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**A B I L L**

To amend section 4503.10 of the Revised Code to 1  
prohibit the display of Social Security numbers on 2  
motor vehicle certificates of registration. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 4503.10 of the Revised Code be 4  
amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4503.10.** (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off-highway 6  
motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be registered 7  
under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file an 8  
application for registration under section 4519.03 of the Revised 9  
Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a snowmobile, 10  
off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that is not 11  
designed and constructed by the manufacturer for operation on a 12  
street or highway may not register it under this chapter except 13

upon certification of inspection pursuant to section 4513.02 of 14  
the Revised Code by the sheriff or chief of police of the 15  
municipal or township police with jurisdiction over the political 16  
subdivision in which the owner of the motor vehicle resides. 17  
Except as provided in section 4503.103 of the Revised Code, every 18  
owner of every other motor vehicle not previously described in 19  
this section and every person mentioned as owner in the last 20  
certificate of title of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven 21  
upon the public roads or highways shall cause to be filed each 22  
year, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the registrar of 23  
motor vehicles or a deputy registrar, a written or electronic 24  
application or a preprinted registration renewal notice issued 25  
under section 4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which 26  
shall be prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the 27  
following registration year, which shall begin on the first day of 28  
January of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 29  
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 30  
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 31  
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 32  
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to renew a 33  
motor vehicle registration by electronic means using electronic 34  
signature in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar. 35  
Except as provided in division (J) of this section, applications 36  
for registration shall be made on blanks furnished by the 37  
registrar for that purpose, containing the following information: 38

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 39  
registered, including the name of the manufacturer, the factory 40  
number of the vehicle, the year's model, and, in the case of 41  
commercial cars, the gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped 42  
computed in the manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the 43  
Revised Code; 44

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 45

township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 46

(3) The district of registration, which shall be determined 47  
as follows: 48

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 49  
hire or principally in connection with any established business or 50  
branch business, conducted at a particular place, the district of 51  
registration is the municipal corporation in which that place is 52  
located or, if not located in any municipal corporation, the 53  
county and township in which that place is located. 54

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 55  
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 56  
owner resides at the time of making the application. 57

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor vehicle; 58  
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(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 60

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the registration 61  
or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the preceding 62  
registration year and during the preceding period of the current 63  
registration year, have been paid. Each application for 64  
registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually or by 65  
electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited power of 66  
attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, or other 67  
document authorizing such signature. If the owner elects to renew 68  
the motor vehicle registration with the registrar by electronic 69  
means, the owner's manual signature is not required. 70

(7) The owner's social security number, if assigned, or, 71  
where a motor vehicle to be registered is used for hire or 72  
principally in connection with any established business, the 73  
owner's federal taxpayer identification number. The bureau of 74  
motor vehicles shall retain in its records all social security 75  
numbers provided under this section, but the bureau shall not 76

place social security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of 77  
registration. 78

(B) Each time the applicant first registers a motor vehicle 79  
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall present for 80  
inspection a certificate of title or a memorandum certificate 81  
showing title to the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of 82  
the applicant. When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 83  
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 84  
rules adopted under it, each application for registration for a 85  
vehicle required to be inspected under that section and those 86  
rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate for the 87  
motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. The 88  
application shall be refused if any of the following applies: 89

(1) The application is not in proper form. 90

(2) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 91  
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, 92  
division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4507.168, 93  
or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code. 94

(3) A certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title 95  
does not accompany the application. 96

(4) All registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle, 97  
for the preceding year or the preceding period of the current 98  
registration year, have not been paid. 99

(5) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 100  
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 101  
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 102  
is applicable. 103

This section does not require the payment of license or 104  
registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or 105  
for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not 106  
taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 4503.02, 107

4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the 108  
Revised Code. When a certificate of registration is issued upon 109  
the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 110  
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 111  
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 112  
certificate and on the inspection certificate for the motor 113  
vehicle, if any. The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or 114  
by such other means as the registrar prescribes, on the 115  
registration certificate issued upon the first registration of a 116  
motor vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of 117  
the motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in 118  
or attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 119  
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 120  
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading of 121  
the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 122  
certificate of registration. 123

