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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Assuming demand for the “Recovery is Beautiful” specialty license plate satisfies the minimum 150-person registration requirement, then, in its first year, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will: (1) gain at least \$1,500 in fee revenues and (2) incur between \$882 and \$1,085 or more in license plate production costs; the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio), Ohio Peer Recovery Organizations (Ohio PRO), and Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR) will each receive at least \$1,000 in contributions.
- In subsequent years, the BMV will gain \$10 in fee revenue for each specialty license plate newly issued or renewed, and incur production costs of \$5.88 and \$7.23 for a new single plate and pair of plates issued, respectively.
- The actual BMV fee revenue and cost, as well as contributions to NAMI Ohio, Ohio PRO, and OCAAR, will depend upon demand in each year.
- A person who applies for the “Recovery is Beautiful” specialty license plate must pay additional money, consisting of a \$10 BMV administrative fee and a contribution of \$20.
- The bill will have no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

“Recovery is Beautiful” specialty license plate

The bill creates the “Recovery is Beautiful” license plate available to all persons with an eligible vehicle registered in Ohio. In addition to paying taxes and fees applicable under current law, a person applying for the plate is required to pay a \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) administrative fee and a \$20 contribution to be split equally between the National Alliance on

Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio), the Ohio Peer Recovery Organizations (Ohio Pro), and the Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR).

“Recovery is Beautiful” Specialty License Plate			
Specialty License Plate	BMV Fee	Required Contribution	Contribution Recipient
“Recovery is Beautiful”	\$10	\$20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NAMI Ohio (\$6.67) ▪ Ohio PRO (\$6.67) ▪ OCAAR (\$6.67)

License plate implementation procedures

Under existing law, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles is not required to implement any legislation that creates a specialty 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).

Production costs and administrative fees

Under current law, a person may elect to purchase either a single plate or pair of plates. The BMV currently produces special license plates via a digital print-on-demand process. The cost to produce a single plate is \$5.88. The production cost for a pair is \$7.23.

Under the bill, a person obtaining the “Recovery is Beautiful” specialty license plate is required to 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 fee is 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.

- Assuming the license plate satisfies the minimum 150-person registration requirement, then, in the first year, the annual production costs for that plate will total at a minimum between \$882 (150 persons x \$5.88) and \$1,085 (150 persons x \$7.23), and the administrative fees collected will total at least \$1,500 (150 persons x \$10).
- In subsequent years, the BMV will collect \$10 for each new and renewed license plate. For each new plate issued, the production cost will be \$5.88 and \$7.23 for a single and pair, respectively.

Contribution recipients

The \$20 contribution paid for the issuance of each of the “Recovery is Beautiful” specialty license plate will be credited to the existing License Plate Contribution Fund (Fund 5V10), and then paid as follows: \$6.67 to NAMI Ohio, \$6.67 to Ohio PRO, and \$6.67 to OCAAR. The amount paid annually to each recipient organization will depend on the number of persons obtaining the plate.

- Assuming the license plate satisfies the minimum 150-person registration requirement, then, in the first year, NAMI Ohio, Ohio PRO, and OCAAR will each receive at least \$1,000 (150 persons x \$6.67).
- In subsequent years, NAMI Ohio, Ohio PRO, and OCAAR will each collect \$6.67 for each new and renewed license plate.