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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Reported by House Homeland Security

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Antonio

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

#### **License plate**

- The bill creates the “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” license plate. The license plate is exempt from the minimum registration requirements of 150 applicants for the first year.
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will incur costs of at least \$6.25 to produce each “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” 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.
- Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Ohio will receive \$25 for each “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” license plate that is issued or renewed.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

#### **Highway designations**

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of approximately \$1,400 to produce and install each set of signs for 19 of 25 designated highways in the bill. Six municipalities may incur some costs for installing the signs. Signs usually need to be replaced every 12 to 15 years.

### **Detailed Analysis**

#### **License plate**

The bill creates the “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” license plate, which is available to all Ohio motorists, and requires a person to pay an additional \$35 when the plate is issued and renewed. A portion of that fee is retained by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), with the

remainder distributed to Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Ohio. The table below shows the distribution of that amount.

| <b>“Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” License Plate</b> |                              |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>BMV Fee</b>  | <b>Required Contribution</b> | <b>Contribution Recipient</b>              | <b>Statutory Use of Contribution</b>   |
| \$10  | \$25                         | Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Ohio | Paying for operational costs of the library, including the distribution of books |

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.<sup>1</sup> 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 5TM0), which is used in part to pay the BMV’s expenses related to titling motor vehicles, licensing drivers, and registering motor vehicles.

The “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” license plate is exempt from existing law’s implementation procedure, meaning that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles is required to issue the license plate regardless of whether written statements from at least 150 people indicating their intent to apply for and obtain the license plate have been received.<sup>2</sup>

The BMV will incur production costs of at least \$6.25 for each “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” license plate issued, which will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV fee. The amount generated for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Ohio, will total \$25 for each license plate issued. The costs incurred by the BMV and the amount generated for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Ohio will vary annually and depend on the number of such license plates that are issued or renewed.

## **Highway designations**

The table below summarizes details about the highways designated by the bill, including the location and the entity responsible for installing the signs. The cost of producing and installing signs is approximately \$1,400. Signs usually need to be replaced every 12 to 15 years. ODOT produces the signs and is often responsible for the installation. However, if the designated highway is located within municipal boundaries, as is the case with six of the highways designated by this bill, the municipality may install the signs and may need to reimburse ODOT for the production costs.

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

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4503.78.

| Highway Designation                          |   |          |                                     |
|--|---|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Designation                                  | Roadway   | County   | Entity Responsible for Installation |
| Keith G. Earley Memorial Interchange         | Interchange of Interstate 475 and Dorr Street                       | Lucas    | ODOT                                |
| Caitlin Renee Preston Memorial Highway       | State Route 72  | Greene   | Village of Cedarville               |
| Marjorie Whiteman Memorial Highway           | State Route 109   | Henry    | ODOT                                |
| William "Bill" Burgett Memorial Highway      | State Route 13  | Knox     | ODOT                                |
| Clarence "Sonny" Smith, Jr. Memorial Highway | State Route 7   | Mahoning | ODOT                                |
| Dr. Steven Takacs Memorial Highway           | State Route 87  | Geauga   | ODOT                                |
| Tuscarawas Valley Memorial Highway           | Interstate 70   | Licking  | ODOT                                |
| Scott G. Gast Memorial Highway               | State Route 269   | Erie     | Village of Castalia                 |
| Joe Burrow Highway                           | U.S. Route 33   | Athens   | ODOT                                |
| Al Oliver Highway                            | State Route 125   | Scioto   | ODOT                                |
| Gallagher Way                                | State Route 10  | Cuyahoga | City of Cleveland                   |
| Louis P. Shuster Memorial Interchange        | Interchange of I-480 and West 150 <sup>th</sup> Street in Cleveland | Cuyahoga | ODOT                                |
| John P. Lennon Memorial Highway              | State Route 87  | Geauga   | ODOT                                |
| SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway             | Interstate Route 280  | Lucas    | ODOT                                |
| Ronald "Bumpy" Rhoades Memorial Highway      | State Route 203   | Delaware | ODOT                                |
| Cpl. Robert Dockstader Memorial Highway      | State Route 2   | Ottawa   | ODOT                                |

| Highway Designation                          |                 |           |                                     |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Designation                                  | Roadway         | County    | Entity Responsible for Installation |
| CPL David James Amheiser Memorial Highway    | State Route 421 | Medina    | ODOT                                |
| CPT Louis John Speidel Memorial Highway      | State Route 28  | Clermont  | City of Milford                     |
| Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge Memorial Highway | State Route 129 | Butler    | ODOT                                |
| PFC John Wayne Richard Memorial Highway      | State Route 47  | Darke     | ODOT                                |
| Marigene Valiquette Memorial Highway         | Interstate 75   | Lucas     | City of Toledo                      |
| Marshal Teddy Ray Holcomb Memorial Highway   | State Route 13  | Athens    | Villages of Trimble & Glouster      |
| Chief Ronald A. Brown Memorial Highway       | State Route 16  | Muskingum | ODOT                                |
| Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kin Memorial Highway   | State Route 53  | Wyandot   | ODOT                                |
| Lucille K. Wheat Memorial Highway            | State Route 202 | Miami     | ODOT                                |