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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates "In God We Trust" license plates.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"In God We Trust" license plates

Under the bill, the owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may apply for issuance of "In God We Trust" license plates. The application for "In God We Trust" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under current law. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance by the applicant with the bill's requirements, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "In God We Trust" license plates with a validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when required by current law.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, "In God We Trust" license plates must bear the words "In God We Trust." The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is required to design the license plates, which also must display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (R.C. 4503.762(A).)

"In God We Trust" license plates and validation stickers are to be issued upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle license tax, any applicable additional special reserved license plate fee, a Bureau of Motor Vehicles \$10 administrative fee, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration (R.C. 4503.762(B)).

The Registrar must collect the \$10 BMV fee for every new and renewal registration application received under the bill. The Registrar is required to transmit the BMV fee, which is to compensate the Bureau for the additional services required in issuing "In God We Trust" license plates, to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (R.C. 4503.762(C)).

HISTORY

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