



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 254 of the 130th G.A.

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Eklund

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Creates the POW/MIA Awareness license plate

State Fiscal Highlights

- The special license plate created by the bill will cost the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) about \$7 per pair of plates issued. These costs will be offset by an increase in revenue of \$10 per pair of plates.
- The POW/MIA Awareness license plates will generate an additional \$25 per pair of plates issued, which will be distributed to the Military Injury Relief Fund (Fund 5DB0).

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill creates the POW/MIA Awareness license plate and requires both a \$25 contribution to be deposited to the credit of the Military Injury Relief Fund (Fund 5DB0) to be used by the Department of Job and Family Services to award grants to individuals injured while in active service as a member of the armed forces of the United States and a \$10 administrative fee to be deposited to the credit of the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund (Fund 4W40) to offset the increased cost of producing a special license plate.

State fiscal effects

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) currently produces special license plates via a digital print on demand process. Generally, the BMV must sell a minimum of 500 pairs of special license plates annually, or the sales of that license plate may be suspended. The total cost to produce a pair of these license plates is currently \$6.37. Under the bill, persons obtaining a POW/MIA Awareness license plate must pay an

additional administrative fee of \$10 per pair of license plates, more than offsetting the costs for those plates. The BMV uses Fund 4W40 to receive the revenue and pay the costs of issuing license plates.

License Plate Contribution Fund

The Department of Job and Family Services uses Fund 5DB0 to issue grants to individuals injured or diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder while in active service as a member of the armed forces of the United States while serving under Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, or Operation Enduring Freedom. The cost of a POW/MIA Awareness license plate includes a \$25 contribution to Fund 5DB0 to help fund these grants.

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 the 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 the 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 collects more in administrative fee revenue than it costs to produce and distribute a special license plate, there may be more cash available for distribution back to certain local governments via Fund 7051.