



Sponsor Testimony- Senate Bill 15
Ohio Senate Transportation Committee
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Chairman Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 15.

Senate Bill 15 enables retired U.S. uniformed service members permanent registration on their vehicles. Of Ohio's 730,000 veterans, roughly 50,000 of them are retirees who would be eligible for this benefit. The cost of this bill is roughly a total of three million dollars per year to the state and local taxing authorities.

This bill would require retired uniformed service members to pay for their initial registration and then have permanent registration on their vehicle as long as they own the vehicle. If they buy another vehicle, they would pay again for the initial registration and have permanent registration and so on. If the plate needs replaced, they would pay a new plate fee only, if applicable. This would apply to the veteran's personally owned vehicles only. A veteran could not use this for company owned vehicles if they own a business.

Ohio is home to veterans from all over the United States. When a service member leaves their respective branch, they have to decide where to call home. A large part of that decision is based on which state treats that veteran the best. When a veteran moves into our state, they are helping our economy grow far beyond what this benefit provides them. By increasing our benefit offerings to veterans and military retirees, we are providing a wonderful place that they can call home. Senate Bill 15 would help get us one-step closer to calling Ohio a Veteran state.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide testimony for Senate Bill 15.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Hoagland".

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