



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 188 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Henne

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Specialty kit car license plate requirement

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The Department of Public Safety may incur minimal at most one-time costs to adopt rules and implement the front license plate exemption program for specialty kit cars.
- The required \$150 fee may generate a minimal at most amount of revenue to be credited to the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (Fund 5L50) annually, which the Attorney General uses for professional training program reimbursements.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state's political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill authorizes the owner or operator of a specialty kit car (a motor vehicle that is assembled by the purchaser or a third party from a set of parts that are produced and sold by a manufacturer) to display a license plate only on the rear of the car if the owner or operator pays a \$150 fee. As drafted, it is unclear, and therefore open to interpretation as to whether this is a one-time \$150 fee or must be paid each time that the owner or operator renews the registration for the specialty car.

The Department of Public Safety's Registrar of Motor Vehicles may incur minimal at most one-time costs to comply with the bill's requirement to adopt rules establishing any necessary procedures governing the payment of the \$150 fee and implementation of the rear-only display of the license plate.

The Department of Public Safety does not specifically track the number of specialty kit cars inspected by the Ohio State Highway Patrol and registered in Ohio, but is likely to be relatively small in number. This suggests that the amount of revenue that could be generated annually from this fee will be minimal at most. Under the bill, the fee is to be credited to the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (Fund 5L50), which is used by the Office of the Attorney General to pay reimbursements for continuing professional training programs for peace officers and troopers.

Under current law, the failure to display a front license plate when required is a minor misdemeanor, which is subject to a maximum fine of \$150 and the assessment of various court costs and fees. As the cars that could be exempted from the front license plate requirement appear to be relatively small in number, the bill is likely to have no discernible effect on the overall amount of ticketing by state and local law enforcement, the cost of processing or adjudicating those tickets, or the related revenue generated in the form of fines, and court costs and fees.

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