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Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires county identification stickers for license plates to identify the county by name only, starting January 1, 2018.
- Creates various license plates and amends one license plate.
- Designates a portion of State Route 2 in Cuyahoga County as the "Governor Richard F. Celeste Shoreway."
- Renames the Port Columbus International Airport as the John Glenn Columbus International Airport.

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CONTENT AND OPERATION

County identification stickers

The bill changes the law governing motor vehicle license plate county identification stickers. Under the bill, after January 1, 2018, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles is required to issue county identification stickers for license plates that identify the county by name only, except in the case of nonstandard license plates (e.g., Ohio Zoo License Plates). Nonstandard license plates can continue to identify the county by name or number. Under current law, the county identification stickers on license plates identify the county by name or number.¹ The new county identification stickers will be issued as the owner of a motor vehicle first registers the motor vehicle with the Registrar or renews the registration of the motor vehicle. The owner will not be required to display the new county identification sticker until the motor vehicle is first registered or the registration is renewed after January 1, 2018.²

License plate changes

"Distinguished Flying Cross" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Distinguished Flying Cross license plate, inscribed with the words "DFC Medal Recipient" and an illustration of the Distinguished Flying Cross award. ³
Recipients	Available only to recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross award.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

¹ R.C. 4503.19.

² Section 3.

³ R.C. 4503.434.



Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	None.
Use of Contribution	Not applicable.
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Documentary evidence of receipt of the Distinguished Flying Cross award; (3) Payment of the regular license tax, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (4) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates do not apply. ⁴

"Pancreatic Cancer Awareness" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Pancreatic Cancer Awareness license plate, inscribed with words and markings that promote pancreatic cancer awareness and are approved by the Registrar. ⁵
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$25 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation to assist those who suffer with pancreatic cancer and their families. ⁶
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application;

⁴ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

⁵ R.C. 4503.495.

⁶ R.C. 4501.21.



	(2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ⁷

"Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies and are approved by the Registrar. ⁸
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$25 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies to pay the expenses incurred in advancing the organization's mission of sustainably improving the provision of services to children, young adults, and families in Ohio. ⁹
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.

⁷ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

⁸ R.C. 4503.528.

⁹ R.C. 4501.21.



Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ¹⁰

"Ohio Nurses Association" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Ohio Nurses Association license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Ohio Nurses Association and are approved by the Registrar. ¹¹
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$25 required contribution, for the initial application; \$11.50 required contribution, for the registration renewal notice. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the Ohio Nurses Foundation to provide educational scholarships to assist individuals who aspire to join the nursing profession, to assist nurses in the nursing profession who seek to advance their education, and to support persons conducting nursing research concerning the evidence-based practice of nursing and the improvement of patient outcomes. ¹²
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.

¹⁰ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

¹¹ R.C. 4503.529.

¹² R.C. 4501.21.



Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ¹³

"Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal license plate, inscribed with appropriate words indicating the applicable award and displaying a reproduction of the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal. ¹⁴
Recipients	Available only to recipients of the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	None.
Use of Contribution	Not applicable.
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Documentary evidence of receipt of the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal; (3) Payment of the regular license tax, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (4) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates do not apply. ¹⁵

¹³ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

¹⁴ R.C. 4503.536.

¹⁵ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.



"Cuyahoga Valley National Park" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Cuyahoga Valley National Park license plate, inscribed with words or markings that are designed by the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park and are approved by the Registrar. ¹⁶
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$15 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park to support the Park. ¹⁷
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ¹⁸

"National Aviation Hall of Fame" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

¹⁶ R.C. 4503.565.

¹⁷ R.C. 4501.21.

¹⁸ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.



Special License Plate	National Aviation Hall of Fame license plate, inscribed with identifying words or markings that promote the National Aviation Hall of Fame and are approved by the Registrar. ¹⁹
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$15 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the National Aviation Hall of Fame to fulfill its mission of honoring aerospace legends to inspire future leaders. ²⁰
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ²¹

"Monarch Butterfly" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Monarch Butterfly license plate, inscribed with identifying words or markings that are designed by Monarch Wings Across Ohio and are approved by the Registrar. ²²
Recipients	Available to all applicants.

¹⁹ R.C. 4503.577.

²⁰ R.C. 4501.21.

²¹ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

²² R.C. 4503.592.



Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$15 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by Monarch Wings Across Ohio for the protection and preservation of the monarch butterfly and pollinator corridor in Ohio and for educational programs. ²³
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ²⁴

"Fallen Linemen" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Fallen Linemen license plate, inscribed with words and markings that are designed by the Fallen Linemen Organization and are approved by the Registrar. ²⁵
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$10 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.

²³ R.C. 4501.21.

²⁴ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

²⁵ R.C. 4503.715.



Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the Fallen Linemen Organization to recognize and memorialize fallen linemen and support their families. ²⁶
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ²⁷

"Ohio Battleflag" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Ohio Battleflag license plate, inscribed with the words "In God We Trust" and markings that are designed by the Ohio History Connection, which include the United States Flag and the Ohio Burgee Flag, and are approved by the Registrar. ²⁸
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$15 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the Ohio History Connection Fund solely to build, support, and maintain the Ohio Battleflag Collection within the Ohio History Connection. ²⁹
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application;

²⁶ R.C. 4501.21.

²⁷ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

²⁸ R.C. 4503.763.

²⁹ R.C. 4501.21.



