



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 710

132nd General Assembly
(As Passed by the House)

Reps. Johnson, Green, Brenner, Gavarone, Ginter, Landis, Lanese, Retherford, Scherer, Sheehy, T. Smith., Sprague, Young

BILL SUMMARY

- Allows a person who owns a high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMVEE) that was manufactured for military purposes to acquire a historical vehicle license plate, regardless of the HMVEE's age.
- Allows an owner of a properly registered HMVEE that has a historical license plate to operate the HMVEE on public roads in events such as club activities, tours, and parades.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Registration, licensure, and operation of HMVEEs

The bill allows a person who owns a high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMVEE) that was manufactured for military purposes, regardless of age, to acquire a historical vehicle license plate. A person may acquire the historical license plate if the HMVEE:

- (1) Is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses; and
- (2) Is not used for general transportation.

Under current law, a historical motor vehicle is a vehicle that meets the two requirements listed above and is over 25 years old.¹

¹ R.C. 4501.01(G).

To operate a military HMVEE on a public road in Ohio, the owner must register the HMVEE as a historical motor vehicle.² To do so, the owner must execute an affidavit that states the following:

- The HMVEE is owned and operated solely for participation in events such as club activities, exhibitions, tours, and parades;
- The HMVEE is not used for general transportation, but may be driven to and from a location where maintenance is performed on the vehicle; and
- The HMVEE has been inspected and found safe to operate.³

The owner must also pay a reduced registration fee of \$10.⁴ Upon the HMVEE owner's successful registration and payment, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must issue the owner a historical vehicle license plate. The HMVEE owner may display the HMVEE's assigned registration number by painting the number on the front and rear of the vehicle.⁵

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-21-18
Reported, H. Transportation and Public Safety	11-28-18
Passed House (75-17)	12-05-18

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² Currently in Ohio, according to the Department of Public Safety, a military HMVEE may only be titled for off-road purposes.

³ R.C. 4503.181(C).

⁴ R.C. 4503.181(B).

⁵ R.C. 4503.181(D).

