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A BILL

Го	amend sections 3704.14, 4503.102, 4503.103, and	1
	4503.11 and to enact section 4501.026 of the	2
	Revised Code to require the Registrar of Motor	3
	Vehicles to adopt rules permitting the owners of	4
	certain vehicles to register their vehicles on a	5
	biennial basis, to require the Registrar and all	6
	deputy registrars to accept credit cards for	7
	transactions with the Registrar or deputy, and to	8
	amend the versions of sections 4503.102 and	9
	4503.11 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to	10
	take effect January 1, 2004, to continue the	11
	provisions of this act on and after that effective	12
	date.	13

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

maintenance program that complies with the requirements governing

Section 1. That sections 3704.14, 4503.102, 4503.103, and	14
4503.11 be amended and section 4501.026 of the Revised Code be	15
enacted to read as follows:	16
Sec. 3704.14. (A) As used in this section:	17
(1) "Basic motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program"	18
or "basic program" means a motor vehicle inspection and	19

under division (F) of this section. For a motor vehicle the

district of registration of which is in a county classified as

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moderate nonattainment that is subject to a basic or an enhanced 51 motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program, "waiver limit" 52 means more than one hundred dollars for a vehicle of a 1980 or 53 earlier model year and more than two hundred dollars for a vehicle 54 of a 1981 or later model year. For a motor vehicle the district of 55 registration of which is in a county classified as serious, 56 severe, or extreme nonattainment and that is subject to an 57 enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program, "waiver 58 limit" means more than four hundred fifty dollars. "Waiver limit" 59 also includes the cumulative amount of the annual adjustments to 60 each of the amounts specified in this division made by the 61 director pursuant to regulations adopted under section 62 502(b)(3)(B)(v) of the "Clean Air Act Amendments." "Waiver limit" 63 does not include the cost of any repairs performed on a vehicle 64 for the purpose of restoring the vehicle in accordance with the 65 findings of the visual anti-tampering portion of a motor vehicle 66 emissions inspection conducted under this section. 67

(B) The director of environmental protection shall implement 68 and supervise a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program 69 in any county classified as moderate, serious, severe, or extreme 70 nonattainment for carbon monoxide or ozone in accordance with the 71 "Clean Air Act Amendments." The director shall implement and 72 supervise a basic or an enhanced motor vehicle inspection and 73 maintenance program in a county that is within an area classified 74 as nonattainment for carbon monoxide or ozone when such a program 75 is included in the air quality maintenance plan or contingency 76 plan for the nonattainment area that includes the county and that 77 is submitted to the United States environmental protection agency 78 by the director as required under section 175A of the "Clean Air 79 Act Amendments = as part of a request for redesignation of the 80 nonattainment area as attainment for carbon monoxide or ozone 81 under section 107(d) of that act, and the director determines that 82 the conditions requiring implementation of such a program and set 83

forth in either such plan have been met. The director shall	84
implement and supervise the enhanced program in any county as	85
required under section 3704.142 of the Revised Code. The director	86
may terminate the program in any county that is subject to this	87
section in accordance with division (K)(2) of this section. The	88
director shall adopt, and may amend or rescind, rules to	89
facilitate the implementation, supervision, administration,	90
operation, and enforcement of the program, including, without	91
limitation, rules providing for all of the following:	92

- (1) The form of all inspection certificates, distribution of 93 inspection certificates to reinspection stations licensed under 94 division (C) of this section, and form and distribution of any 95 other papers or documents necessary or convenient to the program. 96 The rules shall include, without limitation, the requirement that 97 all inspection certificates bear a statement that reads: "This 98 automobile inspection is the result of requirements under the 99 Clean Air Act Amendments enacted by the United States Congress. 100 Any questions or comments you may have about this program may be 101 directed to your United States senator in care of the United 102 States Senate, The Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20510 or to your 103 United States representative in care of The the United States 104 House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20515." 105
- (2) The replacement of lost or stolen certificates, papers, or documents;

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(3) Inspection procedures and standards to be used in motor 108 vehicle emissions inspections conducted under this section, 109 including, without limitation, a requirement that the inspections 110 test for carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons at idle or loaded mode 111 conditions; a requirement that the inspections test opacity for 112 particulates for diesel fueled vehicles; standards establishing 113 maximum allowable emissions of those pollutants, for both gasoline 114 fueled and diesel fueled vehicles, for each model year of motor 115

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vehicles inspected; a requirement that beginning with the 1994	116
model year, the inspections utilize the on-board diagnostic	117
computer links mandated by the "Clean Air Act Amendments";	118
requirements governing the computerized exhaust analyzer system to	119
be used by any contractor conducting inspections and any licensees	120
conducting reinspections; tampering parameter inspection	121
procedures and standards to be used in the visual anti-tampering	122
portion of an inspection conducted under this section;	123
requirements governing the engine tune-up that shall be performed	124
on any motor vehicle that fails an inspection conducted under this	125
section, including, without limitation, requirements that specific	126
items be checked and repaired, replaced, or adjusted as necessary	127
to restore the motor vehicle to proper working order or	128
specifications; tailpipe emissions improvement requirements	129
specified by percentage; a waiver repair verification system; and	130
any other necessary waiver procedures for motor vehicles that fail	131
an inspection under this section;	132
(4) A system for the maintenance and reporting of inspection	133
and reinspection station data and records;	134
(5) The manner of identifying exempt vehicles;	135
(6) Inspection, and supervision thereof, of fleets and	136
governmental vehicles under divisions (G) and (H) of this section;	137
(7) Establishment of specifications for an identification	138
sign that reinspection stations licensed under division (C) of	139
this section shall display in a conspicuous manner;	140
(8) The issuance of motor vehicle inspection certificates	141
only to reinspection stations licensed under division (C) of this	142
section that continue to comply with this section;	143
(9) The surveillance of reinspection stations licensed under	144
division (C) of this section and of inspection stations operated	145
by any contractor hired to conduct inspections under this section	146

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fifteen miles from an inspection station.	178
(13) A requirement that contractor-operated inspection	179
stations conducting inspections under this section be in operation	180
for at least forty-five hours per week, which shall include,	181
without limitation, operating hours in the evening and on	182
Saturdays;	183
(14) A requirement that any contractor hired to conduct	184
inspections under this section not allow vehicle waiting time to	185
exceed an average of fifteen minutes and the establishment of	186
minimum performance penalties for failure to comply with that	187
requirement;	188
(15) An adequate queuing area, as determined by the director,	189
at each contractor-operated inspection station conducting	190
inspections under this section. The rules adopted under division	191
(B)(15) of this section shall not arbitrarily discriminate against	192
any person who can reasonably be expected to submit a proposal	193
under this section for any contract provided for in division (D)	194
of this section.	195
(16) Conditions for the suspension and revocation of licenses	196
and inspector certifications issued under this section;	197
(17) The commencement date of the basic motor vehicle	198
inspection and maintenance program established under this section	199
shall be July 1, 1994, in all affected counties classified as	200
moderate nonattainment for carbon monoxide or ozone under the	201
"Clean Air Act Amendments" on the effective date of this amendment	202
September 27, 1993, other than Cuyahoga county. The commencement	203
date of the enhanced program in a county so classified as moderate	204
nonattainment for carbon monoxide or ozone on the effective date	205
of this amendment <u>September 27, 1993</u> , for which the implementation	206
and supervision of the enhanced program was requested under	207

section 3704.142 of the Revised Code shall be January 1, 1995. The

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commencement date of the program in any other affected counties,	209
other than Cuyahoga county, shall be the date established by the	210
director.	211
(18) A requirement that reinspections under the enhanced	212
motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program be conducted only	213
by a contractor hired to conduct inspections under this section;	214
(19) A requirement that each inspection station operated by a	215
contractor, each licensed reinspection station, and each referee	216
inspection station, prominently display in a location that is	217
readily visible to persons whose motor vehicles are being tested	218
pursuant to this section a sign that contains the same language	219
that is required to be printed on inspection certificates under	220
division (B)(1) of this section;	221
(20) Procedures that are necessary for the inspection of	222
motor vehicles that are registered biennially under division	223
(A)(1)(b) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code.	224
(C)(1) The director of environmental protection shall issue	225
licenses for reinspection stations for the purposes of the basic	226
motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under	227
this section for two-year periods, except that for the initial	228
license period for any station, the director may issue the license	229
for a period not to exceed five years. The director may include	230
terms and conditions as part of any license issued to ensure	231
compliance with this section and rules adopted under it.	232
The director may issue a license for each reinspection	233
station for which an application is filed that complies with this	234
section and rules adopted under it. Each application shall include	235
both of the following:	236
(a) A nonrefundable fee of one hundred dollars for each	237
initial license or a nonrefundable fee of fifty dollars for	238
renewal of any license;	239

