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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 4521.01, 4521.02, and 4521.10 of 1  
the Revised Code to permit a local authority to 2  
consider for purposes of the Local Noncriminal 3  
Parking Law a fine of \$250 to \$500 for a violation 4  
of an ordinance, resolution, or regulation that 5  
regulates the standing or parking of a vehicle in 6  
a disability parking space, and to provide that if 7  
a person fails to pay a fine for such a violation 8  
that person may not be permitted to register a 9  
motor vehicle in that person's name. 10

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4521.01, 4521.02, and 4521.10 be 11  
amended to read as follows: 12

**Sec. 4521.01.** As used in this chapter: 13

(A) "Parking infraction" means a violation of any ordinance, 14  
resolution, or regulation enacted by a local authority that 15  
regulates the standing or parking of vehicles and that is 16  
authorized pursuant to section 505.17 or 4511.07 of the Revised 17  
Code, or a violation of any ordinance, resolution, or regulation 18

enacted by a local authority as authorized by this chapter, if the  
local authority in either of these cases also has enacted an  
ordinance, resolution, or regulation of the type described in  
division (A) of section 4521.02 of the Revised Code in relation to  
the particular regulatory ordinance, resolution, or regulation.

(B) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 of  
the Revised Code.

(C) "Court" means a municipal court, county court, juvenile  
court, or mayor's court, unless specifically identified as one of  
these courts, in which case it means the specifically identified  
court.

(D) "Local authority" means every county, municipal  
corporation, township, or other local board or body having  
authority to adopt police regulations pursuant to the constitution  
and laws of this state.

(E) "Disability parking space" means a motor vehicle parking  
location that is reserved for the exclusive standing or parking of  
a vehicle that is operated by or on behalf of a person with a  
disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk and displays  
a placard or license plates issued under section 4503.44 of the  
Revised Code.

(F) "Person with a disability that limits or impairs the  
ability to walk" has the same meaning as in section 4503.44 of the  
Revised Code.

**Sec. 4521.02.** (A) A local authority that enacts any  
ordinance, resolution, or regulation that regulates the standing  
or parking of vehicles and that is authorized pursuant to section  
505.17 or 4511.07 of the Revised Code also by ordinance,  
resolution, or regulation may specify that a violation of the  
regulatory ordinance, resolution, or regulation shall not be

considered a criminal offense for any purpose, that a person who 49  
commits the violation shall not be arrested as a result of the 50  
commission of the violation, and that the violation shall be 51  
handled pursuant to this chapter. If such a specification is made, 52  
the local authority also by ordinance, resolution, or regulation 53  
shall adopt a fine for a violation of the regulatory ordinance, 54  
resolution, or regulation and prescribe an additional penalty or 55  
penalties for failure to answer any charges of the violation in a 56  
timely manner. In no case shall any fine adopted or additional 57  
penalty prescribed pursuant to this division exceed the fine 58  
established by the municipal or county court having territorial 59  
jurisdiction over the entire or a majority of the political 60  
subdivision of the local authority, in its schedule of fines 61  
established pursuant to Traffic Rule 13(C), for a substantively 62  
comparable violation. ~~In~~ Except as provided in this division, in 63  
no case shall any fine adopted or additional penalty prescribed 64  
pursuant to this division exceed one hundred dollars, plus costs 65  
and other administrative charges, per violation. 66

If a local authority chooses to adopt a specific fine for a 67  
violation of an ordinance, resolution, or regulation that 68  
regulates the standing or parking of a vehicle in a disability 69  
parking space, the fine the local authority establishes for such 70  
offense shall be an amount not less than two hundred fifty dollars 71  
but not more than five hundred dollars. 72

(B) A local authority that enacts an ordinance, resolution, 73  
or regulation pursuant to division (A) of this section also may 74  
enact an ordinance, resolution, or regulation that provides for 75  
the impoundment or immobilization of vehicles found standing or 76  
parked in violation of the regulatory ordinance, resolution, or 77  
regulation and the release of the vehicles to their owners. In no 78  
case shall an ordinance, resolution, or regulation require the 79  
owner of the vehicle to post bond or deposit cash in excess of one 80

thousand dollars in order to obtain release of the vehicle. 81

(C) A local authority that enacts any ordinance, resolution, 82  
or regulation pursuant to division (A) of this section also shall 83  
enact an ordinance, resolution, or regulation that specifies the 84  
time within which a person who is issued a parking ticket must 85  
answer in relation to the parking infraction charged in the 86  
ticket. 87

**Sec. 4521.10.** (A)(1) If a judgment or default judgment is 88  
entered against a person pursuant to section 4521.08 of the 89  
Revised Code for a violation of an ordinance, resolution, or 90  
regulation that regulates the standing or parking of a vehicle in 91  
a disability parking space and the person has not paid the 92  
judgment or default judgment within ten days of the date of entry 93  
of the judgment, the parking violations bureau, joint parking 94  
violations bureau, or traffic violations bureau in which the 95  
judgment was entered may give notice of that fact to the registrar 96  
of motor vehicles. The notice, if given, shall be given not 97  
earlier than sixteen days nor later than three years after the 98  
date of entry of the judgment, and shall be in a form and manner, 99  
and contain such information, as the registrar prescribes. 100

