



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 194 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by House Transportation and Public Safety

Sponsor: Reps. T. Johnson and Craig

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Military nonstandard license plate program

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The administrative and opportunity costs for the departments of Veterans Services and Public Safety to collaboratively establish and maintain a program to issue nonstandard license plates recognizing military service and honors will be minimal, with any costs incurred likely to be absorbed utilizing existing resources.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the Director of Veterans Services and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, within the Department of Public Safety, to develop and maintain a program to establish and issue nonstandard license plates recognizing military service and honors pertaining to valor and service. The bill specifies that the Director of Veterans Services and the Registrar are to jointly adopt rules within nine months of the bill's effective date that establish the program, including eligibility criteria. Any administrative and opportunity costs experienced by either department to collaboratively establish and maintain the program are likely to be minimal and absorbed utilizing existing staff and resources.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) currently produces military license plates using a digital print on demand process. The total cost to produce a pair of these plates is \$6.08. While military license plates are generally issued at no cost, the applicant is still required to pay annual state vehicle registration fees totaling \$31 and up to \$20 in local permissive motor vehicle taxes. For each new military license plate created under the bill's program, the BMV may experience a no more than minimal annual increase in costs to produce and issue those plates. Those costs are likely to be absorbed utilizing existing resources. The bill has no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

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