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(b) A demonstration that the reinspection station will comply	240
with this section and the director's rules adopted under it.	241
(2) Each licensee shall conduct reinspections as required by	242
the director's rules. The licensee shall provide an inspection	243
certificate for vehicles that pass a reinspection under this	244
section.	245
(3) A licensee shall charge the fee under the basic program	246
that is established under division (D)(7) of this section for any	247
reinspection performed by the licensee under this section.	248
(4) A licensee may charge each person for services. However,	249
fees for reinspection shall be separately stated from any other	250
charge to the person.	251
(5) No licensee shall require as a condition of performing a	252
reinspection that any needed repairs or adjustments to a vehicle	253
be done by the licensee.	254
(6) A licensee shall maintain and make available for	255
inspection by the director or the director's authorized	256
representative accurate records as required by rules adopted under	257
this section.	258
(7) The director shall credit the moneys the director	259
receives under division (C) of this section to the motor vehicle	260
inspection and maintenance fund created in division (I) of this	261
section.	262
(D)(1) The initial motor vehicle inspections conducted under	263
the basic motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program, and	264
all inspections and reinspections conducted under the enhanced	265
program, required under this section shall be conducted by one or	266
more private contractors. The director of administrative services	267
shall issue and award contracts pursuant to a request for proposal	268
process. In doing so, the director shall consider factors in the	269

interest of consumers, including at least consumer price, service	270
quality, service delivery time, and convenience. The director	271
shall use the director's best efforts to secure as many proposals	272
as possible for each contract to be entered into under division	273
(D) of this section, which shall include the division of the state	274
into independent zones for the purpose of submission of the	275
proposals and awarding of the contracts. Each such zone shall	276
consist of a consolidated metropolitan statistical area or, if	277
such an area does not exist, of a metropolitan statistical area,	278
as defined by the bureau of the census $rac{ ext{of}}{ ext{in}}$ the United States	279
department of commerce.	280

Contracts awarded under division (D) of this section are 281 subject to section 153.012 of the Revised Code. For the purpose of 282 that section, the operation of the motor vehicle inspection and 283 maintenance program is hereby deemed to be a public improvement. 284

The director shall not enter into a contract for the purposes 285 of this section with any person holding a current, valid contract 286 to act as a deputy registrar under section 4503.03 of the Revised 287 Code. 288

A contractor shall be paid from moneys generated by the 289 applicable inspection fee established by the director of 290 environmental protection under division (D)(7) of this section. No 291 general revenue funds shall be used to pay any contractor. A 292 contractor shall assume, or in accordance with a lease required 293 under division (E) of this section shall provide for the 294 assumption of, all initial capital investment costs of the motor 295 vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under this 296 section with regard to the initial inspections and reinspections 297 required to be conducted by a contractor under this section and 298 shall amortize, or in accordance with such a lease shall provide 299 for the amortization of, those costs over the period of the 300 initial contract. 301

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(2) The director of administrative services shall require	302
each potential contractor to include as a part of the potential	303
contractor's proposal detailed information concerning, without	304
limitation, all of the following:	305
(a) The financial condition of the potential contractor;	306
(b) Any specialized experience and technical competence of	307
the potential contractor in connection with the type of services	308
required for the program;	309
(c) The potential contractor's past record of performance	310
with other government agencies or public entities and with private	311
industry, including, without limitation, such matters as the	312
ability to meet schedules and the names of persons who will serve	313
as references concerning the quality of the potential contractor's	314
work;	315
(d) The capacity of the potential contractor to perform the	316
work within the specified time limitations;	317
(e) The potential contractor's proposed method and equipment	318
to accomplish the work required;	319
(f) The person from whom the potential contractor proposes to	320
lease real property, including land, buildings, and other	321
structures, necessary for the operation of the program as required	322
in division (E) of this section, including information concerning	323
at least all of the following:	324
(i) Any specialized experience and technical competence of	325
the person;	326
(ii) The person's past record of performance with other	327
government agencies or public entities and with private industry,	328
including the ability to meet schedules;	329
(iii) Names of individuals who will serve as references	330
concerning the quality of the person's work;	331

(iv) The capacity of the person to perform the work within	332
the specified time limitations.	333
(g) The potential contractor's proposed schedule for leasing	334
of inspection sites, equipping of facilities, training of	335
personnel, and implementation of a public education program.	336
Each potential contractor shall include with the potential	337
contractor's proposal a signed statement from the person	338
identified under division (D)(2)(f) of this section indicating	339
that the person understands the applicable requirements	340
established under this section and rules adopted under it and	341
intends to comply with those requirements.	342
(3) The director of administrative services shall require a	343
performance bond of not less than one million dollars. Each	344
proposal shall be accompanied by a letter of commitment from a	345
bonding company stating that if the proposal is accepted, the	346
bonding company will issue such a bond.	347
(4)(a) The director of administrative services shall review	348
all information submitted with proposals under division (D)(2) of	349
this section for compliance with proposal specifications. The	350
director may require any potential contractor to supplement the	351
potential contractor's proposal with oral commentary for	352
clarification of the proposal document and to determine the	353
qualifications of the potential contractor. Any clarification of	354
information included in the proposal also shall be in writing. The	355
director shall reject the proposal of any potential contractor	356
whom the director determines to be unqualified.	357
(b) Although the director may require clarification of	358
information submitted with a proposal in accordance with division	359
(D)(4)(a) of this section, the director shall not change the	360
proposal specifications for a contract following the issuance of	361

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the request for proposals for that contract.

