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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Homeland Security

Primary Sponsor: Rep. J. Miller

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates the “Blue Star Banner” license plate.
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will incur costs of at least \$6.25 to produce each “Blue Star Banner” license plate issued. That cost will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV administrative fee that is charged under existing law when a specialty license plate is issued or renewed.
- The Department of Veterans Services may incur no more than minimal one-time costs to select a design for the “Blue Star Banner” license plate.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the “Blue Star Banner” license plate, which is available to Ohio motorists who are immediate family members of a person serving on active duty in any branch of the U.S. armed forces, and requires a person to pay an additional \$10 administrative fee when the plate is issued and renewed. That fee is retained by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

Specialty license plates are produced by the BMV via a digital print-on-demand process at a cost of \$6.25 for a single license plate, or \$7.60 for a pair.¹ These costs will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV administrative fee which is paid at the initial issuance of the license plate and for each subsequent renewal and credited to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes

¹ Under current law, a person registering a motor vehicle may elect to purchase a single license plate or a set of two plates.

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 production costs incurred and revenue generated annually will vary based on the number of such plates that are issued or renewed.

The "Blue Star Banner" license plate is subject to existing law's implementation procedure, meaning that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may require that written statements from at least 150 people indicating their intent to apply for and obtain the license plate be submitted.² However, the Registrar may opt to exempt these requirements.

The Department of Veterans Services may incur no more than minimal one-time costs to select a design for the "Blue Star Banner" license plate.

² R.C. 4503.78.