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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

### Abolished funds

- Eliminates the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System Fund, which has been in disuse by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) since 2010. (DPS previously used the fund for MARCS-related equipment maintenance, which is now conducted by the Department of Administrative Services.)
- Eliminates the Public Safety Investigative Unit Salvage and Exchange Fund and redirects money received by the DPS Investigative Unit from the sale of excess motor vehicles and other equipment from that Fund to the Ohio Investigative Unit Fund.
- Retains current law that requires the money derived from such sales to be used to purchase replacement motor vehicles and other equipment for the Unit.

### Infrastructure Protection Fund

- Permits DPS to use the funds deposited into the Infrastructure Protection Fund for the Department's operating expenses.

### Lamination fee

- Removes all references to laminating a driver's license, commercial driver's license, motorcycle operator's license, motorized bicycle license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or identification card.
- Replaces the \$1.50 lamination fee with a \$1.50 document authentication fee, to be charged for each application for issuance, renewal, or replacement of the various driver's licenses and the state identification card.

### MARCS Fund

(R.C. 4501.16)

The bill eliminates the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) Fund, which consisted of money the State Highway Patrol received from MARCS users. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) previously used the fund to provide maintenance for MARCS-related equipment located at both MARCS facilities and tower sites. This maintenance is now conducted by the Department of Administrative Services.

### Ohio Investigative Unit Fund

(R.C. 125.13, 4501.10, and 5502.132, not in the bill)

The bill eliminates the Public Safety Investigative Unit Salvage and Exchange Fund and redirects money from that Fund to the Ohio Investigative Unit Fund. The redirected money comes from money received by the DPS Investigative Unit from the sale of excess motor vehicles and other equipment. Under current law, unchanged by the bill, the money derived from such sales must be used to purchase replacement motor vehicles and other equipment for the DPS Investigative Unit.

## **Infrastructure Protection Fund**

(R.C. 4737.045)

The bill permits DPS to use the funds deposited into the Infrastructure Protection Fund for the Department's operating expenses. Under current law, the money in the fund may only be used for developing and maintaining the Scrap Metal Dealer Registry. Any person who engages in the business of a scrap metal dealer or a bulk merchandise container dealer in Ohio must register annually with the Director of Public Safety to be included in the Registry. An initial registration costs \$200 and a renewal costs \$150. The registration fees along with any fees paid to recover an impounded vehicle that was used in the theft or illegal transportation of metal, a special purchase article, or bulk merchandise container are deposited into the Infrastructure Protection Fund.

### **Lamination fee**

(R.C. 4506.11, 4507.01, 4507.13, 4507.23, 4507.50, 4507.52, and 4511.521)

The bill eliminates the requirement that a driver's license, commercial driver's license, motorcycle operator's license, motorized bicycle license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or identification card be laminated. In practice, the licenses and identification cards are now printed onto the plastic material, rather than laminated. The bill also eliminates the \$1.50 lamination fee; however, it replaces that fee with a \$1.50 "document authentication fee" for each application for issuance, renewal, or replacement of the various licenses and the identification card.

A deputy registrar is permitted to retain the document authentication fee, while the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must deposit the fee into the Public Safety – Highway Purposes fund, in the same manner as lamination fees are deposited under current law. Finally, the bill exempts a disabled veteran from the document authentication fee, in the same way that current law exempts a disabled veteran from the lamination fee.