(5)(a) The director of administrative services shall award an	363
initial contract for a period of operation of not more than ten	364
years. Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(5)(b) of this	365
section, a contract may be renewed for periods of not more than	366
five years each, by mutual agreement of the director and the	367
contractor. Any contract awarded under division (D)(5)(a) of this	368
section is subject to the approval of the controlling board.	369
(b) If the implementation and supervision of the enhanced	370
motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in Cuyahoga	371
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- county is requested under section 3704.142 of the Revised Code and 372 the initial contract for the operation of the motor vehicle 373 inspection and maintenance program in that county is modified to 374 provide for the operation of the enhanced program in that county, 375 the initial contract for the operation of the motor vehicle 376 inspection and maintenance program in that county that is in 377 effect on the effective date of this amendment September 27, 1993, 378 as so modified, may be renewed for a period of not more than ten 379 years so that the first renewal of that contract will expire on 380 the same date as the initial contract for the operation of the 381 enhanced program in the other counties in the same nonattainment 382 area as Cuyahoga county. That first renewal shall be made by 383 mutual agreement of the director and the contractor and is subject 384 to the approval of the controlling board. Any subsequent renewals 385 of the contract for the operation of the program in Cuyahoga 386 county are subject to division (D)(5)(a) of this section. 387
- (6) A contract entered into under division (D) of this
 section shall include, without limitation, all of the following
 provisions:
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- (a) A requirement that the contractor enter into a lease with 391 the person identified in the contractor's proposal under division 392 (D)(2)(f) of this section for real property, including land, 393 buildings, and other structures, necessary for the operation of 394

e program as required in division (E) of this section;	395
(b) A requirement that the contractor provide any equipment,	396
parts, tools, services, personnel, supplies, materials, and	397
program software and software updates, and design and implement a	398
comprehensive public information program, necessary to conduct	399
motor vehicle inspections and reinspections required to be	400
conducted by a contractor under this section and data	401
communication links for reinspection stations licensed under	402
division (C) of this section;	403
(c) A provision allowing reasonable compensation, as	404
determined by the director of environmental protection, as	405
liquidated damages to the contractor if the motor vehicle	406
inspection and maintenance program established under this section	407
is terminated by law or its operation is discontinued during the	408
term of a contract or renewal, including, without limitation,	409
reasonable compensation for the unamortized costs of the	410
buildings, improvements, equipment, parts, tools, services,	411
supplies, and materials used by the contractor in the operation of	412
the program and the value of the remaining term of the contract to	413
the contractor. If a dispute arises as to the amount of the	414
compensation to be paid, it shall be submitted to and determined	415
by the court of claims under Chapter 2743. of the Revised Code.	416
The contractor shall remit any compensation so received for the	417
unamortized costs of the buildings and improvements to the person	418
with whom the contractor has entered into a lease in accordance	419
with division (E) of this section.	420
(d) A provision specifying that the forms for inspection	421
certificates are to be furnished by the contractor to the director	422
of environmental protection and that they shall conform to the	423
standards established by the director of environmental protection	424
in rules adopted under division (B)(1) of this section. The	425

director of environmental protection shall distribute the

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tion certificates to reinspection stations licensed under division	427
(C) of this section as needed.	428
(e) A provision allowing the director to require the	429
contractor to upgrade testing equipment in response to	430
improvements in technology and to negotiate reasonable	431
compensation for that upgrading.	432
(7) The director of environmental protection shall establish	433
inspection and reinspection fees to be paid by owners of motor	434
vehicles inspected under this section, provided that an owner	435
shall pay the inspection fee for the initial, annual, or biennial	436
inspection, as appropriate, only if the owner's vehicle passes	437
that inspection. The fees shall be sufficient to provide the	438
contractor's compensation identified in any contract entered into	439
under division (D) of this section plus the costs of the	440
environmental protection agency in implementing and administering	441
the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program established	442
in this section. The inspection and reinspection fees shall not	443
differ in amount and shall not exceed ten dollars and fifty cents	444
under the basic motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program	445
or twenty-five dollars under the enhanced program. The director,	446
during the term of a contract or renewal, may increase the	447
inspection and reinspection fees if the director determines that	448
it is necessary to cover costs of the program, including increased	449
costs resulting from any upgrading of testing equipment pursuant	450
to division (D)(6)(e) of this section, or to prevent a possible	451
breach of contract, but shall not increase the fees above ten	452
dollars and fifty cents under the basic program or twenty-five	453

(8) The contractor shall do both of the following:

dollars under the enhanced program.

(a) Collect the fees established under division (D)(7) of
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 this section and forward to the director of environmental
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 protection the portion due the environmental protection agency;
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(b) Maintain and make available for inspection by the	459
director of environmental protection, the auditor of state, or	460
their authorized representatives accurate records concerning the	461
collection of the fees. For the purposes of division (D)(8)(b) of	462
this section, record-keeping and accounting practices shall be	463
approved by the director. Failure to maintain or falsification of	464
fee collection records is grounds for breach of contract.	465

- (9) The director of environmental protection shall credit the
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 moneys the director receives under division (D)(8)(a) of this
 section to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance fund
 created in division (I) of this section.
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- (10) A contractor shall maintain and make available for 470 inspection by the director of environmental protection or the 471 director's authorized representative accurate records as required 472 by rules adopted under this section. 473
- (11) If a contractor fails to perform an obligation imposed 474 by the contract entered into under division (D) of this section, 475 the director of environmental protection shall request the 476 attorney general to bring a civil action to recover the amount of 477 the bond executed under division (D)(3) of this section as well as 478 other appropriate relief. The director shall deposit any moneys 479 recovered in such a civil action in the motor vehicle inspection 480 and maintenance fund created in division (I) of this section. 481
- (12) The director of environmental protection shall compile 482 and periodically revise lists of reinspection stations licensed 483 under division (C) of this section and located within individual 484 areas that are subject to the basic motor vehicle inspection and 485 maintenance program under this section. Each such list also shall 486 contain the locations of inspection stations operated by a 487 contractor within the applicable area. A contractor shall provide 488 the appropriate list to any owner whose motor vehicle fails the 489

initial inspection required under this section.	490
(13) The director of environmental protection shall compile	491
and periodically revise lists of inspection stations operated by a	492
contractor located within individual areas subject to the enhanced	493
motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program under this	494
section. A contractor shall provide the appropriate list to any	495
owner whose motor vehicle fails the initial inspection required	496
under this section.	497
(14) No owners, officers, or employees of a contractor	498
submitting a proposal or awarded a contract under division (D) of	499
this section shall have a principal interest in the person	500
identified by the contractor under division $(D)(2)(f)$ of this	501
section or in any reinspection station licensed under division (C)	502
of this section.	503
(15) The department of administrative services may issue to	504
the environmental protection agency a release and permit under	505
section 125.06 of the Revised Code pursuant to which that agency	506
may issue and award a contract or contracts under division (D) of	507
this section. If a release and permit is issued, any reference to	508
the director of administrative services under divisions (D) and	509
(E) of this section is deemed to be a reference to the director of	510
environmental protection.	511
(E)(1) Notwithstanding section 3704.01 of the Revised Code,	512
as used in division (E) of this section, "person" has the same	513
meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code.	514
(2) In order to fulfill the requirements of this section and	515
to comply with the "Clean Air Act Amendments," any contractor that	516
is awarded one or more contracts under division (D) of this	517
section shall enter into one or more assignable and renewable	518
leases with another person for the rental and use of real	519

property, including land, buildings, and other structures.

(3) The director of administrative services shall require a 521 contractor to make assignments of all leases under which the 522 contractor is lessee for real property to another contractor 523 awarded a contract under division (D) of this section. The 524 director shall require any contractor that is awarded a subsequent 525 contract under that division to renew the lease into which the 526 contractor entered under division (E)(2) of this section, or, if a 527 different contractor is awarded such a subsequent contract, the 528 director shall require that contractor to enter into a lease with 529 the person who was the lessor of the previous contractor. 530

