



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Allows a veteran with a service-connected disability of less than 100% to be issued a newly created disabled veteran license plate, upon payment of one-half of the applicable fees for registering a vehicle.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill allows any disabled veteran to apply for the registration of the disabled veteran's personal motor vehicle and issuance of special license plates upon payment of one-half of the regular license fees (including state registration fees, permissive local fees, service fees, and any additional fees for reserved or personalized license plates) if the disabled veteran (1) has a service-connected disability rated at less than 100% by the Department of Veterans Affairs and (2) meets at least one of the qualifying criteria necessary for issuance of a handicapped placard or license plate that allows the person to use specially designated parking places reserved for persons with disabilities. Each fee or tax due must be rounded to the nearest full cent.¹

Under current law, disabled veteran license plates are issued without any charge to veterans who have a 100% service-connected disability or have been awarded federal funds for the purchase of a motor vehicle.² The current disabled veteran license plates are red, white, and blue in color and are inscribed with the word "veteran" and imprinted with the international wheelchair symbol. The bill requires that license plates issued under its terms to veterans with less than a 100% disability must have the

¹ R.C. 4503.41(B).

² R.C. 4503.41(A).

same general characteristics, but must be distinct from license plates currently issued to those veterans with a 100% disability.³

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 4503.41(D).

