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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

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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

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hire or principally in connection with any established business or
branch business, conducted at a particular place, the district of
registration is the municipal corporation in which that place is
located or, if not located in any municipal corporation, the
county and township in which that place is located.

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

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor vehicle;

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle;

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

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

(B) Each time the applicant first registers a motor vehicle
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall present for

inspection a certificate of title or a memorandum certificate
showing title to the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of
the applicant. When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and
rules adopted under it, each application for registration for a
vehicle required to be inspected under that section and those
rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate for the
motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. The
application shall be refused if any of the following applies:

(1) The application is not in proper form.

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

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

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

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

This section does not require the payment of license or
registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or
for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not
taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 4503.02,
4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the
Revised Code. When a certificate of registration is issued upon
the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the

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issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum
certificate and on the inspection certificate for the motor
vehicle, if any. The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or
by such other means as the registrar prescribes, on the
registration certificate issued upon the first registration of a
motor vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of
the motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in
or attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading of
the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding
certificate of registration.

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

(C) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be made
for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a single
charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county
identification sticker or each set of county identification
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of
producing the license plates and stickers, including material,
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents per
sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from the
fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of

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

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the deposit of funds by a deputy registrar in a local bank or
depository, shall draw on that account in favor of the treasurer
of state. The registrar, subject to the approval of the director
and the treasurer of state, may make reasonable rules necessary
for the prompt transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the
interests of the state and of counties, townships, municipal
corporations, and transportation improvement districts levying
local motor vehicle license taxes. The registrar may pay service
charges usually collected by banks and depositories for such
service. If deputy registrars are located in communities where
banking facilities are not available, they shall transmit the fees
forthwith, by money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule
approved by the director and the treasurer of state, may
prescribe. The registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for
such service.

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

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

(I)(1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) of
this section relating to the presentation of an inspection
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and the
stamping of the inspection certificate by the official issuing the
certificate of registration apply to the registration of and

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 237
registration plan, as set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of 238
the Revised Code, shall be made to the registrar on forms 239

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furnished by the registrar. In accordance with international	240
registration plan guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the	241
registrar, the forms shall include the following:	242
(1) A uniform mileage schedule;	243
(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined gross	244
vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by the	245
registrant;	246
(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule.	247
Section 2. That existing section 4503.10 of the Revised Code	248
is hereby repealed.	249