(F)(1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and 531 rules adopted under it, the owner of any self-propelled motor 532 vehicle the district of registration of which is or is located in 533 a county that is subject to this section shall have the vehicle 534 inspected annually, within three hundred sixty-five days prior to 535 the registration deadline established pursuant to rules adopted 536 under section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, by a contractor in 537 accordance with rules adopted under division (B)(3) of this 538 section if that county is subject to the basic motor vehicle 539 inspection and maintenance program pursuant to rules adopted under 540 that division or shall have the vehicle so inspected biennially 541 within three hundred sixty-five days prior to the registration 542 deadline so established if that county is subject to the enhanced 543 program pursuant to those rules. If the district of registration 544 of the motor vehicle is or is located in a county that is subject 545 to the enhanced program pursuant to rules adopted under division 546 (B)(3) of this section, the owner of the motor vehicle shall have 547 it inspected and, if necessary, reinspected only in a county that 548 is subject to the enhanced program under those rules. Any motor 549 vehicle that fails the inspection shall be reinspected in 550 accordance with rules adopted under that division. If the owner's 551 vehicle passes the inspection or any reinspection, the owner, at 552

the time of the inspection or reinspection, shall pay the	553
applicable fee established under division (D)(7) of this section.	554
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An owner of a motor vehicle the district of registration of 556 which is or is located in a county that is subject to the basic 557 program under this section and for which a multi-year registration 558 is in effect under division (A)(1)(a) of section 4503.103 of the 559 Revised Code or rules adopted under it, in each of the years 560 intervening between the year of the issuance of that registration 561 and its expiration, shall have the vehicle inspected annually 562 within the three hundred sixty-five days prior to the anniversary 563 of the registration deadline applicable in the year in which the 564 multi-year registration was issued. An owner of a motor vehicle 565 the district of registration of which is or is located in a county 566 that is subject to the enhanced program under this section for 567 which a multi-year registration is in effect under division 568 (A)(1)(a) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or rules adopted 569 under it, biennially during the years intervening between the year 570 of issuance of that registration and its expiration, shall have 571 the vehicle inspected within three hundred sixty-five days prior 572 to each of the biennial anniversaries of the registration deadline 573 applicable in the year in which the multi-year registration was 574 issued. An 575

An owner who registers a motor vehicle after the registration 583 deadline for the vehicle has passed in a year in which the vehicle 584

is required to be inspected under division (F)(1)(a) of this	585
section may have the vehicle inspected at any time between the	586
registration deadline and the actual registration date.	587

Division (F)(1) of this section does not require the 588 inspection of a motor vehicle upon transfer of ownership or 589 possession. 590

Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(3) or (4) of 591 this section, proof that an inspection certificate was issued for 592 a motor vehicle during the previous twelve months shall be 593 provided before the registrar of motor vehicles may issue license 594 plates for that vehicle under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 595 Revised Code.

The owner of any motor vehicle that is required to be
inspected under this section, but that is leased to another person
may require the lessee to have the vehicle inspected and obtain
the inspection certificate on behalf of the owner.

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- (b) If a vehicle required to be inspected passes the
 inspection, the contractor shall give the owner an inspection
 certificate for the vehicle.
- (c) The contractor shall include as part of the inspection 604 required under this section a visual anti-tampering inspection 605 that meets the requirements established by rules adopted under 606 division (B)(3) of this section. If the visual anti-tampering 607 inspection indicates that any emission control device has been 608 removed, modified, or impaired, the owner shall have performed on 609 the vehicle whatever repairs are necessary to pass the visual 610 anti-tampering inspection and to restore the vehicle to its proper 611 condition, including, without limitation, the restoration of any 612 emission control device that was removed, modified, or impaired. 613 If the district of registration of the vehicle is or is located in 614 a county that is subject to the basic motor vehicle inspection and 615

maintenance program under this section, the owner then shall take	616
the vehicle to a contractor or a licensee. If the district of	617
registration of the vehicle is or is located in a county that is	618
subject to the enhanced program under this section, the owner then	619
shall take the vehicle to a contractor. If the contractor or	620
licensee determines that the vehicle has been restored to its	621
proper condition and the vehicle then passes the tailpipe	622
emissions inspection required under this section, the contractor	623
or licensee shall give the owner an inspection certificate for the	624
vehicle.	625

(d) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1)(f) of 626 this section, if a vehicle required to be inspected under this 627 section fails the inspection, and the contractor's visual 628 anti-tampering inspection conducted under division (F)(1)(c) of 629 this section does not reveal any removal, modification, or 630 impairment of an emission control device or, if the original 631 visual anti-tampering inspection revealed such a removal, 632 modification, or impairment, the vehicle again fails the tailpipe 633 emissions inspection after the owner has performed all necessary 634 repairs to restore the vehicle to its proper condition, the owner 635 shall have the cost of repairs necessary to pass the tailpipe 636 emissions inspection estimated by a repair facility, which cost 637 shall include the cost of an engine tune-up. If the cost of the 638 repairs that are necessary for the vehicle to pass the tailpipe 639 emissions inspection do not exceed the waiver limit for that 640 vehicle, the owner shall have the repairs performed on the 641 vehicle. The owner then shall have the vehicle reinspected by a 642 contractor or licensee. 643

If the vehicle passes the reinspection, the contractor or
licensee shall give the owner an inspection certificate for the
vehicle. If the vehicle fails the reinspection, and the cost of
the repairs already performed on the vehicle is less than the

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applicable waiver limit, the owner shall have additional repairs	648
performed on the vehicle in order to enable it to pass another	649
reinspection. If, after repairs costing at least the applicable	650
waiver limit have been performed on the vehicle under division	651
(F)(1)(d) of this section, the vehicle fails the reinspection, but	652
the reinspection indicates an improvement in tailpipe emissions of	653
the pollutant concerning which the vehicle initially failed the	654
inspection as specified in rules adopted under division (B)(3) of	655
this section and if, following the repairs, no emission levels	656
increase above the standard established by rules adopted under	657
that division for any pollutant concerning which the vehicle did	658
not initially fail, the contractor shall give the owner an	659
inspection certificate for the vehicle that includes a waiver	660
indicating that the vehicle did not pass the required inspection,	661
but that the owner had repairs costing at least the applicable	662
waiver limit performed on the vehicle.	663

For the purposes of divisions (F)(1)(d) to (f) of this section, only a contractor may do either of the following:

(i) Issue inspection certificates that include waivers;

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- (ii) Notwithstanding any provision of those divisions, 667 conduct reinspections of vehicles the district of registration of 668 which is or is located in a county that is subject to the enhanced program under this section. 670
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in division (F)(1)(f) of 671 this section, if the cost of the repairs that are necessary for 672 the vehicle to pass the tailpipe emissions inspection is estimated 673 to be more than the applicable waiver limit, the owner need not 674 have all of those repairs performed on the vehicle, but shall have 675 an engine tune-up performed on the vehicle that meets the 676 standards established by rules adopted under division (B)(3) of 677 this section as well as any other necessary repairs the cost of 678 which, together with the cost of the engine tune-up, equals at 679

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680 least the applicable waiver limit. Upon the owner's presentation of original repair receipts attesting that repairs costing at 681 least the applicable waiver limit, including, without limitation, 682 the engine tune-up required under division (F)(1)(e) of this 683 section, have been performed on the vehicle, the contractor or 684 licensee shall reinspect the vehicle to determine the 685 effectiveness of the required engine tune-up. If the reinspection 686 indicates an improvement in tailpipe emissions of the pollutant 687 concerning which the vehicle initially failed the inspection as 688 specified in rules adopted under division (B)(3) of this section 689 and if, following the engine tune-up, no emission levels increase 690 above the standard established by rules adopted under that 691 division for any pollutant concerning which the vehicle did not 692 initially fail, the contractor shall give the owner an inspection 693 certificate for the vehicle that includes a waiver indicating that 694 the vehicle did not pass the required inspection, but that the 695 696 owner complied with all requirements governing waivers.

