
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Senate Bill 232 would eliminate the additional \$10 fee that a person pays to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the costs associated with issuing and renewing the following special license plates: Ohio National Guard, U.S. Armed Forces Reserves, U.S. Armed Forces retiree or honorably discharged veterans, Purple Heart, and Pearl Harbor license plates. The BMV reported that this bill would affect approximately 16,839 vehicles with these license plates that are issued and renewed. Therefore, annual revenue losses of approximately \$168,400 (16,839 x \$10) are estimated.

The \$10 fee assessed allows the Bureau to recoup the costs of issuance and renewal of these license plates. The Bureau estimates the costs of initial issuance at approximately \$30 per vehicle. As a result of this legislation, costs will continue to accrue without providing offsetting revenues to support them. Currently, local governments can receive moneys that are unspent by the Bureau in the 4W4 Fund. As BMV revenue sources are reduced, it increases the possibility that the Bureau will have less revenue to re-distribute to local governments from any Fund 4W4 surplus. As a result, local governments may potentially receive \$168,400 less per year in revenues.

SB 232 also creates a new special plate called “The Leader in Flight” license plate. The Department of Public Safety estimates minimal programming will be required, but that all costs will be absorbed within existing resources. A \$10 fee will be collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to help offset the costs associated with issuing the plate, however, it is unknown how many plates will be issued.

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