



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates "Ohio Geology" license plates, with a \$15 contribution to be paid to the Ohio Geology Advisory Council of the Department of Natural Resources and used primarily for grants for graduate level research at locations of geological interest.
- Creates the Ohio Geology License Plate Fund.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill creates "Ohio Geology" license plates, which (1) are available to the general public, (2) are inscribed with the words "Ohio Geology" and a design selected by the Ohio Geology Advisory Council, and (3) in addition to applicable license taxes and fees, require a \$15 contribution and a fee¹ to compensate the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for added services required in issuing license plates.² The \$15 contribution is to be paid to the credit of the Ohio Geology License Plate Fund, which the bill creates, and the additional fee paid to the Registrar is paid to the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund.³

The bill requires the Ohio Geology Advisory Council (a seven-member body created in the Department of Natural Resources, appointed by the Governor to three-year staggered terms, and serving without compensation) to establish and administer a

¹ In R.C. 4503.515(B), the bill refers to a \$15 additional fee for services of the Registrar in issuing the plate and in R.C. 4503.515(C), a \$10 fee; \$10 is the standard additional service fee for the Registrar when issuing special license plates.

² R.C. 4503.515.

³ R.C. 1505.13 and 4503.515(C).

grant program funded by the contributions from the "Ohio Geology" license plates. The primary purpose of the program is awarding grants to geology departments of Ohio colleges and universities for graduate-level research conducted at locations of geological interest in Ohio. The secondary purpose of the program, subject to the amount of money in the fund, is to provide materials such as rock and mineral kits to elementary and secondary schools to assist students in the study of geology. The Council must award grants at least annually and, in its discretion, may award grants on a more frequent basis.⁴

HISTORY

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⁴ R.C. 1505.11 and 1515.12.