(f) If a vehicle required to be inspected under this section 697 fails the inspection, and the contractor's visual anti-tampering 698 inspection conducted under division (F)(1)(c) of this section does 699 not reveal any removal, modification, or impairment of an emission 700 control device or, if the original visual anti-tampering 701 inspection revealed such a removal, modification, or impairment, 702 the vehicle again fails the tailpipe emissions inspection after 703 the owner has performed all necessary repairs to restore the 704 vehicle to its proper condition, the owner may perform the repairs 705 necessary for the vehicle to pass the tailpipe emissions 706 inspection. The owner shall keep a detailed record of the costs 707 incurred in performing those repairs. After performing repairs on 708 the vehicle costing not more than the applicable waiver limit, the 709 owner shall have the vehicle reinspected by the contractor or a 710 licensee. 711

If the vehicle passes the reinspection, the contractor or	712
licensee shall give the owner an inspection certificate for the	713
vehicle. If the vehicle fails the reinspection and the documented	714
cost of the repairs performed by the owner is less than the	715
applicable waiver limit, the owner shall have the cost of repairs	716
necessary to pass the tailpipe emissions inspection estimated by a	717
repair facility. The estimate shall include, without limitation,	718
the cost of an engine tune-up that meets the standards established	719
by rules adopted under division (B)(3) of this section. If the	720
cost of the engine tune-up, together with the documented cost of	721
the repairs performed by the owner, does not exceed the applicable	722
waiver limit, the owner shall have the engine tune-up performed on	723
the vehicle as well as any other necessary repairs the cost of	724
which, together with that documented cost and the cost of the	725
engine tune-up, equals at least the applicable waiver limit.	726

If the documented cost of repairs performed by the owner and 727 the estimated cost of an engine tune-up that meets the standards 728 established in rules adopted under division (B)(3) of this section 729 exceed the applicable waiver limit, the owner shall have 730 additional repairs performed on the vehicle by a repair facility 731 in order to enable it to pass another reinspection or until a 732 minimum expenditure equal to the applicable waiver limit is met, 733 whichever occurs first. 734

If, after repairs costing at least the applicable waiver 735 limit have been performed on the vehicle under division (F)(1)(f) 736 of this section, the vehicle fails the tailpipe reinspection, but 737 the reinspection indicates an improvement in the tailpipe 738 emissions of the pollutant concerning which the vehicle initially 739 failed the inspection as specified in rules adopted under division 740 (B)(3) of this section and if, following the repairs, no emission 741 levels increase above the standard established by rules adopted 742 under that division for any pollutant concerning which the vehicle 743

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did not initially fail, the contractor shall give the owner an	744
inspection certificate for the vehicle that includes a waiver	745
indicating that the vehicle did not pass the required inspection,	746
but that the owner performed or had performed on the vehicle	747
repairs costing at least the applicable waiver limit.	748
(g) If a motor vehicle that is required to be inspected under	749
this section is covered by a valid and unexpired emission	750
performance warranty as provided under section 207(b) of the	751
"Clean Air Act Amendments," the owner shall have any repairs	752
necessary for the vehicle to pass that inspection performed on the	753
vehicle under that warranty. Such a vehicle is not eligible for a	754
waiver under division $(F)(1)(d)$, (e) , or (f) of this section.	755
(2) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle required to be	756
inspected under this section and applicable rules adopted under it	757
shall present an inspection certificate issued for that vehicle by	758
a contractor or a licensee under this section when registering the	759
vehicle under Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code.	760
(3) The following motor vehicles are exempt from the	761
inspection requirements of this section and applicable rules	762
adopted under it:	763
(a) Vehicles over twenty-five years old, as determined by	764
model year, on the date on which proof of an annual inspection	765
otherwise would be required to be submitted with an application	766
for registration of the vehicles under this section and Chapter	767
4503. of the Revised Code;	768
(b) Vehicles registered to military personnel assigned to	769
military reservations outside this state, the district of	770
registration of which is or is located in any county that is	771

(c) Passenger cars and noncommercial motor vehicles, as 773 defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, that weigh over 774

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subject to this section;

ten thousand pounds gross vehicle weight;	775
(d) Commercial cars, as defined in section 4501.01 of the	776
Revised Code, having a taxable gross vehicle weight of more than	777
ten thousand pounds as provided in section 4503.042 of the Revised	778
Code;	779
(e) Historical vehicles registered under section 4503.181 of	780
the Revised Code;	781
(f) Licensed collector's vehicles as defined in section	782
4501.01 of the Revised Code;	783
(g) Parade and exhibition vehicles registered under section	784
4503.18 of the Revised Code;	785
(h) Motorcycles as defined in section 4511.01 of the Revised	786
Code;	787
(i) Electrically powered and alternatively fueled vehicles,	788
including at least those that are equipped to operate using	789
primarily one hundred per cent propane, butane, hydrogen, alcohol,	790
or natural gas as fuel;	791
(j) Recreational vehicles as defined in section 4501.01 of	792
the Revised Code.	793
(4) A motor vehicle, the legal title to which has never been	794
transferred by a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer to an	795
ultimate purchaser as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised	796
Code, is exempt from the inspection requirements of this section	797
and rules adopted under it for a period of one year commencing on	798
the date when the first certificate of title to the vehicle was	799
issued on behalf of the ultimate purchaser under Chapter 4503. of	800
the Revised Code if the district of registration of the vehicle is	801
or is located in a county that is subject to the basic motor	802
vehicle inspection and maintenance program under this section and	803
rules adopted under it or is exempt from those inspection	804

requirements for a period of two years commencing on the date when 805 the first certificate of title to the vehicle was issued on behalf 806 of the ultimate purchaser under that chapter if the district of 807 registration of the vehicle is or is located in a county that is 808 subject to the enhanced program under this section and rules 809 adopted under it.

- (5) The director shall notify, by mail, the owners of all 811 motor vehicles, the district of registration of which is or is 812 located in any county that is subject to this section, of the 813 applicable requirements established under this section. 814
- (G) The owner of a fleet of twenty-five or more vehicles 815 required to be inspected under this section, instead of having the 816 owner's motor vehicles inspected by a contractor or reinspected by 817 a contractor or a licensee, may conduct self-inspection of those 818 vehicles in accordance with rules adopted by the director of 819 environmental protection under this section. The rules shall 820 establish, without limitation, requirements governing inspections 821 and reinspections conducted by any such owner, any inspection 822 stations owned and operated by any such owner for that purpose, 823 and inspection equipment used for that purpose; an annual 824 reporting requirement to assist the director in determining 825 compliance with this division; and the method of and procedures 826 for payment of a fee that shall not exceed three dollars for each 827 vehicle that is included in the self-inspection program. 828
- (H) The federal government, the state, any political 829 subdivision, and any agency or instrumentality of those entities, 830 in accordance with rules adopted by the director of environmental 831 protection under this section, shall have inspected by a 832 contractor or reinspected by a contractor or a licensee or shall 833 self-inspect any motor vehicles that they own and operate in any 834 county that is subject to this section. The director shall adopt 835 rules under this section for the purposes of this division. The 836

rules shall establish, without limitation, an annual reporting	837
requirement to assist the director in determining compliance with	838
this division. The director may issue a notice of violation to a	839
governmental entity that the director finds has violated any	840
specific prohibition or has failed to comply with any affirmative	841
requirement of this section or any rule adopted under it. The	842
notice of violation shall set forth the specific violation or	843
failure to comply allegedly committed by the governmental entity	844
and shall be accompanied by an order requiring the governmental	845
entity to pay to the director the appropriate civil penalty	846
prescribed in this division. A governmental entity that receives a	847
notice of violation and order under this division for a violation	848
or failure to comply is liable for a civil penalty of two hundred	849
fifty dollars. The director may request the attorney general to	850
take appropriate action to effect compliance. Notwithstanding	851
division (A) of this section, as used in this division, "motor	852
vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 of the Revised	853
Code.	854

