



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Williams, Ashford, Boyd, Combs, R. Hagan, Heard, Luckie, Lundy, Mallory, McKenney, Mecklenborg, Reece, Stinziano, Sykes, Szollosi, Weddington

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plate and requires the Foundation to use the contributions to fund scholarships the Foundation awards to students who attend Central State University or Wilberforce University.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plate

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 to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plates. The application for "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" 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 with the bill's requirements, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" 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 license plates, "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plates must bear an appropriate logo and words selected by the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation and approved by the Registrar. "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plates

must bear county identification stickers that identifies the county of registration by name or number.¹

"Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plates and validation stickers are issued upon receipt of a registration application and payment of the regular license tax prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle license tax, a Bureau of Motor Vehicles administrative fee of \$10, a contribution (see below), and the applicant's compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration. If the application for "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate provided in current law, the applicant must also pay the applicable additional special reserved license plate fee.²

For each application for registration and registration renewal received under the bill, the Registrar is required to collect a contribution of \$15. The Registrar must transmit the contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the existing License Plate Contribution Fund. The bill requires the Registrar to pay the contributions the Registrar receives from persons who obtain "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plates to the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, which must use the contributions to fund scholarships the Foundation awards to students who attend Central State University or Wilberforce University.³

The bill requires the Registrar to transmit the \$10 BMV administrative fee, the purpose of which is to compensate the BMV for additional services required in issuing "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plates, to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund.⁴

Exemption from the minimum registration requirements and termination procedures generally applicable to special license plates

Under current law, certain enumerated special license plates and generally all special license plates created since August 21, 1997, are subject to a minimum registration requirement and to termination and revival procedures. Specifically, the Registrar is not required to implement any legislation that creates a new license plate until the Registrar receives written statements from at least 500 persons indicating that

¹ R.C. 4503.514(A).

² R.C. 4503.514(B).

³ R.C. 4501.21(B) and 4503.514(C).

⁴ R.C. 4503.514(C).

they intend to apply for and obtain the special license plate.⁵ If, during any calendar year, the total number of new and renewal motor vehicle registrations involving such a special license plate totals less than 500, 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.⁶

The bill exempts the "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation" license plate from both the minimum registration requirement and the termination and revival procedures.⁷

HISTORY

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Introduced	06-21-11

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⁵ R.C. 4503.78, not in the bill.

⁶ R.C. 4503.77, not in the bill.

⁷ R.C. 4503.514(D).

