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**H.B. 625**  
**135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Cutrona

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The bill creates the “American Legion Auxiliary” license plate. The license plate is exempt from the minimum registration requirements of 150 applicants for the first year.
- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will incur costs of at least \$6.25 to produce each “American Legion Auxiliary” license plate issued. That cost will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV administrative fee that is charged under existing law when a specialty license plate is issued or renewed.
- The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio will receive \$10 for each “American Legion Auxiliary” license plate that is issued or renewed.
- The bill excludes the existing “American Legion” license plate from the requirement that the BMV receive written statements from at least 150 people who intend to apply for the license plate.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

### **Detailed Analysis**

#### **“American Legion Auxiliary” license plate**

The bill creates the “American Legion Auxiliary” license plate, which is available to all Ohio motorists, and requires a person to pay an additional \$20 when the plate is issued and renewed. A portion of that fee is retained by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), with the remainder distributed to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio. The table below shows the distribution of that amount.

<b>“American Legion Auxiliary” License Plate</b>			
<b>BMV Fee</b>	<b>Required Contribution</b>	<b>Contribution Recipient</b>	<b>Statutory Use of Contribution</b>
\$10	\$10	American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio	Supporting the American Legion, current and former military members, and their families

Specialty license plates are produced by the BMV via a digital print-on-demand process at a cost of \$6.25 for a single license plate, or \$7.60 for a pair.<sup>1</sup> These costs will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV administrative fee which is paid at the initial issuance of the license plate and for each subsequent renewal and credited to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TMO), which is used in part to pay the BMV’s expenses related to titling motor vehicles, licensing drivers, and registering motor vehicles.

The “American Legion Auxiliary” license plate is exempt from existing law’s implementation procedure, meaning that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles is required to issue the license plate regardless of whether written statements from at least 150 people indicating their intent to apply for and obtain the license plate have been received.<sup>2</sup>

The BMV will incur production costs of at least \$6.25 for each “American Legion Auxiliary” license plate issued, which will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV fee. The amount generated for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio, will total \$10 for each license plate issued. The costs incurred by the BMV and the amount generated for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio, will vary annually and depend on the number of such license plates that are issued or renewed.

### **“American Legion” license plate**

The bill modifies the existing “American Legion” license plate by exempting it from existing law’s special license plate implementation procedure that requires written statements from at least 150 people indicating their intent to apply for and obtain the specialty license plate. H.B. 578 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which took effect on April 6, 2023, created the “American Legion” license plate subject to those implementation procedures. To date, those requirements have not been met and as such, no “American Legion” license plates have been issued. The bill will therefore allow the BMV to implement and issue the “American Legion” license plate regardless of whether implementation criteria has been met.

Under continuing law, a person obtaining the “American Legion” license plate must pay the \$10 BMV administrative fee and a \$10 contribution that supports the activities of the American Legion, Department of Ohio, Inc.

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<sup>1</sup> Under current law, a person registering a motor vehicle may elect to purchase a single license plate or a set of two plates.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4503.78.