- (I) There is hereby created in the state treasury the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance fund, which shall consist of 856 moneys received by the director under this section and section 857 3704.17 of the Revised Code. The director shall use moneys in the fund solely for administration, supervision, and enforcement of 859 the program established under this section and rules adopted under 860 it and public education concerning the program. 861
- (J) The director periodically shall review the information 862 submitted to the director by licensed reinspection stations 863 pursuant to rules adopted under division (C)(6) of this section, 864 information submitted to the director by any contractor under 865 division (D)(10) of this section, annual reports submitted by 866 motor vehicle fleet owners under division (G) of this section and 867 rules adopted under that division, and the list of motor vehicles 868

for which multi-year registrations are in effect provided to the	869
director under division (I)(2)(b) of section 4503.10 of the	870
Revised Code, as necessary to determine whether owners of motor	871
vehicles who have obtained multi-year registrations under section	872
4503.103 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under it have	873
complied with the requirement of division (F)(1)(a) of this	874
section to have their vehicles inspected and obtain inspection	875
certificates for them annually or biennially, whichever is	876
applicable. If the director finds from that information that, in a	877
year intervening between the years of issuance and expiration of a	878
multi-year registration in which an owner is required to have a	879
vehicle inspected and obtain an inspection certificate for it	880
under that division, the owner has not done so within the	881
applicable three hundred sixty-five day period, the director	882
immediately shall send written notice of that fact to the	883
registrar of motor vehicles. Upon receipt of information submitted	884
pursuant to rules adopted under division (C)(6) of this section,	885
information submitted under division (D)(10) of this section, or	886
the annual report of a fleet owner submitted pursuant to rules	887
adopted under division (G) of this section indicating that an	888
owner who was the subject of an earlier notice to the registrar	889
under this division has had the vehicle named in the notice	890
inspected and has obtained an inspection certificate for it in	891
compliance with division $(F)(1)(a)$ of this section, the director	892
immediately shall send written notice of that fact to the	893
registrar.	894

(K)(1)(a) If a redesignation request demonstrating compliance 895 with the national ambient air quality standard for carbon monoxide or ozone in a county designated as nonattainment for carbon 897 monoxide or ozone and demonstrating that operation of a motor 898 vehicle inspection and maintenance program is not necessary for 899 attainment and maintenance of those standards in that county has 900 been submitted to and is pending before the United States 901

902 environmental protection agency under the "Clean Air Act Amendments, and if no release and permit has been issued to the 903 environmental protection agency under division $(D)\frac{(14)}{(15)}$ of this 904 section and section 125.06 of the Revised Code, the director of 905 environmental protection may submit a written request to the 906 director of administrative services to indefinitely delay the 907 issuance of a request for proposals or the award of a contract 908 under division (D) of this section for the operation of a motor 909 vehicle inspection and maintenance program in that county or, if 910 such a request for proposals has been issued under that division, 911 to withdraw it. Upon receipt of such a written request from the 912 director of environmental protection, the director of 913 administrative services shall take the requested actions. 914

- (b) If a release and permit has been issued to the 915 environmental protection agency under division $(D)\frac{(14)}{(15)}$ of this 916 section and section 125.06 of the Revised Code, the director of 917 environmental protection may indefinitely delay the issuance of a 918 request for proposals and award of a contract under division (D) 919 of this section for the operation of a motor vehicle inspection 920 and maintenance program or may withdraw any such request that has 921 been issued under that division in connection with a county for 922 which a redesignation request making the demonstrations described 923 in division (K)(1)(a) of this section has been submitted to and is 924 pending before the United States environmental protection agency 925 under the "Clean Air Act Amendments." 926
- (c) If no release and permit has been issued to the 927 environmental protection agency under division (D)(14)(15) of this 928 section and section 125.06 of the Revised Code, the director of 929 environmental protection may submit a written request to the 930 director of administrative services to proceed with the issuance 931 of a request for proposals and the award of a contract for the 932 operation of a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program 933

under division (D) of this section in a county for which a	934
redesignation request described in division (K)(1)(a) of this	935
section was submitted to the United States environmental	936
protection agency or, if such a release and permit has been issued	937
to the environmental protection agency, the director of	938
environmental protection may proceed with the issuance of such a	939
request under either of the following circumstances:	940
(i) Upon disapproval of the redesignation request by the	941

- (i) Upon disapproval of the redesignation request by the 941
 United States environmental protection agency; 942
- (ii) Upon approval of the redesignation request by the United 943
 States environmental protection agency if the director of 944
 environmental protection determines that operation of a motor 945
 vehicle inspection and maintenance program in the county is 946
 necessary to protect and maintain compliance with the national 947
 ambient air quality standard for carbon monoxide or ozone in the 948
 county.

If no such release and permit has been issued to the 950 environmental protection agency, the director of administrative 951 services, upon receipt of a written request from the director of 952 environmental protection under division (K)(1)(c) of this section, 953 shall take the requested actions.

(2) If at any time air quality monitoring data in any county 955 where a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program is 956 required under this section and rules adopted under it demonstrate 957 that that county has attained and maintained compliance for three 958 consecutive years with the national ambient air quality standard 959 for carbon monoxide or ozone under the "Clean Air Act Amendments," 960 the director, at the earliest possible date, shall prepare and 961 submit to the administrator of the United States environmental 962 protection agency a demonstration that such attainment has been so 963 achieved and maintained in that county. If the administrator 964 approves the director's submittal as demonstrating that compliance 965 with the national ambient air quality standard for carbon monoxide 966 or ozone under that act has been achieved and maintained in the 967 county and if the director determines that continued operation of 968 a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in the county 969 is not necessary to protect and maintain compliance with the 970 national ambient air quality standard for carbon monoxide or 971 ozone, the director may rescind the rules adopted under division 972 (B) of this section requiring implementation and operation of the 973 program in that county. A rescission shall take effect in such a 974 county on the date of the expiration of the contract or renewal 975 thereof provided for in division (D) of this section that next 976 succeeds the administrator's approval of the demonstration in that 977 county. 978

(L) There is hereby created the motor vehicle inspection and 979 maintenance program legislative oversight committee, which shall 980 be comprised of six members. The speaker of the house of 981 representatives shall appoint three members of the house of 982 representatives to the committee, not more than two of whom shall 983 be from any one political party, and the president of the senate 984 shall appoint three members of the senate to the committee, not 985 more than two of whom shall be from any one political party. Each 986 member shall serve at the pleasure of the member's appointing 987 authority. During the first year of any legislative session, the 988 chairman chairperson of the committee shall be a member from the 989 house of representatives and the vice-chairman vice-chairperson 990 shall be a member from the senate, as designated by their 991 appointing authorities. During the second year of any legislative 992 session, the chairman chairperson shall be a member from the 993 senate and the vice-chairman vice-chairperson shall be a member 994 from the house of representatives, as designated by their 995 appointing authorities. 996

The committee shall monitor the motor vehicle inspection and

maintenance program established under this section and, in doing	998
so, shall work in complete cooperation with the Ohio environmental	999
protection agency and the United States environmental protection	1000
agency. The former agency shall provide to the committee any data,	1001
reports, and other information and materials requested by the	1002
committee.	1003

The director shall notify the committee whenever the program

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established under this section is required to be implemented in a

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county because of a change in that county's nonattainment

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classification under the "Clean Air Act Amendments" or if an

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enhanced program is required to be implemented in a county under

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section 3704.142 of the Revised Code.

If at any time the program established under this section is 1010 terminated, the committee shall cease to exist on the date of 1011 termination.

