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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Reported by House Transportation and Public Safety

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. D. Manning

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- A person who applies for the “Ohio Sons of the American Legion” license plate is required to pay \$20 in additional money, consisting of a \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) administrative fee and a \$10 contribution for the Ohio Sons of the American Legion. The BMV’s cost to produce a pair of these plates is \$4.10. Actual BMV fee revenues and costs, as well as contributions to the Ohio Sons of the American Legion, depend upon demand for the license plate each year.
- The license plate is not subject to the implementation and termination procedures that typically apply to special license plates.
- The bill will have no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

### Detailed Analysis

#### “Ohio Sons of the American Legion” license plate

The bill creates the “Ohio Sons of the American Legion” license plate that is available to all persons with an eligible vehicle registered in Ohio. As summarized in the table below, a person applying for the plate must pay: (1) a \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) administrative fee and (2) a \$10 contribution to the Ohio Sons of the American Legion.

“Ohio Sons of the American Legion” License Plate			
Special License Plate	BMV Fee	Required Contribution	Contribution Recipient
Ohio Sons of the American Legion	\$10	\$10	Ohio Sons of the American Legion

The bill specifies that the implementation and termination procedures that apply to special license plates (as described in the paragraph immediately below) do not apply to the “Ohio Sons of the American Legion” license plate.

Under existing law, a special license plate generally is subject to a minimum registration requirement and to related termination and revival procedures. For example, the BMV Registrar is not required to implement any legislation that creates a new license plate until the Registrar receives written statements from at least 150 persons indicating that they intend to apply for and obtain the special license plate (R.C. 4503.78). If, during any calendar year, the total number of new and renewal motor vehicle registrations involving that license plate is less than 25, the issuance of that license plate may cease as of December 31 of the following year (R.C. 4503.77).

## **Bureau of Motor Vehicles**

The BMV currently produces special license plates via a digital print-on-demand process. The total cost to produce a pair of these plates is \$4.10. Under the bill, a person obtaining an “Ohio Sons of the American Legion” license plate must pay an administrative fee of \$10, the purpose of which is to compensate the BMV for additional services required in issuing the plate. The administrative fees will be 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 magnitude of annual revenues and expenditures generated by the license plates will depend upon demand.

## **Ohio Sons of the American Legion**

The \$10 contribution paid for the issuance of the “Ohio Sons of the American Legion” license plate will be credited to the existing License Plate Contribution Fund (Fund 5V10) and then paid to the Ohio Sons of the American Legion to support the activities of the organization. The amount of revenue generated for the Ohio Sons of the American Legion will depend upon demand for the license plate.