Our Troops" license plates, and they must display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (R.C. 4503.92(A).)

"Support Our Troops" license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle license tax, any applicable additional special reserved license plate fee, an additional \$10 BMV fee, and a \$25 contribution; as well as compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles (R.C. 4503.92(B)).

The Registrar must collect the \$10 BMV fee and the \$25 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 issuance of "Support Our Troops" license plates. The Registrar must deposit all such fees into the state treasury to the credit of the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. (R.C. 4503.92(C).)

The Registrar must transmit the \$25 contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the existing License Plate Contribution Fund for distribution to the national, nonprofit corporation Support Our Troops, Inc. The organization is required to use the money in accordance with its articles of incorporation and for the benefit of servicemembers of the United States armed forces and their families when they are in financial need. (R.C. 4501.21(B)(25) and 4503.92(C).)

Release of personal information to sponsors of special license plates

Under current law, the Registrar and any employee or contractor of the Bureau are permitted to disclose personal information (but not sensitive personal information such as Social Security numbers) about an individual that the Bureau obtained in connection with a motor vehicle record for certain uses and in certain specified circumstances, such as for use in research activities or in producing statistical reports. The bill permits the release of personal information (but not sensitive personal information) for use by an organization that receives a contribution that the person paid to the Registrar or deputy registrar when the person obtained a special license plate for display on the person's motor vehicle (R.C. 4501.27(B)(2)(o)).

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