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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. K. Miller

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The bill creates the “Save a Warrior” 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 “Save a Warrior” 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.
- Save a Warrior, Inc., will receive \$10 for each “Save a Warrior” license plate that is issued or renewed.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state’s political subdivisions.

### Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the “Save a Warrior” 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 Save a Warrior, Inc. The table below shows the distribution of that amount.

“Save a Warrior” License Plate			
BMV Fee	Required Contribution	Contribution Recipient	Statutory Use of Contribution
\$10	\$10	Save a Warrior, Inc.	Preventing suicide by active members of the armed forces of the United States, veterans of those armed forces, and first responders

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 “Save a Warrior” 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 “Save a Warrior” license plate issued, which will be offset by the collection of the \$10 BMV fee. The amount generated for Save a Warrior, Inc., will total \$10 for each license plate issued. The costs incurred by the BMV and the amount generated for Save a Warrior, Inc., will vary annually and depend on the number of such license plates that are issued or renewed.

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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.