



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by H. Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security)

Reps. Patmon, Roegner, Stinziano, Ashford, Yuko, Ruhl, Stebelton, Weddington, Slaby, Brenner, Antonio

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the following six new special license plates: "Birthplace of Superman," "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation," "Massillon Tiger Football Booster Club," Power Squadron, "Military Sacrifice," and Nationwide Children's Hospital.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

New special license plates

The act creates six new special license plates, five of which are available to the general public. Four of the license plates require payment of a contribution upon issuance or renewal. All the new license plates may be issued for display on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and any other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. In addition, all the new license plates require payment of the regular license tax, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, and the appropriate special reserved license plate fee, if applicable.

| Special license plate | Contribution? Additional Bureau of Motor Vehicles fee? | Use of contribution |
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| Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation license plate, bearing an appropriate logo and words selected by the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation (R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.514) | \$15 contribution, deposited into the License Plate Contribution Fund; plus \$10 additional BMV fee, deposited into the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. | The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Foundation must use the contributions to fund scholarships the Foundation awards to students who attend Central State University or Wilberforce University. |

| Special license plate | Contribution? Additional Bureau of Motor Vehicles fee? | Use of contribution |
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| Massillon Tiger Football Booster Club license plate, inscribed with words and markings selected and designed by the Massillon Tiger Football Booster Club (R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.524) | \$25 contribution, deposited into the License Plate Contribution Fund; plus \$10 additional BMV fee, deposited into the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. | The Massillon Tiger Football Booster Club must use the contributions only to promote and support the football team of Washington High School of the Massillon City School District. |
| Power Squadron license plate, inscribed with words and markings selected and designed by the Mansfield Power Squadron (R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.525) | \$15 contribution, deposited into the License Plate Contribution Fund; plus \$10 additional BMV fee, deposited into the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. | The Registrar must pay these contributions to the United States Power Squadron Districts 7, 11, 24, and 29 in equal amounts. Each district must use the contributions it receives to pay for the educational boating programs that the district holds or sponsors within this state. |
| Military Sacrifice license plate, inscribed with a distinctive emblem and the words "Military Sacrifice" (R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.525) | No contribution required. No additional BMV fee required. | Not applicable. |
| Birthplace of Superman license plate, inscribed with the words "Ohio – Birthplace of Superman" and a design, logo, or marking selected by the entity that owns the Superman name, pursuant to a license agreement with that entity (R.C. 4503.732) | No contribution required. \$10 additional BMV fee, deposited into the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. | Not applicable. |
| Nationwide Children's Hospital license plate, inscribed with identifying words or markings designed by the Nationwide Children's Hospital (R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.90) | \$25 contribution, deposited into the License Plate Contribution Fund; plus \$10 additional BMV fee, deposited into the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund. | The Registrar must pay these contributions to the Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation. |

The "Military Sacrifice" license plate may be issued for display not only on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and any other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar, but also on motor homes. It is available only to members of the immediate family of a person who died outside a combat zone



while serving honorably as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, either active or reserve, the National Guard under federal or state control, or the United States Coast Guard.¹ For purposes of issuance of the "Military Sacrifice" license plate, "member of the immediate family" of such a person means all of the following:

- (1) A spouse;
- (2) A parent, stepparent, or other person who acted in loco parentis;
- (3) A sibling, whether of the whole or half-blood, or by adoption;
- (4) A child, including those by adoption, or a stepchild;
- (5) A grandparent.²

The bill prohibits any person who is not a member of the immediate family of a person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably as a member of any branch of the United States armed forces, either active or reserve, the National Guard under federal or state control, or the United States Coast Guard from willfully and falsely representing that the person is such a family member for the purpose of obtaining "Military Sacrifice" license plates.³

HISTORY

| ACTION | DATE |
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¹ R.C. 4503.549(A).

² R.C. 4503.549(D).

³ R.C. 4503.549(C).