



S.B. 259

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates "volunteer" license plates and requires the \$15 contributions paid by persons who obtain the license plates to be paid to the Ohio Community Service Council.
- Requires the Ohio Community Service Council to use the contributions it receives under the bill to support Council programs promoting volunteerism and as matching funds for federal grants.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Volunteer" 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 "volunteer" license plates. The application for "volunteer" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under 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 "volunteer" 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, "volunteer" license plates must be inscribed with words and markings designed by the Ohio Community Service Council and approved by the Registrar. "Volunteer" license plates also must display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (R.C. 4503.93(A).)

"Volunteer" license plates and validation stickers are to be 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; a Bureau of Motor Vehicles \$10 administrative fee; a contribution of \$15; and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration (R.C. 4503.93(B) and (C)).

The Registrar must collect the \$10 BMV fee and the \$15 contribution for every new and renewal registration application received under the bill. The Registrar is required to deposit the BMV fee, which is to compensate the Bureau for the additional services required in issuing "volunteer" license plates, into the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (R.C. 4503.93(C)(2)).

The Registrar must transmit the \$15 contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the existing Ohio Community Service Council Gifts and Donations Fund. The Ohio Community Service Council, which is an existing 21 member body responsible for assisting in the development of community service programs, must use the contributions (1) to support Council programs promoting volunteerism and community service in the state or (2) as matching funds for federal grants. (R.C. 121.403(B)(2) and (3) and 4503.93(C)(1).)

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