



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by S. Transportation)

Reps. Schuring, Johnson, Patmon, Szollosi, Terhar, Grossman, Damschroder, Celebrezze, R. Hagan, Milkovich, Anielski, Antonio, Ashford, Baker, Barnes, Bishoff, Brenner, Brown, Buchy, Burkley, Curtin, Duffey, Gonzales, Kunze, Mallory, McClain, Pillich, Rogers, Rosenberger, Slesnick, Stinziano, Strahorn, Batchelder

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the following three new special license plates: "Power Squadron," "Combat Action Ribbon or Badge," and "Nationwide Children's Hospital."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

New special license plates

The bill creates three new special license plates, two of which are available to the general public and require (1) payment of a contribution of varying amounts upon issuance or renewal, which contributions are paid into the state treasury to the credit of the License Plate Contribution Fund and (2) an annual \$10 additional BMV fee, which is paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund and used by the BMV for its additional services in issuing the special license plates. All three 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.

The following table lists each new special license plate, whether a contribution and additional Bureau of Motor Vehicles fee is charged, and the use of any required contribution.

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Transportation Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

Special license plate	Contribution? Additional Bureau of Motor Vehicles fee?	Use of contribution
Power Squadron license plate, designed by the Mansfield Power Squadron (R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.525)	\$15 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Contributions paid 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.
Combat Action Ribbon or Combat Action Badge license plate, inscribed with the words "combat action ribbon" or "combat action badge" and a reproduction of the combat action ribbon or badge (R.C. 4503.533)	No required contribution. No additional BMV fee.	Not applicable.
Nationwide Children's Hospital license plate, designed by the Nationwide Children's Hospital (R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.90)	\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Contributions paid to the Nationwide Children's Hospital Foundation.

Combat Action Ribbon or Badge license plates

The "Combat Action Ribbon" or "Combat Action Badge" license plates are available to any person who has been awarded the combat action ribbon (for qualifying service in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard) or combat action badge (for qualifying service in the United States Army, other than infantry and medics) upon submission of such documentary evidence in support of the award as the Registrar may require.¹ The bill prohibits any person who is not a recipient of the combat action ribbon or badge from willfully and falsely representing that the person is a recipient of the combat action ribbon or badge for the purpose of obtaining either of these license plates.²

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

¹ R.C. 4503.533(A).

² R.C. 4503.533(B).



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 they intend to apply for and obtain the special license plate.³ 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.⁴ The bill exempts the "Combat Action Ribbon or Badge" license plates from both the minimum registration requirement and the termination and revival procedures.⁵

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-21-13
Reported, H. Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security	05-02-13
Passed House (94-0)	05-08-13
Reported, S. Transportation	-----

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³ R.C. 4503.78, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 4503.77, not in the bill.

⁵ R.C. 4503.533(C).

