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DETAILED ANALYSIS

License Plate	Dolly Parton's Imagination Library license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by the representatives of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. ¹
Recipients	Available to all applicants.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
Contribution; Additional BMV Fee; Use of Contribution	\$25 required contribution. \$10 additional administrative BMV fee. Contributions must be paid to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio. The Library must use the money for operational costs, including the distribution of books. ²
Requirements for Issuance	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Submission of an application;2. Payment of the regular license tax, any local tax, contribution, administrative fee, any special reserved license plate fee if necessary; and3. Compliance with all other relevant laws relating to motor vehicle registration.

¹ R.C. 4503.541.

² R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.541.

Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Special provisions	<p>These specialty license plates are exempt from the following standard procedures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The requirement that the Registrar receive written statements from at least 150 people that they intend to apply for and obtain the license plates before the Registrar provides for the issuance of those license plates; and 2. The requirement that the license plates display county identification stickers that use a number or name to indicate the county of registration.³

Emergency

The bill contains an emergency clause, which, if enacted, would make it effective immediately (rather than subject to the 90-day referendum period). Specifically, it states that the reason for the necessity is because additional funding is critical for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library so that it can provide children throughout Ohio with access to free books to support their intellectual development.⁴

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	06-11-24
Reported, S. Transportation	11-13-24
Re-referred, S. Rules & Reference	11-20-24

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³ R.C. 4503.541(D); R.C. 4503.19 and 4503.78, not in the bill.

⁴ Section 3.