

**Sponsor Testimony for House Bill 287**  
**Representative Marlene Anielski**  
**House Transportation and Public Safety Committee**  
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Thank you Chair Green, Vice-Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee for the opportunity to speak today on behalf of House Bill 287. The goal is to establish a specialty license plate in order to assist individuals suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress. PTS is a mental health issue that affects people across the state including veterans, victims of abuse, police and emergency services, and survivors of other traumas.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles would charge an additional forty-dollar fee for the plate, on top of the original charge of a standard plate. Ten dollars of the forty dollars will be designated for administration fees at the BMV and the remaining thirty dollars would be placed into the “Post-Traumatic Stress License Plate Contribution Fund” which would be established by HB 287. The Director of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (or their designee) must use the money in the fund to issue grants to nonprofit organizations that assist PTS victims recover from post-traumatic stress. The Director is required to approve the nonprofit organizations that will receive grants and the amounts paid to each nonprofit organization.

House Bill 287 provides a source of grant funding to help the recovery of those Ohioans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress. House Bill 287 would accomplish that by providing grant funds independent of the state budget.

Chairman Green and members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I am happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much for your consideration.