

AN ACT

To amend section 4503.71 and to enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month" and to incrementally increase the required contribution for Fraternal Order of Police license plates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 4503.71 be amended and section 5.292 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5.292. The month of May is designated as "Drive Ohio Byways Month" because May is the start of tourism season in Ohio.

Sec. 4503.71. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles who also is a member in good standing of the fraternal order of police may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of fraternal order of police license plates. The application for fraternal order of police license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application, presentation by the applicant of the required evidence that the applicant is a member in good standing of the fraternal order of police, and compliance by the applicant with this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of fraternal order of police license plates with a validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, fraternal order of police license plates shall be inscribed with identifying words and a symbol or logo designed by the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, and approved by the registrar. Fraternal order of police license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code.

Fraternal order of police license plates and validation stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular license fee required by section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of a fee of ten dollars, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for fraternal order of police license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the license plates and validation sticker shall be issued upon payment of the fees and taxes contained in this section and the additional fee prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. The fee of ten dollars shall be for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of fraternal order of police license plates, and shall be transmitted by the

registrar to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund created by section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~For~~ Beginning on the effective date of this amendment until two years after that date, for each application for registration and registration renewal the registrar receives under this section, the registrar shall collect an additional fee of two-five dollars. Beginning two years after the effective date of this amendment, for each application for registration and registration renewal the registrar receives under this section, the registrar shall collect an additional fee of eight dollars. The registrar shall transmit this additional fee to the treasurer of state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That existing section 4503.71 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the ____ day of _____, A. D. 20____.

Secretary of State.

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