



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" license plate and requires the contributions that persons pay when obtaining the license plate to be paid to the Siegel and Shuster Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to commemorating and celebrating the creation of Superman in Cleveland.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Truth, Justice, and the American Way" 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 "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" license plates. The application for "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" 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 "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" 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, "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" license plates must be inscribed with the words "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" and a design, logo, or marking selected by the entity that owns the Superman name. The Registrar must approve the final design after entering into a license agreement with that entity for the appropriate use of the Superman name and the associated logo or marking, as applicable. "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" license plates must bear

county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.¹

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

The Registrar must transmit the \$10 contributions received under the bill to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the existing License Plate Contribution Fund. The bill then requires the Registrar to pay those contributions to the Siegel and Shuster Society, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to commemorating and celebrating the creation of Superman in Cleveland.³

The bill requires the Registrar to deposit the \$10 BMV administrative fee, the purpose of which is to compensate the BMV for additional services required in issuing "Truth, Justice, and the American Way" license plates, into the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund.⁴

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 4503.732(A).

² R.C. 4503.732(B).

³ R.C. 4501.21(B) and 4503.732(C)(1).

⁴ R.C. 4503.732(C)(2).

