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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- Requires the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services to establish an Expedited Veterans Paramedic Certification Program, whereby a veteran who received paramedic training in the armed forces receives credit for the training toward an Ohio paramedic certificate.

### **Community paramedicine**

- Authorizes a basic, intermediate, or paramedic emergency medical technician to perform medical services that the technician is authorized by law to perform in nonemergency situations if the services are performed under the direction of the technician's medical director or cooperating physician advisory board.
- Provides that in nonemergency situations, no medical director or cooperating physician advisory board may delegate or otherwise authorize a technician to perform any medical service that the technician is not authorized by law to perform.

### **Abbreviated driver training course**

- Delays implementation of the abbreviated driver training course for adults that was created by the Transportation Appropriations Act (H.B. 53, 131st G.A.), until one year after the effective date of the rules that govern the course.

### **Value of a motor vehicle for which certain entities may take title**

- Allows a "repair garage or place of storage" or "towing service or storage facility" to deduct a towing fee, if applicable, from the wholesale value of a vehicle for purposes of determining whether the vehicle has a value of less than \$3,500 (the threshold for allowing such entities to take title to an unclaimed vehicle).

### **Lincoln highway license plate**

- Creates the "Lincoln Highway" license plate and specifies that the proceeds from the required \$20 contribution must be used by the Ohio Lincoln Highway Historic Byway to promote and support the historical preservation and advertisement of the Lincoln Highway in Ohio.

### **The "Women Veterans" license plate**

- Creates the "Women Veterans" license plate, which may be issued to any woman who is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the U.S.



- Prohibits any person from falsifying an application for "Women Veterans" license plates or displaying such license plates if the person is ineligible to receive the plates.

### **Nonstandard license plates**

- Modifies the law governing the establishment, termination, and reestablishment of nonstandard license plates.
- Requires the sponsor of a nonstandard license plate to verify that sponsor's contact information with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles by December 1 of each year.
- If the sponsor fails to verify the sponsor's contact information, requires the Registrar to deposit contributions received for a nonstandard license plate in the General Revenue Fund rather than in the License Plate Contribution Fund for distribution to the sponsor.

### **Temporary license placards**

- Specifies that a temporary license placard issued for an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle is valid for 45 days rather than 30 days as under current law.
- Permits the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) Steering Committee to establish a subcommittee to represent local government MARCS users, and permits the chairperson of the subcommittee to serve as a member of the Steering Committee.

### **Deputy Registrar Funding Study Committee**

- Establishes the Deputy Registrar Funding Study Committee to study the long-term financial solvency of deputy registrars in Ohio and whether the existing statutory charges that may be levied by deputy registrars are sufficient.
- Requires the Committee to issue a report of its findings and recommendations not later than six months after the effective date of the bill.

### **Definition of "apportionable vehicle"**

- Removes a provision of current law that excludes buses used for the transportation of chartered parties from the definition of apportionable vehicle; thereby requiring such vehicles, if such vehicles otherwise fall within the definition of an apportionable vehicle, to register under an International Registration Plan (IRP).



## **Ohio Investigative Unit Fund**

- Establishes the Ohio Investigative Unit Fund consisting of nonfederal money received by the Investigative Unit in the Department of Public Safety that is not otherwise required to be deposited into another fund.
- Requires money in the Fund to be used to pay the expenses of administering the law relative to the powers and duties of the Investigative Unit.

## **Expedited paramedic certification for veterans**

(R.C. 4765.161)

The bill requires the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services to adopt rules to establish an Expedited Veterans Paramedic Certification Program for any person who, while serving in the armed forces, received training as what Ohio categorizes as a paramedic. The program must provide for a method to evaluate the veteran to determine the extent of the training received in the armed forces. If the evaluation indicates that the training was such that the veteran is eligible to be issued a certificate to practice as a paramedic, the Board must issue the veteran a certificate upon payment of the appropriate fee.

If the evaluation indicates that the training was such that the veteran is not eligible for a paramedic certificate, the veteran must receive credit for the training the veteran did receive, and must be required to successfully complete only the additional training or instruction necessary to be issued a certificate.

## **Community paramedicine**

(R.C. 4765.361)

The bill authorizes a basic, intermediate, or paramedic emergency medical technician to perform medical services that the technician is authorized by law to perform in nonemergency situations if the services are performed under the direction of the technician's medical director or cooperating physician advisory board. However, in nonemergency situations, no medical director or cooperating physician advisory board may delegate or otherwise authorize a technician to perform any medical service that the technician is not authorized by law to perform.



## **Abbreviated driver training course**

(R.C. 4507.21)

The bill delays implementation of the abbreviated driver training course for adults that was created by H.B. 53 (131st G.A.), the Transportation Appropriations Act, until one year after the effective date of the rules that govern the course. Under that Act, an applicant for an initial driver's license who is 18 years of age or older and who fails the required road or maneuverability test is required to present satisfactory evidence of having successfully completed the abbreviated driver training course prior to attempting the test a second or subsequent time. The Director of Public Safety is required to adopt rules for purposes of implementing the course.

## **Value of a motor vehicle for which certain entities may take title**

(R.C. 4505.101)

The bill allows a "repair garage or place of storage" or "towing service or storage facility" to deduct a towing fee, if applicable, from the wholesale value of a vehicle for purposes of determining whether the vehicle has a "value" of less than \$3,500 (the threshold for allowing such entities to take title to an unclaimed vehicle). Under current law, the "value" of a vehicle for purposes of the threshold is the wholesale value of that make and model of motor vehicle minus the estimated cost of repairs to restore the motor vehicle to the wholesale value and the cost of any agreed-upon repairs.

