



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [Am. Sub. H.B. 318 of the 130th G.A.](#)

**Date:** December 10, 2014

**Status:** As Passed by the Senate

**Sponsor:** Reps. Roegner and O'Brien

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Makes changes to the law governing the retail sale of utility and other trailers; makes changes to procedures for governing motor vehicle shows; and permits new motor vehicle dealers to display vehicles for civic or charitable purpose

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill allows retail sellers of certain types of trailers to apply for dealer license plates for the trailers so that they may transfer them between retail locations. The fee is \$25 annually for the first plate and \$5 annually for each additional plate, which is credited to the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40).

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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## **Detailed Fiscal Analysis**

The bill: (1) permits retail sellers of utility and certain other trailers to apply for dealer license plates, (2) defines the procedures governing motor vehicle shows, and (3) permits new motor vehicle dealers to display new motor vehicles at a location other than the dealer's licensed location under certain circumstances.

### **Dealer license plates for utility trailers**

The bill adds retail seller to the list of those who may apply for dealer license plates for utility and certain other trailers from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. This will allow retail sellers to transport trailers between retail locations. The increased costs that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will experience to produce and distribute the plates are likely to be offset by the fee charged for the plates. The fee is \$25 annually for the first plate and \$5 annually for each additional plate, which is credited to the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40). The increase in expenditures and revenues is dependent on the number of retail sellers in Ohio that choose to purchase plates for their trailers.

### **Motor vehicle shows**

The bill requires a motor vehicle show sponsor to file an affidavit with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles requesting permission to conduct a motor vehicle show. This provision will not have any fiscal impact on the BMV.

### **Display of new motor vehicles**

The bill allows a licensed new motor vehicle dealer to display new motor vehicles off their licensed location and permits test drives to be taken as long as certain conditions are met, including that the display is to promote or benefit a charitable or civic purpose. This provision will not have any fiscal impact on the BMV.

### **Penalty for motor vehicle show law violation**

Under current law, a violation of motor vehicle show laws is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, which carries a fine of up to \$250 and a maximum stay of 30 days in a local jail. The bill instead requires the imposition of an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,000 to be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the Title Defect Rescission Fund (Fund 4Y70). By eliminating the misdemeanor penalty, the bill may result in a relatively small reduction in caseload for local criminal justice systems as well as a reduction in corresponding state and local fine and court cost revenue. Any resulting expenditure savings and revenue loss for the state or local governments will be negligible annually.