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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Assuming the demand for the “The Ohio Aerospace Institute” license plate satisfies the minimum 150-person registration requirement, in its first year, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will: (1) gain at least \$1,500 in fee revenues and (2) incur \$615 in license plate production costs; the Ohio Aerospace Institute will receive at least \$3,750 in contributions.
- Beginning in the second year, if the license plate stays in circulation, the BMV will gain \$250 in fee revenues and the Ohio Aerospace Institute will receive at least \$625 in contributions. The annual production costs for the license plate will total \$4.10 for each new set issued.
- The actual BMV fee revenue and cost, as well as contributions to the Ohio Aerospace Institute, depend upon demand for the license plate each year.
- The license plate is subject to the minimum registration requirements of 150 applicants for the first year and 25 applicants annually thereafter.
- A person who applies for the special license plate is required to pay \$35 in additional money, consisting of a \$10 BMV administrative fee and a \$25 contribution for the Ohio Aerospace Institute.
- The bill will have no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

“The Ohio Aerospace Institute” license plate

The bill creates the “The Ohio Aerospace Institute” 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 \$25 contribution to the Ohio Aerospace Institute.

“The Ohio Aerospace Institute” License Plate			
Special License Plate	BMV Fee	Required Contribution	Contribution Recipient
The Ohio Aerospace Institute	\$10	\$25	Ohio Aerospace Institute

License plate implementation and termination procedures

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 license plate (R.C. 4503.78). If, during any calendar year, the total number of new and renewal motor vehicle registrations involving a license plate totals less than 25, the issuance of that license plate may cease as of December 31 of the following year (R.C. 4503.77).

Production costs and administrative fees

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 \$4.10.¹ Under the bill, a person obtaining “The Ohio Aerospace Institute” 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 5TMO), which is used in part to pay the BMV’s expenses related to titling motor vehicles, licensing drivers, and registering motor vehicles.

- Assuming the license plate satisfies the minimum 150-person registration requirement, then, in the first year, the annual production costs for the license plate will total \$615 (150 persons x \$4.10) and the administrative fees collected will total \$1,500 (150 persons x \$10).
- Assuming the license plate, in subsequent years, satisfies the minimum 25-person registration requirement (new and renewals), the administrative fees collected will total

¹ Effective July 1, 2020, H.B. 62 of the 133rd General Assembly replaced the two license plate requirement that was previously in effect for most motor vehicles, including passenger cars, with a single license plate requirement. As a result, special license plate production costs may decrease by some amount.

\$250 (25 persons x \$10). The annual production costs for the license plate will total \$4.10 for each new set issued.

The Ohio Aerospace Institute

The \$25 contribution paid for the issuance of the “The Ohio Aerospace Institute” license plate will be credited to the existing License Plate Contribution Fund (Fund 5V10) and then paid to the Ohio Aerospace Institute to facilitate student internships in aerospace and educational programming.

- Assuming demand satisfies the minimum threshold, then, in its first year, the license plate will generate contributions of \$3,750 (150 applicants x \$25 contribution).
- In each subsequent year, at least 25 persons must purchase the license plate; otherwise, it is subject to termination under existing law. Assuming demand satisfies the minimum threshold to avoid termination, the plate will generate contributions of \$625 (25 applicants x \$25 contribution).