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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates "Ohio National Guard Retired" license plates.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Ohio National Guard Retired" license plates

Under the bill, any person who is a retired veteran of the Ohio National Guard may apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar the person owns or leases. The application must be accompanied by such written evidence that the applicant is a retired veteran of the Ohio National Guard as the Registrar requires by rule.

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under the bill, presentation of satisfactory evidence documenting that the applicant is a retired veteran of the Ohio National Guard, and payment of the regular license fee and any applicable local motor vehicle license tax, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by current law. In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, the "Ohio National Guard Retired" license plates must contain one of the following inscriptions, as appropriate: "Ohio Army National Guard Retired," or "Ohio Air National Guard Retired." The license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (R.C. 4503.481(A).)

Exemption from the minimum registration requirements and termination provisions generally applicable to special license plates

Under current law, certain enumerated special license plates and generally all special license plates created since October 21, 1997, are subject to a minimum registration requirement and to termination and revival procedures. For example, the Registrar is not required to implement any legislation that creates a new license plate until the Registrar receives written statements from at least 1,000 persons indicating that they intend to apply for and obtain the special license plate. (R.C. 4503.78, not in the bill.) If, during any calendar year, the total number of new and renewal motor vehicle registrations involving such a special license plate totals less than 1,000, the issuance of that special license plate may cease as of December 31 of the following year. A special license plate whose issuance is so ended may be revived if certain conditions are met. (R.C. 4503.77, not in the bill.)

The bill exempts "Ohio National Guard Retired" license plates from both the minimum registration requirement and the termination and revival procedures (R.C. 4503.481(B)). This is consistent with the law's treatment of the military-related special license plates that existed at the time of enactment of the special license plate minimum requirement and the termination and revival procedures and the military-related special license plates that have been created since the enactment of those provisions.

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