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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In House Transportation and Public Safety

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Koehler

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The one-time and ongoing operating costs incurred by the state's Bureau of Motor Vehicles will depend on the manner in which it implements the bill's organ donor registry provisions.
- The bill may increase the amount of revenue credited to the Second Chance Trust Fund (Fund 5D60) by an estimated \$951,000 on average annually (attributable to both voluntary contributions and the "Donate Life" license plate as detailed below).
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state's political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill increases the annual contribution for the "Donate Life" license plate and requested contributions to the Second Chance Trust Fund, and provides additional opportunities for Ohio residents to register as an organ donor.

Second Chance Trust Fund

Voluntary contribution

The bill modifies the Second Chance Trust Fund (Fund 5D60) solicitation program by increasing the amount of the voluntary contribution from \$1 to \$2. Under existing law, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and each deputy registrar is required to ask those applying for a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card for a \$1 voluntary contribution. The Director of Health uses the money credited to Fund 5D60 for programs related to organ, tissue, and eye donation.

For the five-year period covering FY 2016-FY 2020, voluntary contributions credited to Fund 5D60 averaged \$921,143 annually. The bill's \$1 increase in the contribution could in effect double that annual average to \$1,842,286.

“Donate Life” license plate

The bill increases the contribution for the existing “Donate Life” license plate from \$5 to \$15. Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, the contribution is credited to Fund 5D60. In 2019, there were 2,980 active “Donate Life” license plates. Assuming that each of those license plates is renewed, this provision could generate at least \$29,800 in additional annual revenue credited to Fund 5D60.

Organ donation request at the time of vehicle registration

Under existing law, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and each deputy registrar is generally required to ask those applying for a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card if they want to be an organ donor. The bill expands this requirement to include motor vehicle registrations and renewals. Unlike driver's licenses and identification cards, which are issued in person, motor vehicle registrations and renewals may be done in person, by mail, or online. The bill also requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Director of Health and the Second Chance Trust Fund Advisory Committee, to determine how a person may apply to be an organ donor for mail-in and online registrations and renewals. The one-time and ongoing operating costs incurred by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will depend on the manner in which it implements the bill's organ donor request provisions.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The substitute version of the bill (l_133_0259-2) generally makes four changes to the As Introduced version, as described in more detail below.

- Removes the requirement from the As Introduced version that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and each deputy registrar ask a person for motor vehicle registration or renewal for a \$1 voluntary contribution to support organ donation programs. The one-time and ongoing annual costs for the BMV to comply with this requirement would have been minimal at most.
- Expands the existing requirement that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and deputy registrars ask a person applying for a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card if they want to be an organ donor to include applicants for a motor vehicle registration or renewal. The one-time and ongoing operating costs incurred by the BMV will depend on the manner in which it implements the expanded organ donor solicitation program.
- Increases the amount of the voluntary contribution credited to the Second Chance Trust Fund (Fund 5D60) from \$1 to \$2, which may generate an additional \$921,143 in revenue on average annually.
- Increases the contribution for the existing “Donate Life” license plate from \$5 to \$15, which potentially generates \$29,800 in additional annual revenue credited to Fund 5D60.