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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Patton and Sweeney

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates the “NASA Glenn Research Center” license plate.
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will incur costs of at least \$6.25 to produce each “NASA Glenn Research Center” license plate issued. That cost will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV administrative fee that is charged under existing law when a specialty license plate is issued or renewed.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the “NASA Glenn Research Center” license plate, which is available to all Ohio motorists, and requires a person to pay an additional \$10 administrative fee when the plate is issued and renewed. That fee is retained by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

Specialty license plates are produced by the BMV via a digital print-on-demand process at a cost of \$6.25 for a single license plate, or \$7.60 for a pair.¹ These costs will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV administrative fee which is paid at the initial issuance of the license plate and for each subsequent renewal and credited to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TMO), which is used in part to pay the BMV’s expenses related to titling motor vehicles, licensing drivers, and registering motor vehicles. The magnitude of production costs

¹ Under current law, a person registering a motor vehicle may elect to purchase a single license plate or a set of two plates.

incurred and revenue generated annually will vary based on the number of such plates that are issued or renewed.

The “NASA Glenn Research Center” license plate is subject to existing law’s implementation procedure, meaning that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may require that written statements from at least 150 people indicating their intent to apply for and obtain the license plate be submitted.² Assuming the minimum number of applicants meets the threshold of 150 for the first year that the “NASA Glenn Research Center” license plate is available, the BMV will incur production costs of at least \$937.50 (150 persons x \$6.25), which will be offset by the collection of at least \$1,500 (150 persons x \$10) in BMV fees. In subsequent years, those amounts will vary and depend on the number of such plates that are issued or renewed.

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² R.C. 4503.78.