(M) Implementation of the motor vehicle inspection and 1013 maintenance program established under this section is an essential 1014 state function mandated by the "Clean Air Act Amendments." The 1015 1016 director or the director's authorized representative may perform essential governmental duties that are necessary to implement the 1017 program properly within any county that is subject to this 1018 section, including at least the placement of directional traffic 1019 signs to assist citizens in finding inspection stations. The 1020 director or the director's authorized representative need not 1021 comply with any applicable ordinances or resolutions of any 1022 political subdivisions if that compliance would prevent the 1023 director or the director's authorized representative from 1024 performing any such essential governmental duties. 1025

Sec. 4501.026. Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised	1026
Code, the registrar of motor vehicles and each deputy registrar	1027
shall accept payment by means of a financial transaction device	1028
for motor vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license	1029
and commercial driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees,	1030
penalties, or charges that are payable to the state through the	1031
bureau of motor vehicles. The registrar shall adopt rules as	1032
necessary for this purpose.	1033

Sec. 4503.102. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 1034 adopt rules to establish a centralized system of motor vehicle 1035 registration renewal by mail or by electronic means. Any person 1036 owning a motor vehicle that was registered in the person's name 1037 during the preceding registration year shall renew the 1038 registration of the motor vehicle not more than ninety days prior 1039 to the expiration date of the registration either by mail or by 1040 electronic means through the centralized system of registration 1041 established under this section, or in person at any office of the 1042 registrar or at a deputy registrar's office. 1043

(B)(1) No less than forty-five days prior to the expiration 1044 date of any motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall mail a 1045 renewal notice to the person in whose name the motor vehicle is 1046 registered. The renewal notice shall clearly state that the 1047 registration of the motor vehicle may be renewed by mail or 1048 electronic means through the centralized system of registration or 1049 in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy 1050 registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information 1051 including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence 1052 address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, a 1053 brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, notice of 1054 the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle, the toll-free 1055 telephone number of the registrar as required under division 1056 (D)(1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code, and any additional 1057 information the registrar may require by rule. The renewal notice 1058 shall be sent by regular mail to the owner's last known address as 1059 shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. 1060

- (2) If the application for renewal of the registration of a 1061 motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar 1062 or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, division 1063 (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division 1064 (B) of section 4507.168, or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of 1065 the Revised Code, the registrar is not required to send a renewal 1066 notice to the vehicle owner or vehicle lessee.
- (C) The owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the 1068 information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or by 1069 electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic 1070 means, or the owner may take it in person to any office of the 1071 registrar or of a deputy registrar, together with a financial 1072 transaction device number, when permitted by rule of the 1073 registrar, check, or money order in the amount of the registration 1074 taxes and fees payable on the motor vehicle and a mail fee of two 1075 dollars and seventy-five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three 1076 dollars and twenty-five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and 1077 three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004, plus 1078 postage as indicated on the notice, if the registration is renewed 1079 by mail, and an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as 1080 provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. If the motor 1081 vehicle owner chooses to renew the motor vehicle registration by 1082 electronic means, the owner shall proceed in accordance with the 1083 rules the registrar adopts. 1084
- (D) If all registration and transfer fees for the motor 1085 vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 1086 current registration year have not been paid, if division (D) of 1087 section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of 1088

section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4507.168, or division	1089
(B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code prohibits acceptance	1090
of the renewal notice, or if the owner or lessee does not have an	1091
inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in	1092
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, if that section is	1093
applicable, the license shall be refused, and the registrar or	1094
deputy registrar shall so notify the owner. This section does not	1095
require the payment of license or registration taxes on a motor	1096
vehicle for any preceding year, or for any preceding period of a	1097
year, if the motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year	1098
or period under section 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or	1099
4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code.	1100

- (E)(1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a 1101 motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew the 1102 registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a motor 1103 vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive a 1104 renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section prior 1105 to the expiration date of the registration shall request an 1106 application for registration from the registrar or a deputy 1107 registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic means 1108 and submit the application and pay any applicable license taxes 1109 and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar. 1110
- (2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application 1111 for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) 1112 of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) 1113 of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4507.168, or division 1114 (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code from accepting the 1115 application, the registrar shall return the application and the 1116 payment to the owner. If the owner of a motor vehicle submits a 1117 registration renewal application to the registrar by electronic 1118 means and the registrar is prohibited from accepting the 1119 application as provided in this division, the registrar shall 1120

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notify the owner of this fact and deny the application and return	1121
the payment or give a credit on the financial transaction device	1122
account of the owner in the manner the registrar prescribes by	1123
rule adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section.	1124
(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place at	1125
the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail	1126
registration system required by this section and also shall post a	1127
notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur	1128
holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the	1129
registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days	1130
after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the	1131
registrar prescribes by rule.	1132
(G) The two dollars and seventy-five cents fee collected from	1133
July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002, the three dollars and	1134
twenty-five cents fee collected from January 1, 2003, through	1135
December 31, 2003, and the three dollars and fifty cents fee	1136
collected after January 1, 2004, plus postage and any financial	1137
transaction device surcharge collected by the registrar for	1138
registration by mail, shall be paid to the credit of the state	1139
bureau of motor vehicles fund established by section 4501.25 of	1140
the Revised Code.	1141
(H) Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the	1142
registrar may implement a program permitting payment of motor	1143
vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license and	1144
commercial driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees,	1145
penalties, or charges imposed or levied by the state by means of a	1146
financial transaction device. The registrar may adopt rules as	1147
necessary for this purpose.	1148
(I) For persons who reside in counties where tailpipe	1149
emissions inspections are required under the motor vehicle	1150

inspection and maintenance program, the notice required by

division (B) of this section shall also include the toll-free

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(3) The registrar shall not issue to any applicant who has	1184
been issued a final, nonappealable order under division (B) of	1185
this section a multi-year registration or renewal thereof under	1186
this division or rules adopted under it for any motor vehicle that	1187
is required to be inspected under section 3704.14 of the Revised	1188
Code the district of registration of which, as determined under	1189
section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, is or is located in the	1190
county named in the order.	1191

(B) Upon receipt from the director of environmental 1192 protection of a notice issued under division (J) of section 1193 3704.14 of the Revised Code indicating that an owner of a motor 1194 vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section who 1195 obtained a multi-year registration for the vehicle under division 1196 (A) of this section or rules adopted under that division has not 1197 obtained an inspection certificate for the vehicle in accordance 1198 with that section in a year intervening between the years of 1199 issuance and expiration of the multi-year registration in which 1200 the owner is required to have the vehicle inspected and obtain an 1201 inspection certificate for it under division (F)(1)(a) of that 1202 section, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 1203 Revised Code shall issue an order to the owner impounding the 1204 certificate of registration and identification license plates for 1205 the vehicle. The order also shall prohibit the owner from 1206 obtaining or renewing a multi-year registration for any vehicle 1207 that is required to be inspected under that section, the district 1208 of registration of which is or is located in the same county as 1209 the county named in the order during the number of years after 1210 expiration of the current multi-year registration that equals the 1211 number of years for which the current multi-year registration was 1212 issued. 1213

