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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- In the first year of implementing the “Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police” license plate, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) annual production costs for the license plate will total up to \$3,280 and the administrative fees collected will total up to \$8,000. In subsequent years, the administrative fees collected will total up to \$8,000; the annual production costs will depend upon the number of pairs of new license plates issued.
- The license plate will generate up to \$8,000 annually in contributions for the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.
- A person who applies for the special license plate is required to pay \$20 in additional money, consisting of a \$10 BMV administrative fee and a \$10 contribution for the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. The license plate is subject to the minimum registration requirements of 150 applicants for the first year and 25 applicants annually thereafter.
- The bill will have no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

“Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police” license plate

The bill creates the “Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police” license plate that is available only to a member or staff of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police or that person’s spouse. 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 Association of Chiefs of Police. LBO estimates the total number of eligible applicants at around 800.

“Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police” License Plate			
Special License Plate	BMV Fee	Required Contribution	Contribution Recipient
Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police	\$10	\$10	Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

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 special 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. Under the bill, a person obtaining an “Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police” 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.

- In the first year, the annual production costs for the license plate will total up to \$3,280 (800 persons x \$4.10) and the administrative fees collected will total up to \$8,000 (800 persons x \$10).
- In subsequent years, the administrative fees collected will total up to \$8,000 (800 persons x \$10). The annual production costs will depend upon the number of pairs of new license plates issued.

Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

The \$10 contribution paid for the issuance of the “Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police” license plate will be credited to the existing License Plate Contribution Fund (Fund 5V10) and then paid to the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. The license plate will generate up to \$8,000 (800 persons x \$10 contribution) annually in contributions for the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.