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SUMMARY

- Creates nine new nonstandard license plates.
- Redirects, from the Great River Council of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America to the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland, the "Girl Scouts" license plate contributions.
- Permits a person who is eligible for both a Purple Heart license plate and a license plate imprinted with the International Symbol of Access to apply for a single plate that displays both symbols.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Nonstandard license plates

The bill creates nine new nonstandard license plates and makes changes to the "Girl Scout" license plate and the "Purple Heart" license plate. For the eight new license plates that are available to the general public, the bill requires a person to pay an annual contribution of varying amounts when the license plate is issued or renewed. The new Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police license plate is available only to a member or staff of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, or that person's spouse, but also includes an annual contribution.¹

Most contributions must be deposited into the License Plate Contribution Fund. A person also must pay an additional annual \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) fee. The purpose of the BMV fee is to compensate the BMV for the additional services required to issue each nonstandard plate. The BMV fee must be deposited into the existing Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund. All other registration requirements apply to the new plates.

¹ R.C. 4503.714.

The new license plates may be issued for passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and any other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

Additionally, the bill includes – but neither newly creates nor changes the cost of – two nonstandard license plates. First, the bill redirects the contributions collected from the issuance of the “Girl Scouts” license plate to the Girl Scouts of Ohio’s Heartland (instead of to the Great River Council of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America).²

Second, if a person meets the eligibility requirements for both the “Purple Heart” license plate and a license plate imprinted with the International Symbol of Access (indicating that the person is disabled), the applicant may apply to have a “Purple Heart” license plate also display the Access symbol. The application for the Purple Heart license plate must be accompanied by evidentiary documentation that supports both the award and the disability.³

The new license plates are set forth in the following table, which includes a description of each:

Nonstandard license plate	Contribution? Additional BMV fee?	Use of Contribution
Ohio DeMolay license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by the representatives of Ohio DeMolay, and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. ⁴	\$15 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Contributions must be paid to Ohio DeMolay, which must use the contributions for scholarships, educational programs, and any other programs or events the organization holds or sponsors in Ohio. ⁵
Ronald McDonald House Charities license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by representatives of the Ronald McDonald House Charities and approved by the Registrar. ⁶	\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Central Ohio Chapter of the Ronald McDonald House Charities must distribute the contribution to the Chapter of the Ronald McDonald House Charities in whose geographic territory the person who paid the contribution resides. ⁷

² R.C. 4503.68.

³ R.C. 4503.571 and 4503.44, not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 4503.506.

⁵ R.C. 4501.21. DeMolay is an organization for young men, aged 12 to 21, and focuses on developing civic awareness, personal responsibility, and leadership skills.

⁶ R.C. 4503.557.

⁷ R.C. 4501.21.

Nonstandard license plate	Contribution? Additional BMV fee?	Use of Contribution
Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by representatives of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and approved by the Registrar. ⁸	\$10 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Contributions must be paid to the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. ⁹
ALS Awareness license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by the representatives of the ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter and the ALS Association Northern Ohio Chapter and approved by the Registrar. ¹⁰	\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Contributions must be paid to the ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter to be split between that Chapter and the ALS Association Northern Ohio Chapter, as agreed upon between the two Chapters. The contributions must be used to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest. ¹¹
Folds of Honor license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by representatives of Folds of Honor of Central Ohio and approved by the Registrar. ¹²	\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Folds of Honor of Central Ohio must use the contributions to provide scholarships to a spouse or child either of disabled veterans or of members of any branch of the armed forces who died during their service. ¹³
La Salle High School license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by representatives of La Salle High School, located in Cincinnati, and approved by the Registrar. ¹⁴	\$30 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	La Salle High School may not use the contributions for any political purpose. ¹⁵

⁸ R.C. 4503.714.

⁹ R.C. 4501.21.

¹⁰ R.C. 4503.725.

¹¹ R.C. 4501.21.

¹² R.C. 4503.767.

¹³ R.C. 4501.21.

¹⁴ R.C. 4503.881.

Nonstandard license plate	Contribution? Additional BMV fee?	Use of Contribution
Harrison Central Huskies license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by representatives of the Harrison Central Jr./Sr. High School, located in Cadiz, and approved by the Registrar. ¹⁶	\$20 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The bill does not specify how contributions are to be used by Harrison Central Jr./Sr. High School. ¹⁷
Zero license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by representatives of Zero, The End of Prostate Cancer, Incorporated and approved by the Registrar. ¹⁸	\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Zero, The End of Prostate Cancer, Incorporated, must use the contributions to raise awareness of prostate cancer, to support research to end prostate cancer, and to support prostate cancer patients and their families. ¹⁹
Liberty Center Local Schools license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by representatives of the Liberty Center Local School District and approved by the Registrar. ²⁰	\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Liberty Center Local School District must use the contributions for its gifted programs and for special education and related services. ²¹

HISTORY

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¹⁵ R.C. 4501.21.¹⁶ R.C. 4503.893.¹⁷ R.C. 4501.21.¹⁸ R.C. 4503.942.¹⁹ R.C. 4501.21.²⁰ R.C. 4503.956.²¹ R.C. 4501.21.