



Common Sense Initiative

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph A. Kirk, Ohio Department of Public Safety

FROM: Paula Steele, Common Sense Initiative Office

DATE: September 12, 2019

RE: CSI Review – HB 62 Deputy Registrar Service Fee / Multi-year Vehicle Registration Pro-ration (OAC 4501:1-6-09 and 4501:1-6-11)

On behalf of Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and pursuant to the authority granted to the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 107.54, the CSI Office has reviewed the abovementioned administrative rule package and associated Business Impact Analysis (BIA). This memo represents the CSI Office's comments to the Agency as provided for in ORC 107.54.

Analysis

This rule package contains two amended rules proposed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety (Public Safety). The rule package was submitted to the CSI Office on August 2, 2019, and the comment period held open through August 16, 2019. No comments were received during this time. Unless otherwise noted below, this recommendation reflects the version of the proposed rules filed with the CSI office on August 2, 2019.

The draft rules prescribe the Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) deputy registrar service fees. OAC 4501:1-6-11 prescribes the fee deputy registrars receive for a transaction, i.e., driver's license renewals, vehicle registrations and temporary license placards. OAC 4501:1-6-09 prescribes discounted deputy registrar fees for multi-year prorated registrations.

House Bill 166 of the 133rd General Assembly, mandated a deputy registrar service fee of \$5.00. Service fees help pay deputy registrar expenses and have not increased since 2004. House Bill 62 of the 133rd General Assembly mandated the registrar to establish prorated service fees that apply to

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multi-year registrations and to “consider inflation and any other factors” relevant to determining the multi-year fees. OAC 4501:1-6-09 is being amended to pro-rate registration fees starting at \$5.00 for a one-year registration and to increase at a discounted rate of \$2.50 for each additional year, up to a five-year registration for \$15.

Public Safety reached out to stakeholders including deputy registrars and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) regarding the proposed amendments. The deputy registrars were supportive of the amendments.

Deputy registrars will benefit from the proposed rules as they will receive an increase in fees. Service fee increases will be borne by customers of the deputy registrar. HB 166 requires the service fee be set at \$5.00.

Recommendations

Based on the information above, the CSI Office has no recommendations on this rule package.

Conclusion

The CSI Office concludes that the Ohio Department of Public Safety should proceed in filing the proposed rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.