



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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130th General Assembly
(As Reported by S. Transportation)

Reps. Retherford, Grossman, Hood, Thompson, Stinziano, J. Adams, Derickson, Fedor, Bishoff, Gonzales, Terhar, Reece, Beck, Milkovich, Buchy, Barborak, Butler, Burkley, Brenner, Dovilla, Damschroder, Celebrezze, Johnson, Perales, R. Adams, Anielski, Antonio, Ashford, Barnes, Blair, Blessing, Boose, Boyce, Brown, Carney, Cera, Clyde, DeVitis, Driehaus, Duffey, Foley, Green, Hackett, C. Hagan, Hall, Hayes, Hill, Hottinger, Huffman, Kunze, Landis, Letson, Lundy, Lynch, McClain, Patmon, Patterson, Pelanda, Phillips, Pillich, Ramos, Roegner, Rogers, Romanchuk, Rosenberger, Ruhl, Scherer, Schuring, Sheehy, Slesnick, Smith, Sprague, Stautberg, Stebelton, Strahorn, Sykes, Wachtmann, Winburn, Young, Batchelder

Sens. Manning, LaRose, Gentile, Cafaro

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates "Ohio Statehouse" license plate and requires a \$25 contribution to be credited to the Capitol Square Renovation Gift Fund.
- Creates the Disabled American Veteran license plate and requires a \$25 contribution that is paid to the private organization Disabled American Veterans Department of Ohio.
- Creates the "POW/MIA Awareness" license plate and requires the \$25 contribution to be credited to the Military Injury Relief Fund.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Ohio Statehouse license plate

The bill creates "Ohio Statehouse" license plate, which is:

- (1) Available to the general public;

(2) Inscribed with words or markings selected and designed by the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles; and

(3) Issued upon payment of a \$25 contribution and an additional \$10 fee, as well as payment of all applicable license taxes and fees and compliance with applicable motor vehicle registration laws.¹

The \$25 contribution is to be paid to the credit of the existing Capitol Square Renovation Gift Fund, which is used by the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board to provide funding for the renovation of the capitol square; to purchase art, antiques, and artifacts for display at the capitol square; and to award contracts or make grants to organizations for educating the public regarding the historical background and governmental functions of the capitol square.² The additional \$10 fee is to compensate the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for added services required in issuing the "Ohio Statehouse" license plates and is paid to the credit of the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund.³

Disabled American Veteran license plate

The bill creates the "Disabled American Veteran" license plate, which is:

(1) Available to the general public;

(2) Inscribed with identifying words or markings that are approved by the Disabled American Veterans Department of Ohio (a private organization) and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles; and

(3) Issued upon the payment of a \$25 contribution, an administrative fee of \$10, all other applicable license taxes and fees, and compliance with applicable motor vehicle registration laws.⁴

The Registrar must transmit the \$25 contributions 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 Disabled American Veterans Department of Ohio, which must use the contributions to pay for programs that serve disabled

¹ R.C. 4503.527.

² R.C. 105.41, not in the bill, and 4503.527(C)(1).

³ R.C. 4503.527(C)(2).

⁴ R.C. 4503.534.



American veterans and their families.⁵ The bill requires the Registrar to deposit the \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) administrative fee into the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund, for the purpose of compensating the BMV for additional services required in issuing Disabled American Veteran license plates.⁶

POW/MIA Awareness license plate

The bill creates the "POW/MIA Awareness" license plate, which is:

(1) Available to the general public;

(2) Generally, inscribed with the words "Not Forgotten" and markings designed by Rolling Thunder, Inc. Chapter 1 Ohio and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles;

(3) For motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or moped plates, inscribed with markings designed by Rolling Thunder, Inc. Chapter 1 Ohio and approved by the Registrar; and

(4) Issued upon payment of a \$25 contribution and an additional administrative fee of \$10, as well as payment of all applicable license taxes and fees and compliance with applicable motor vehicle registration laws.⁷

The Registrar must pay the \$25 contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the existing Military Injury Relief Fund. The Director of Job and Family Services issues grants from that Fund for individuals injured while in active service as a member of the armed forces of the United States and while serving under Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, or Operation Enduring Freedom; and for individuals diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder while serving or after having served in those operations.⁸ The Registrar must pay the \$10 administrative fee to the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund for the purpose of compensating the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for added services required in issuing the "POW/MIA Awareness" license plate.⁹

⁵ R.C. 4501.21(B) and 4503.534(C).

⁶ R.C. 4503.534(C).

⁷ R.C. 4503.535.

⁸ R.C. 4503.535(C) and 5101.98.

⁹ R.C. 4503.535(C).



HISTORY

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