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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Lipps

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SUMMARY

- 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 existing "Freemason" license plate.
- Establishes a \$15 contribution for the license plate and requires the proceeds of the contribution to be used by the Grand Lodge for scholarship purposes.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill alters the eligibility requirements for persons applying for the "Freemason" license plate. Under current law, to receive the "Freemason" license plate, a person must present evidence that the person is a member in good standing of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio. The bill removes this requirement.¹

Additionally, the bill requires the Registrar to collect a \$15 contribution for each registration application or renewal notice involving the "Freemason" license plate—this contribution must be paid to the Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge. The contributions must be used for scholarship purposes. Under current law, there is no required contribution.²

¹ R.C. 4503.70.

² R.C. 4503.21 and 4503.70. The bill also makes additional technical and stylistic changes.

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	06-18-19
Reported, H. Transportation and Public Safety	10-16-19
