
OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Repeals provisions that require the Ohio Historical Society to maintain a State Registry of Archaeological Landmarks and a State registry of Historic Landmarks.
- Exempts purchases from and payments to the Society from the prohibition of certain purchases and leases unless they are made by competitive selection or with the approval of the Controlling Board.
- Establishes the Ohio History License Plate Program.
- Contributions collected by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles from applicants who choose to obtain the special license plate must be used by the Society to provide grants to historical organizations located in Ohio.
- Establishes the Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force to develop recommendations on modifications of Ohio laws relating to cemeteries.

Repeal of state registries of archaeological and historic landmarks

(R.C. 149.54, 317.08, 1506.30, and 3714.03; Section 747.20; R.C. 149.51 and 149.55 (repealed))

The bill repeals provisions that require the Ohio Historical Society to maintain a State Registry of Archaeological Landmarks and a State Registry of Historic Landmarks. In consequence of this repeal, the bill makes conforming changes that do the following:

- Eliminates the duty of county recorders to record agreements for the registration of lands as archaeological or historic landmarks in the record of deeds but requires the recorders to keep such existing records.
- Eliminates a requirement that a person who engages in archaeological survey or salvage work at any registered state archaeological landmark first obtain written permission from the Director of the Ohio Historical Society.
- Eliminates, from the definition of "historical value" in the Submerged Lands Preservation Act, the inclusion of an object, structure, site, or district that is included in or eligible for inclusion in either the State Registry of Archaeological Landmarks or the State Registry of Historic Landmarks.



- Eliminates a prohibition against the Director of Environmental Protection or a board of health issuing a permit to establish a new construction and demolition debris facility when the horizontal limits of construction and demolition debris placement at the facility are proposed to be located within 500 feet of land that has been placed on the State Registry of Historic Landmarks.

Historical Society exempted from Controlling Board oversight

(R.C. 127.16)

The bill exempts purchases from, and payments to, the Society from the provision of continuing law that prohibits certain purchases and leases unless they are made by competitive selection or with the approval of the Controlling Board.

Ohio History License Plate Program

(R.C. 149.307 and 4503.95)

The bill establishes the Ohio History License Plate Program. Contributions collected by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles from applicants who choose to obtain the special license plate must be used by the Society to provide grants to historical organizations located in Ohio. An organization that receives a grant must use the grant only to host exhibits and increase access to its collection by the public.

The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar may apply to the Registrar for registration of the vehicle and issuance of "Ohio History" license plates. The application for "Ohio History" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate. The Registrar must issue "Ohio History" license plates and validation stickers upon receipt of a completed application, and upon payment of the regular license tax, applicable motor vehicle taxes, a Bureau of Motor Vehicles administrative fee of \$10, and a contribution of \$20. The Registrar must deposit the \$10 administrative fee in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund, to compensate the Bureau for additional services required in issuing "Ohio History" license plates. The Registrar must transmit the \$20 contribution to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the Ohio History License Plate Contribution Fund, which the bill creates in the state treasury.

"Ohio History" license plates must be inscribed with words and markings selected and designed by the Society and approved by the Registrar.

The Society must establish and administer all aspects of the Ohio History License Plate Grant Program, including eligibility requirements for receiving a grant under the



program. The Society must, not later than the last business day of January of each year, prepare and submit to the General Assembly a written report detailing all aspects of the Grant Program during the immediately preceding calendar year.

Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force

(Section 747.10)

The bill establishes the Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force to develop recommendations on modifications of Ohio laws relating to cemeteries.

The Task Force is to consist of the following eleven members: a representative of local government, other than townships, appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of the Ohio Township Association appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of Native Americans appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of private cemeteries appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; a representative of the Ohio Historical Society appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; a representative of archeologists appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; a representative of the Ohio Genealogical Society appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing in the Department of Commerce appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Department of Transportation appointed by the Governor; and a representative of the Department of Natural Resources appointed by the Governor. Initial appointments are to be made not later than 30 days after the effective date of the bill. Vacancies are to be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

The task force is to elect two of its members to serve as co-chairpersons of the Task Force. The Task Force is to meet as often as necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. Members of the Task Force are to serve without compensation.

The Task Force must issue a report of its recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor not later than one year after the effective date of the bill.

The Task Force ceases to exist upon submitting its report.

