



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 617 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: December 2, 2014

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. DeVitis

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Registrar of Motor Vehicles and deputy registrars to accept credit and debit cards

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires, rather than permits as under current law, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) and all deputy registrars, which are largely privately owned and operated, to accept debit and credit cards for certain financial transactions. The BMV is presently working with the Office of the Treasurer of State to implement a program to accept these forms of payment. Arguably, this requirement does not generate any additional costs for the BMV, as it is already working on establishing a credit and debit card payment program.

Under current law, unchanged by the bill, the BMV is not responsible for paying any of the fees related to debit and credit card transactions. The bill permits the deputy registrar, pursuant to rules adopted by the BMV, to impose and collect an appropriate surcharge for each debit or credit transaction. Presumably, this surcharge will be set at a level that offsets the costs deputy registrars incur to establish and maintain a credit and debit card payment program.

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