An order issued under this division shall require the owner 1214 to surrender to the registrar the certificate of registration and 1215

license plates for the vehicle named in the order within five days	1216
after its issuance. If the owner fails to do so within that time,	1217
the registrar shall certify that fact to the county sheriff or	1218
local police officials who shall recover the certificate of	1219
registration and license plates for the vehicle.	1220
(C) Upon the occurrence of either of the following	1221
circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of	1222
the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order	1223
rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (B)	1224
of this section impounding the certificate of registration and	1225
license plates for the vehicle named in that original order:	1226
(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection of	1227
a subsequent notice under division (J) of section 3704.14 of the	1228
Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection	1229
certificate for the vehicle as required under division (F)(1)(a)	1230
after its issuance. If the owner fails to do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover the certificate of registration and license plates for the vehicle. (C) Upon the occurrence of either of the following circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (B) of this section impounding the certificate of registration and license plates for the vehicle named in that original order: (1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection of a subsequent notice under division (J) of section 3704.14 of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection certificate for the vehicle as required under division (F)(1)(a) of that section; (2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the required inspection certificate for the vehicle. (D) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant to an order issued under division (B) of this section, upon issuance of a modified order under division (C) of this section, may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle named in the application. Sec. 4503.11. (A) Except as provided by sections 4503.103,	
(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the	1232
required inspection certificate for the vehicle.	1233
(D) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate of	1234
registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant to an	1235
order issued under division (B) of this section, upon issuance of	1236
a modified order under division (C) of this section, may apply to	1237
the registrar for their return. A fee of two dollars and fifty	1238
cents shall be charged for the return of the certificate of	1239
registration and license plates for each vehicle named in the	1240
application.	1241
Sec. 4503.11. (A) Except as provided by sections 4503.103.	1242
4503.173, 4503.41, 4503.43, and 4503.46 of the Revised Code, no	1243
person who is the owner or chauffeur of a motor vehicle operated	1244

or driven upon the public roads or highways shall fail to file

annually the application for registration or to pay the tax

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therefor.	1247
(B) Except as provided by sections 4503.12 and 4503.16 of the	1248
Revised Code, the taxes payable on all applications made under	1249
sections 4503.10 and 4503.102 of the Revised Code shall be the sum	1250
of the tax due under division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this section	1251
plus the tax due under division (B)(2)(a) or (b) of this section:	1252
(1)(a) If the application is made before the second month of	1253
the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is	1254
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, the	1255
tax due is the full amount of the tax provided in section 4503.04	1256
of the Revised Code;	1257
(b) If the application is made during or after the second	1258
month of the current registration period to which the motor	1259
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised	1260
Code, and prior to the beginning of the next such registration	1261
period, the amount of the tax provided in section 4503.04 of the	1262
Revised Code shall be reduced by one-twelfth of the amount of such	1263
tax, rounded upward to the nearest cent, multiplied by the number	1264
of full months that have elapsed in the current registration	1265
period. The resulting amount shall be rounded upward to the next	1266
highest dollar and shall be the amount of tax due.	1267
(2)(a) If the application is made before the sixth month of	1268
the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is	1269
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, the	1270
amount of tax due is the full amount of local motor vehicle	1271
license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code;	1272
(b) If the application is made during or after the sixth	1273
month of the current registration period to which the motor	1274
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised	1275
Code and prior to the beginning of the next such registration	1276

period, the amount of tax due is one-half of the amount of local

electronic means through the centralized system of registration or	1308
in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy	1309
registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information	1310
including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence	1311
address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, a	1312
brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, notice of	1313
the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle, the toll-free	1314
telephone number of the registrar as required under division	1315
(D)(1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code, and any additional	1316
information the registrar may require by rule. The renewal notice	1317
shall be sent by regular mail to the owner's last known address as	1318
shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles.	1319

- (2) If the application for renewal of the registration of a 1320 motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar 1321 or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, division 1322 (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division 1323 (B) of section 4510.22, or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of 1324 the Revised Code, the registrar is not required to send a renewal 1325 notice to the vehicle owner or vehicle lessee. 1326
- (C) The owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the 1327 information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or by 1328 electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic 1329 means, or the owner may take it in person to any office of the 1330 registrar or of a deputy registrar, together with a financial 1331 transaction device number, when permitted by rule of the 1332 registrar, check, or money order in the amount of the registration 1333 taxes and fees payable on the motor vehicle and a mail fee of two 1334 dollars and seventy-five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three 1335 dollars and twenty-five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and 1336 three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004, plus 1337 postage as indicated on the notice, if the registration is renewed 1338 by mail, and an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as 1339

ovided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. If the motor	1340
vehicle owner chooses to renew the motor vehicle registration by	1341
electronic means, the owner shall proceed in accordance with the	1342
rules the registrar adopts.	1343

- (D) If all registration and transfer fees for the motor 1344 vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 1345 current registration year have not been paid, if division (D) of 1346 section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of 1347 section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, or division 1348 (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code prohibits acceptance 1349 of the renewal notice, or if the owner or lessee does not have an 1350 inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in 1351 section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, if that section is 1352 applicable, the license shall be refused, and the registrar or 1353 deputy registrar shall so notify the owner. This section does not 1354 require the payment of license or registration taxes on a motor 1355 vehicle for any preceding year, or for any preceding period of a 1356 year, if the motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year 1357 or period under section 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or 1358 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code. 1359
- (E)(1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a 1360 motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew the 1361 registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a motor 1362 vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive a 1363 renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section prior 1364 to the expiration date of the registration shall request an 1365 application for registration from the registrar or a deputy 1366 registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic means 1367 and submit the application and pay any applicable license taxes 1368 and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar. 1369
- (2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application 1370 for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) 1371

of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A)	1372									
of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, or division	1373									
(B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code from accepting the	1374									
application, the registrar shall return the application and the										
payment to the owner. If the owner of a motor vehicle submits a	1376									
registration renewal application to the registrar by electronic	1377									
means and the registrar is prohibited from accepting the										
application as provided in this division, the registrar shall										
notify the owner of this fact and deny the application and return										
the payment or give a credit on the financial transaction device	1381									
account of the owner in the manner the registrar prescribes by	1382									
rule adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section.	1383									
(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place at	1384									
the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail	1385									
registration system required by this section and also shall post a	1386									
notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur	1387									
holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the	1388									
registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days	1389									
after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the	1390									
registrar prescribes by rule.	1391									
(G) The two dollars and seventy-five cents fee collected from	1392									
July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002, the three dollars and	1393									
twenty-five cents fee collected from January 1, 2003, through	1394									
December 31, 2003, and the three dollars and fifty cents fee	1395									
collected after January 1, 2004, plus postage and any financial	1396									
transaction device surcharge collected by the registrar for	1397									
registration by mail, shall be paid to the credit of the state	1398									
bureau of motor vehicles fund established by section 4501.25 of	1399									
the Revised Code.	1400									
(H) Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the	1401									

registrar may implement a program permitting payment of motor

vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license and

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Code, and prior to the beginning of the next such registration

period, the amount of the tax provided in section 4503.04 of the	1435
Revised Code shall be reduced by one-twelfth of the amount of such	1436
tax, rounded upward to the nearest cent, multiplied by the number	1437
of full months that have elapsed in the current registration	1438
period. The resulting amount shall be rounded upward to the next	1439
highest dollar and shall be the amount of tax due.	1440
(2)(a) If the application is made before the sixth month of	1441
the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is	1442
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, the	1443
amount of tax due is the full amount of local motor vehicle	1444
license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code;	1445
(b) If the application is made during or after the sixth	1446
month of the current registration period to which the motor	1447
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised	1448
Code and prior to the beginning of the next such registration	1449
period, the amount of tax due is one-half of the amount of local	1450
motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the	1451
Revised Code.	1452
(C) The taxes payable on all applications made under division	1453
(A)(1)(b) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code shall be the sum	1454
of the tax due under division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this section	1455
plus the tax due under division (B)(2)(a) or (b) of this section	1456
for the first year plus the full amount of the tax provided in	1457
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and the full amount of local	1458
motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the	1459
Revised Code for the second year.	1460
(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor	1461
of the fourth degree.	1462
Section 4. That the existing versions of sections 4503.102	1463
and 4503.11 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect	1464
January 1, 2004, are hereby repealed.	1465

	Section	5.	Sections	3	and	4	of	this	act	take	effect	January	1466
1,	2004.												1467

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