



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 710**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

Rep. Johnson

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Allows a person who owns a high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMVEE) that was manufactured for military purposes to acquire a historical vehicle license plate, regardless of the HMVEE's age.
  - Allows an owner of a properly registered HMVEE that has a historical license plate to operate the HMVEE on public roads in events such as club activities, tours, and parades.
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Registration, licensure, and operation of HMVEEs**

The bill allows a person who owns a high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMVEE) that was manufactured for military purposes, regardless of age, to acquire a historical vehicle license plate. A person may acquire the historical license plate if the HMVEE:

- (1) Is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses; and
- (2) Is not used for general transportation.

Under current law, a historical motor vehicle is a vehicle that meets the two requirements listed above and is over 25 years old.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4501.01(G).

To operate a military HMVEE on a public road in Ohio, the owner must register the HMVEE as a historical motor vehicle.<sup>2</sup> To do so, the owner must execute an affidavit that states the following:

- The HMVEE is owned and operated solely for participation in events such as club activities, exhibitions, tours, and parades;
- The HMVEE is not used for general transportation, but may be driven to and from a location where maintenance is performed on the vehicle; and
- The HMVEE has been inspected and found safe to operate.<sup>3</sup>

The owner must also pay a reduced registration fee of \$10.<sup>4</sup> Upon the HMVEE owner's successful registration and payment, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must issue the owner a historical vehicle license plate. The HMVEE owner may display the HMVEE's assigned registration number by painting the number on the front and rear of the vehicle.<sup>5</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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<sup>2</sup> Currently in Ohio, according to the Department of Public Safety, a military HMVEE may only be titled for off-road purposes.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4503.181(C).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 4503.181(B).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 4503.181(D).

