



S.B. 79

127th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates "Horse Power Ohio" license plates to provide funds for Horse Power Ohio, which may use the funds for nonprofit equine programs.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

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 Horse Power Ohio license plates. The request for Horse Power Ohio license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under existing law. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance by the applicant with the bill's requirements, the Registrar must issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of Horse Power Ohio license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by current law. (R.C. 4503.86(A).)

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, Horse Power Ohio license plates must be inscribed with identifying words or markings that are designed by the Horse Power Ohio, a nonprofit corporation, and approved by the Registrar. Horse Power Ohio license plates must display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (R.C. 4503.86(A).)

Horse Power Ohio license plates and validation stickers are to be issued upon receipt of a \$15 contribution (see below) and 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, a \$10 fee for the purpose of compensating the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for additional services required in issuing Horse Power Ohio license plates (which is deposited into the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund), and compliance with all other

applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles (R.C. 4503.86(B) and (C)(2)).

The \$15 contribution collected by the Registrar for each Horse Power Ohio application for registration and registration renewal notice is deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the existing License Plate Contribution Fund. The Registrar must pay the contributions from the Horse Power Ohio license plates to Horse Power Ohio, a nonprofit corporation, which must use the money to support equine programs in Ohio, including therapeutic riding programs, programs that promote the preservation and expansion of public bridle trails and facilities, and rider education and public equine awareness programs. (R.C. 4501.21(B)(25) and 4503.86(C)(1).)

HISTORY

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