	(2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ³⁰

"Dream Field" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Dream Field license plate, inscribed with the words "Baseball For All" and markings that are designed by the Grove City Little League Board and are approved by the Registrar. ³¹
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$15 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the Grove City Little League Dream Field Fund solely to build, maintain, and improve youth baseball fields within the municipal corporation of Grove City, located in Franklin County. ³²
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.

³⁰ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

³¹ R.C. 4503.87.

³² R.C. 4501.21.



Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ³³

"Cleveland St. Ignatius High School" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Cleveland St. Ignatius High School license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Cleveland St. Ignatius High School and are approved by the Registrar. ³⁴
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, commercial motor vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar, and, effective January 1, 2017, the owner or lessee of any motor-driven cycle or motor scooter.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$30 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	50% of the contributions must be used by the Cleveland St. Ignatius High School to provide tuition assistance to its students. The remaining 50% of contributions must be used by the High School to provide services to the High School's students that assist in developing or maintaining the mental and emotional well-being of the students. The services may include bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and the counseling and education of students regarding bullying, dating violence, drug abuse, suicide prevention, and human trafficking. The High School may hire charitable (501(c)(3)) organizations to provide services or may pay for faculty members to receive training in providing the services.

³³ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

³⁴ R.C. 4503.902.



	The High School is prohibited from using the contributions it receives for any purpose other than providing the services specified above. ³⁵
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates do not apply. ³⁶

"Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District and are approved by the Registrar. ³⁷
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, commercial motor vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar, and, effective January 1, 2017, the owner or lessee of any motor-driven cycle or motor scooter.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$30 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District to provide services to the District's students that assist in developing or maintaining the mental and emotional well-being of the students.

³⁵ R.C. 4501.21.

³⁶ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

³⁷ R.C. 4503.903.



	<p>The services may include bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and the counseling and education of students regarding bullying, dating violence, drug abuse, suicide prevention, and human trafficking.</p> <p>The District may hire charitable (501(c)(3)) organizations to provide services or may pay for faculty members to receive training in providing the services.</p> <p>The District is prohibited from using the contributions it receives for any purpose other than providing the services specified above.³⁸</p>
Requirements for Issuance	<p>(1) Submission of an application;</p> <p>(2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and</p> <p>(3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.</p>
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates do not apply. ³⁹

"Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

Special License Plate	Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District and are approved by the Registrar. ⁴⁰
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, commercial motor vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar, and, effective January 1, 2017, the owner or lessee of any motor-driven cycle or motor scooter.

³⁸ R.C. 4501.21.

³⁹ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.

⁴⁰ R.C. 4503.904.



Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	<p>\$30 required contribution.</p> <p>\$10 additional administrative BMV fee.</p>
Use of Contribution	<p>Contributions must be used by the Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District to provide services to the District's students that assist in developing or maintaining the mental and emotional well-being of the students.</p> <p>The services may include bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and the counseling and education of students regarding bullying, dating violence, drug abuse, suicide prevention, and human trafficking.</p> <p>The District may hire charitable (501(c)(3)) organizations to provide services or may pay for faculty members to receive training in providing the services.</p> <p>The District is prohibited from using the contributions it receives for any purpose other than providing the services specified above.⁴¹</p>
Requirements for Issuance	<p>(1) Submission of an application;</p> <p>(2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and</p> <p>(3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.</p>
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	<p>May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.</p>
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	<p>Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates do not apply.⁴²</p>

"I Stand with Israel" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate:

⁴¹ R.C. 4501.21.

⁴² R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.



Special License Plate	I Stand with Israel license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Friends of United Hatzalah of Israel and are approved by the Registrar. ⁴³
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	\$20 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Contributions must be used by the Friends of United Hatzalah of Israel to support United Hatzalah of Israel, which provides free emergency medical first response throughout Israel. ⁴⁴
Requirements for Issuance	(1) Submission of an application; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, contribution, administrative fee, any applicable local tax, and any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.
Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates apply. ⁴⁵

Active Duty or Retired or Honorably Discharged Veteran License Plate

The bill allows the existing Active Duty or Retired or Honorably Discharged Veteran License Plate to be inscribed with the words: "U.S. ARMY AVIATION ACTIVE DUTY," "U.S. ARMY AVIATION RETIRED," or "U.S. ARMY AVIATION VETERAN." Under current law, the license plate may be inscribed with the following, as appropriate: "U.S. ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)," "U.S.

⁴³ R.C. 4503.97.

⁴⁴ R.C. 4501.21.

⁴⁵ R.C. 4503.77 to 4503.78, not in the bill.



ARMED FORCES RETIRED--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)," or "U.S. ARMED FORCES VETERAN--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)."⁴⁶

Designated Shoreway

The bill designates the following highway and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highway indicating its name:

Designated Name	Highway
The "Governor Richard F. Celeste Shoreway." ⁴⁷	The portion of S.R. 2 located in Cuyahoga County and also known as the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway, commencing at Lake Avenue and extending in an easterly direction to the point at which the road crosses the Cuyahoga River.

Airport name change

The bill changes the name of the Port Columbus International Airport to the John Glenn Columbus International Airport.⁴⁸

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-07-15
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Reported, H. Transportation & Infrastructure	---

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⁴⁶ R.C. 4503.54.

⁴⁷ R.C. 5534.51. Governor Celeste served two terms as Governor of Ohio, from 1983 to 1991.

⁴⁸ R.C. 4563.50.

