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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In House Transportation

Primary Sponsor: Sen. O'Brien

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.

Highway designations

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of approximately \$1,400 to produce and install each set of signs for seven of 12 designated highways in the bill. Five municipalities could 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.

BMV Fee	Required Contribution	Contribution Recipient	Statutory Use of Contribution
\$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.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 “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.²

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. The Ohio Department of Transportation (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 four of the highways designated by this bill, the municipality may install the signs and may need to reimburse ODOT for the 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.

² R.C. 4503.78.

Table 2. Memorial Highway Designations			
Designation	Roadway	County	Entity Responsible for Installation
John Gallagher Way	State Route 10	Cuyahoga	City of Cleveland
SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway	Interstate Route 280	Lucas	ODOT
Cpl. Robert Dockstader Memorial Highway	State Route 2	Ottawa	ODOT
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 and Glouster
Chief Ronald A. Brown Memorial Highway	State Route 16	Muskingum	ODOT
Deputy Sheriff Daniel Kin Memorial Highway	State Route 53	Wyandot	ODOT
Louis P. Shuster Interchange	Interstate Route 480	Cuyahoga	City of Cleveland

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute bill (I_135_0352-5) replaces the memorial highway designation for the Veterans Memorial Bridge spanning the Mahoning River in Trumbull County with 12 new memorial highway designations. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will bear the installation costs for putting signs along seven of the 12 designated highways. Five municipalities could incur costs for installing signs within their jurisdictions.

The substitute bill also creates the “Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library” license plate with a customer charge of \$35 for issuance and renewal. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will incur costs of at least \$6.25 to produce each such license plate issued. That cost will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV administrative fee.