## **Lincoln highway license plate**

(R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.86)

The bill creates the "Lincoln Highway" license plate and specifies that the proceeds from the required \$20 contribution must be used by the Ohio Lincoln Highway Historic Byway to promote and support the historical preservation and advertisement of the Lincoln Highway in Ohio. The bill also requires applicants for the license plate to:

- (1) Comply with all applicable laws related to motor vehicle registration;
- (2) Pay all applicable taxes and fees; and
- (3) Pay a Bureau of Motor Vehicles administrative fee of \$10 to compensate the Bureau for the costs of issuing the plate.



## The "Women Veterans" license plate

(R.C. 4503.581)

The bill creates the "Women Veterans" license plate, which may be issued to any woman who is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the U.S. Under the bill, the license plate may be issued by the Registrar upon:

(1) Receipt of an application and presentation of satisfactory evidence documenting that the applicant is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of the U.S.;

(2) Payment of all applicable taxes and fees; and

(3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.

The bill also specifies that the provisions of current law pertaining to the termination of a nonstandard license plate do not apply to "Women Veterans" license plates.

### **Falsifying an application for the "Women Veterans" license plate**

The bill prohibits any person who is not a woman and is not a retired or honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces from willfully and falsely representing that the person is such a veteran for the purpose of obtaining the license plates. The bill also prohibits any person from permitting a motor vehicle owned or leased by the person to bear such license plates unless the person is eligible to be issued such license plates. Under the bill, any person who commits a violation of either prohibition is guilty of falsification. Generally, falsification is a first-degree misdemeanor.<sup>174</sup>

### **Nonstandard license plates**

(R.C. 4503.77, 4506.771, and 4503.78)

The bill modifies the law governing the establishment, termination, and reestablishment of nonstandard license plates. Nonstandard license plates are special license plates such as the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio license plate. The sale of special license plates often raises money for various organizations through payment of a

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<sup>174</sup> R.C. 2921.13(F), not in the bill.



contribution by persons who obtain or renew the license plates. The changes made by the bill are indicated in the table below as follows:

Description of the law amended by the bill	Current law	H.B. 64
Number of persons who must indicate in writing that they intend to obtain a new nonstandard license plate in order for the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue the new license plate	500	150
Total number of annual new and renewal motor vehicle registrations for a nonstandard license plate necessary to preclude nonstandard license plate termination procedures	500	25
Total number of persons who must indicate in writing that they intend to obtain a previously terminated nonstandard license plate in order for the Registrar to reestablish the program involving that nonstandard license plate	500	25

In addition to the changes specified above, the bill requires the sponsor of a nonstandard license plate to verify the sponsor's contact information by December 1 of each year on a form prescribed by the Registrar. If the sponsor fails to do so by December 31 of any year, the Registrar, beginning January 1 of the following year, must transmit the contribution for each registration involving that nonstandard license plate to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the General Revenue Fund instead of for deposit in the License Plate Contribution Fund for later distribution to the sponsor. The Registrar also must send a notice immediately to the sponsor that no additional funds will be deposited into the License Plate Contribution Fund until the Registrar receives that sponsor's contact information form. Upon receiving the contact information form, the Registrar must resume transmitting the contributions received for that license plate to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the License Plate Contribution Fund for later distribution to the sponsor.

If the sponsor of a nonstandard license plate ceases to exist, the Registrar is required to transmit the contributions for the associated license plate for deposit in the General Revenue Fund. If that sponsor is later reestablished, the sponsor must submit to the Registrar written confirmation of the sponsor's reestablishment along with the contact information form. Upon receipt of the confirmation and form, the Registrar must resume transmitting all contributions received for the associated license plate for deposit in the License Plate Contribution Fund for later distribution to the sponsor.



## **Temporary license placards**

(R.C. 4519.10)

The bill specifies that a temporary license placard issued for an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle is valid for 45 days from the date of issuance. A temporary license placard is issued in order to allow the applicant to legally operate an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle after its purchase while proper title and registration are being obtained. Under current law, a temporary license placard is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance.

## **MARCS Steering Committee**

(Sections 610.20 and 610.21)

The bill permits the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) Steering Committee to establish a subcommittee to represent local government MARCS users. If the Committee establishes the subcommittee, the chairperson of the subcommittee also may serve as a member of the Steering Committee.

## **Deputy Registrar Funding Study Committee**

(Section 745.10)

The bill establishes the Deputy Registrar Funding Study Committee to study the long-term financial solvency of deputy registrars in Ohio and whether the existing statutory charges that may be levied by deputy registrars are sufficient. The committee must consist of six members, three of whom are appointed by the President of the Senate and three of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House. Members of the committee are not compensated for serving on the committee, but may continue to receive the compensation and benefits accruing from their regular officers or employments. The members must be appointed not later than 30 days after the provision's effective date.

The committee must meet within one month after the provision's effective date at the call of the President of the Senate, and thereafter at the call of its chairperson as necessary to carry out its duties. The committee also is required to issue a report of its findings and recommendations, not later than six months after the provision's effective date, to the Governor, the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House. After submitting the report, the committee ceases to exist.



## **Definition of "apportionable vehicle"**

(R.C. 4501.01)

The bill removes a provision of current law that excludes buses used for the transportation of chartered parties from the definition of apportionable vehicle. Thus, the bill requires such buses, if such buses otherwise fall within the definition of an apportionable vehicle, to register under an International Registration Plan (IRP).

## **Ohio Investigative Unit Fund**

(R.C. 5502.132)

The bill establishes the Ohio Investigative Unit Fund, which consists of nonfederal money that is received by the Investigative Unit in the Department of Public Safety and that is not otherwise required to be deposited into another fund. Under the bill, the Director of Public Safety is required to use the money in the Fund to pay the expenses of administering the law relative to the powers and duties of the Investigative Unit.