(2) If three or more judgments or default judgments have been 101  
entered against a person pursuant to section 4521.08 of the 102  
Revised Code and the person has not paid the judgments or default 103  
judgments within ten days of the date of entry of the third 104  
judgment, the parking violations bureau, joint parking violations 105  
bureau, or traffic violations bureau in which the judgments were 106  
entered may give notice of that fact to the registrar ~~of motor~~ 107  
~~vehicles~~. The notice, if given, shall be given not earlier than 108  
sixteen days nor later than three years after the date of entry of 109  
the third judgment, and shall be in a form and manner, and contain 110  
such information, as the registrar prescribes. 111

(B)(1) Upon receipt of a notice as provided in division (A) 112  
of this section, neither the registrar nor any deputy registrar 113  
shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of 114  
registration of any motor vehicle owned or leased by the person 115  
named in the notice unless the person presents a release as 116  
provided in division (C) of this section or unless the registrar 117  
is properly notified by the parking violations bureau, joint 118  
parking violations bureau, or traffic violations bureau that the 119  
judgment or default judgment described in division (A)(1) of this 120  
section or the judgments or default judgments described in 121  
division (A)(2) of this section have been paid, dismissed, or 122  
reversed on appeal, or that the initial notice was given in error 123  
and is therefore canceled. 124

(2) The registrar shall not be required to give effect to any 125  
notice provided by a parking violations bureau, joint parking 126  
violations bureau, or traffic violations bureau under division (A) 127  
of this section unless the information contained in the "Ohio 128  
uniform traffic tickets" described in Traffic Rule 3 (A) and (B) 129  
that the bureau processes is transmitted to the registrar by means 130  
of an electronic transfer system. 131

(C) When a notice as provided in division (A) of this section 132  
is given to the registrar and the judgments or default judgments 133  
are subsequently paid, dismissed, or reversed on appeal, or it is 134  
discovered that the notice was given in error and is therefore 135  
canceled, the parking violations bureau, joint parking violations 136  
bureau, or traffic violations bureau giving the initial notice 137  
shall immediately notify the registrar of such payment, dismissal, 138  
reversal, or cancellation. The notification shall be in a form and 139  
manner, and contain such information, as the registrar prescribes. 140  
If the initial notice was not given in error, the parking 141  
violations bureau, joint parking violations bureau, or traffic 142  
violations bureau shall charge the person a five dollar processing 143

fee for each judgment or default judgment to cover the costs of 144  
the bureau of motor vehicles in administering this section. Upon 145  
payment of the fee, the parking violations bureau, joint parking 146  
violations bureau, or traffic violations bureau shall give to the 147  
person a release to be presented at the time of registering or 148  
transferring the registration of a motor vehicle owned or leased 149  
by ~~him~~ the person. All fees collected under this division shall be 150  
transmitted monthly to the registrar for deposit in the state 151  
bureau of motor vehicles fund established by section 4501.25 of 152  
the Revised Code. 153

(D) The registrar shall cause the information contained in 154  
each notice received pursuant to division (A) of this section to 155  
be removed from the records of the bureau of motor vehicles and of 156  
the deputy registrars thirteen months after the date the 157  
information was entered into the records, unless the registrar 158  
receives a further notice from the parking violations bureau, 159  
joint parking violations bureau, or traffic violations bureau 160  
submitting the initial notice that the judgments or default 161  
judgments are still outstanding. 162

(E) When any application for the registration or transfer of 163  
registration of a motor vehicle is refused as provided in division 164  
(B) of this section, the registrar or deputy registrar to whom 165  
application is made shall inform the person that no such 166  
application may be accepted unless the person presents a release 167  
as provided in division (C) of this section or the records of the 168  
bureau of motor vehicles and of the deputy registrar indicate that 169  
each judgment and default judgment against the person is paid, 170  
dismissed, reversed on appeal, or canceled. 171

(F) When any person named in a notice as provided in division 172  
(A) of this section applies for the registration or transfer of 173  
registration of any motor vehicle owned or leased by ~~him~~ the 174  
person and presents a release as provided in division (C) of this 175

section or the records of the bureau of motor vehicles and of any 176  
deputy registrar to whom the application is made indicate that 177  
each judgment and default judgment against the person has been 178  
paid, dismissed, or reversed on appeal, the registrar or deputy 179  
registrar shall accept the application for registration or 180  
transfer of registration and may issue a certificate of 181  
registration or amended certificate of registration for the motor 182  
vehicle. 183

(G) In determining whether the judgments or default judgments 184  
that have been entered against a person as provided in division 185  
(A)(2) of this section total three or more, the parking violations 186  
bureau, joint parking violations bureau, or traffic violations 187  
bureau may apply to that total any violation the person committed 188  
during the relevant time period by illegally standing or parking a 189  
vehicle in a disability parking space, irrespective of the amount 190  
of the fine imposed for such violation. 191

(H) The registrar shall adopt such rules as ~~he~~ the registrar 192  
considers necessary to ensure the orderly operation of sections 193  
4521.09 and 4521.10 of the Revised Code, and any parking 194  
violations bureau, joint parking violations bureau, or traffic 195  
violations bureau shall conform to those rules. 196

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4521.01, 4521.02, and 197  
4521.10 the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 198