The registrar shall include in the permanent registration 124  
record of any vehicle required to be inspected under section 125  
3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection certificate number from 126  
the inspection certificate that is presented at the time of 127  
registration of the vehicle as required under this division. 128

(C) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be made 129  
for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a single 130  
charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 131  
identification sticker or each set of county identification 132  
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 133  
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 134  
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 135  
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 136  
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 137  
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents per 138  
sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from the 139

fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 140  
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 141  
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 142  
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 143  
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 144  
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license tax 145  
moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised Code. 146

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee of two 147  
dollars and twenty-five cents for each application for 148  
registration and registration renewal notice the deputy registrar 149  
receives, which shall be for the purpose of compensating the 150  
deputy registrar for the deputy registrar's services, and such 151  
office and rental expenses, as may be necessary for the proper 152  
discharge of the deputy registrar's duties in the receiving of 153  
applications and renewal notices and the issuing of licenses. 154

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 155  
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 156  
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 157

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 158  
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with the 159  
license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 160  
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit that 161  
fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this section, 162  
together with the original and duplicate copy of the application, 163  
to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the approval of the 164  
director of public safety, may deposit the funds collected by 165  
those deputies in a local bank or depository to the credit of the 166  
"state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a local bank or 167  
depository has been designated by the registrar, each deputy 168  
registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the deputy 169  
registrar into that bank or depository not more than one business 170  
day after their collection and shall make reports to the registrar 171

of the amounts so deposited, together with any other information, 172  
some of which may be prescribed by the treasurer of state, as the 173  
registrar may require and as prescribed by the registrar by rule. 174  
The registrar, within three days after receipt of notification of 175  
the deposit of funds by a deputy registrar in a local bank or 176  
depository, shall draw on that account in favor of the treasurer 177  
of state. The registrar, subject to the approval of the director 178  
and the treasurer of state, may make reasonable rules necessary 179  
for the prompt transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the 180  
interests of the state and of counties, townships, municipal 181  
corporations, and transportation improvement districts levying 182  
local motor vehicle license taxes. The registrar may pay service 183  
charges usually collected by banks and depositories for such 184  
service. If deputy registrars are located in communities where 185  
banking facilities are not available, they shall transmit the fees 186  
forthwith, by money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule 187  
approved by the director and the treasurer of state, may 188  
prescribe. The registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for 189  
such service. 190

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making an 191  
application for a motor vehicle license directly to the registrar 192  
by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of the 193  
registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee of two dollars 194  
and twenty-five cents for each application. 195

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the district 196  
of registration in an application required by division (A) of this 197  
section. Violation of this division is falsification under section 198  
2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as specified in that 199  
section. 200

(I)(1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) of 201  
this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 202  
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 203

rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 204  
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and the 205  
stamping of the inspection certificate by the official issuing the 206  
certificate of registration apply to the registration of and 207  
issuance of license plates for a motor vehicle under sections 208  
4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 209  
4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 210  
4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised Code. 211

(2)(a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 212  
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 213  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 214  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 215  
receives information about the requirements established in that 216  
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 217  
present an inspection certificate with an application for 218  
registration or preregistration. 219

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director of 220  
environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded a 221  
contract under division (D) of section 3704.14 of the Revised 222  
Code, an on-line computer data link to registration information 223  
for all passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and 224  
commercial cars that are subject to that section. The registrar 225  
also shall provide to the director of environmental protection a 226  
magnetic data tape containing registration information regarding 227  
passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars 228  
for which a multi-year registration is in effect under section 229  
4503.103 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, 230  
without limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year 231  
registration, the registration deadline established under rules 232  
adopted under section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was 233  
applicable in the year in which the multi-year registration was 234  
issued, and the registration deadline for renewal of the 235



multi-year registration.	236
(J) Application for registration under the international registration plan, as set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the registrar. In accordance with international registration plan guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the forms shall include the following:	237 238 239 240 241 242
(1) A uniform mileage schedule;	243
(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by the registrant;	244 245 246
(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule.	247
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 4503.10 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.	248 249