



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 70 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: March 8, 2013

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Terhar

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Creates Combat Action Ribbon and Combat Action Badge license plates

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill does not allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to collect any fee to compensate for the cost of producing the special license plates and does not require a minimum number of plates to be issued in a given year. Any increase in expenditures for the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40) is dependent on the number of special license plates issued.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits certain persons to apply to the state Registrar of Motor Vehicles for issuance of Combat Action Ribbon and Combat Action Badge license plates, but does not authorize the Registrar to collect any additional fee to compensate the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) for additional services required in issuing such license plates.

State fiscal effects

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

The BMV currently produces special license plates via a digital print on demand process. The total cost to produce a pair of these license plates is currently \$6.37. Many specialty license plates require the applicant to pay an additional fee to help defray any costs associated with producing the plate. As with most military license plates (e.g., Bronze Star Medal, Korea, Combat Battle Star, etc.), however, the bill does not allow for any such fee, thereby shifting the additional cost burden to the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40). The actual cost of the bill is a function of the total number of new and renewal license plates issued annually. The bill also exempts this license plate from current law that requires a minimum of 500 plates be requested each year.

Local fiscal effects

Redistributed BMV revenues

The bill does not have a direct fiscal effect on local political subdivisions. However, whenever Fund 4W40's cash flow changes, local governments may be indirectly affected. Monthly, an assessment of Fund 4W40 occurs and excess cash not needed for BMV's monthly operating expenses is transferred to the state's Auto Registration Distribution Fund (Fund 7051). Cash in Fund 7051 is distributed to local governments (counties, municipalities, and townships) to use for transportation-related needs such as roads and bridges. As BMV's expenses or revenue sources increase or decrease, moneys available for redistribution to local governments may increase or decrease accordingly. Thus, if the BMV's costs to produce and distribute license plates increases, there may be less cash available for distribution back to certain local governments via Fund 7051.