



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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S.B. 186*

130th General Assembly
(As Reported by S. Transportation)

Sens. Hughes, Beagle, Burke, Bacon, Lehner, Patton, Schaffer, Seitz, Brown

BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the "Knights of Columbus" license plate and requires the \$10 contribution that a person pays when obtaining the license plate to be paid to the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Under the bill, the owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may apply to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of "Knights of Columbus" license plates. The application for "Knights of Columbus" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate as provided in current law. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with the bill's requirements, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "Knights of Columbus" license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by current law. In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, "Knights of Columbus" license plates must be inscribed with identifying words and markings selected and designed by the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus and that are approved by the Registrar. "Knights of Columbus" license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.¹

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Transportation Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 4503.554(A).

"Knights of Columbus" license plates and validation stickers are issued upon the payment of the regular license tax prescribed in current law, any applicable motor vehicle tax, a Bureau of Motor Vehicles administrative fee of \$10, a contribution of \$10, and the applicant's compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration. If the application for "Knights of Columbus" license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, the applicant also must pay the applicable additional special reserved license plate fee.²

The Registrar must transmit the \$10 contributions received under the bill to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the existing License Plate Contribution Fund. The bill then requires the Registrar to pay those contributions to the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus, which must use the contributions to pay for its charitable activities and programs.³ Additionally, the Registrar must deposit the \$10 BMV administrative fee into the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund for the purpose of compensating the BMV for additional services required in issuing "Knights of Columbus" license plates.⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-05-13
Reported, S. Transportation	---

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² R.C. 4503.554(B).

³ R.C. 4501.21(B) and (C).

⁴ R.C. 4503.554(C).

