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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill's changes to the existing "Freemason" license plate will have no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions.

The bill eliminates the requirement that a person be in good standing of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio in order to obtain the license plate, which in effect makes it available to all persons with an eligible vehicle registered in Ohio. The bill also establishes a \$15 contribution to be paid to the Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for scholarship purposes. Under current law, there is no required contribution.

In calendar year 2018, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles reported a total of 5,178 "Freemason" license plate transactions, involving either the purchase or renewal of a set of license plates. This suggests that, subsequent to the bill's effective date, the required contribution may generate at least \$77,670 (5,178 x \$15) annually for the Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The bill's broadening of applicants to include all persons with an eligible vehicle registered in Ohio creates the potential for that annual gain in contributions to be even higher.