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To amend sections 1503.05, 1541.22, 4501.21, 4503.54, 1
4503.591, 5537.07 and 5537.26 and to enact 2
sections 955.201, 955.202, 4503.431, 4503.432, 3
4503.491, 4503.501, 4503.502, 4503.521, 4503.522, 4
4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.545, 4503.551, 5
4503.552, 4503.562, 4503.573, 4503.574, 4503.575, 6
4503.74, and 4511.031 of the Revised Code to 7
prohibit the use or possession of a portable 8
signal preemption device under certain conditions; 9
to create "National Defense" license plates, "U.S. 10
Armed Forces Active Duty" license plates, Armed 11
Forces Expeditionary Medal license plates, special 12
motorcycle license plates for retired and 13
honorably discharged veterans, "Silver Star" 14
license plates and "Bronze Star Medal" license 15
plates, "4-H license plates," "Ohio Cattlemen's 16
Foundation Beef" license plates, "Share the Road" 17

license plates, the "Pets" license plate and the 18
Pets Program Funding Board and Pet Support Fund, 19
"Breast Cancer Awareness" license plates, "Rock 20
and Roll Hall of Fame" license plates, "Mahoning 21
River" license plates, four different "Sportsmen's 22
License Plates" featuring either the walleye, 23
smallmouth bass, white-tailed deer, or wild 24
turkey, "Smokey Bear" license plates, "Ohio State 25
Parks" license plates, "Ohio Zoo" license plates, 26
"Perry Monument" license plate, and "National 27
Rifle Association Foundation" license plates; to 28
provide an additional procedure for the issuance 29
of license plates bearing the logo of a 30
professional sports team; to increase the 31
competitive bid threshold for the Ohio Turnpike 32
Commission; to allow the Ohio Turnpike Commission 33
to decrease toll rates without holding public 34
hearing; and to make an appropriation. 35

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

Section 1. That sections 1503.05, 1541.22, 4501.21, 4503.54, 36
4503.591, 5537.07 and 5537.26 be amended and sections 955.201, 37
955.202, 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.491, 4503.501, 4503.502, 38
4503.521, 4503.522, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.545, 39
4503.551, 4503.552, 4503.562, 4503.573, 4503.574, 4503.575, 40
4503.74, and 4511.031 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 41
follows: 42

Sec. 955.201. (A) As used in this section and in section 43
955.202 of the Revised Code, "Ohio pet fund" means a nonprofit 44
corporation organized by that name under Chapter 1702. of the 45
Revised Code that consists of humane societies, veterinarians, 46

animal shelters, companion animal breeders, dog wardens, and
similar individuals and entities.

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(B) The Ohio pet fund shall do all of the following:

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(1) Establish eligibility criteria for organizations that may
receive financial assistance from the pets program funding board
created in section 955.202 of the Revised Code. Those
organizations may include any of the following:

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(a) An animal shelter as defined in section 4729.01 of the
Revised Code;

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(b) A local nonprofit veterinary association that operates a
program for the sterilization of dogs and cats;

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(c) A charitable organization that is exempt from federal
income taxation under subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
Code and the primary purpose of which is to support programs for
the sterilization of dogs and cats and educational programs
concerning the proper veterinary care of those animals.

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(2) Establish procedures for applying for financial
assistance from the pets program funding board. Application
procedures shall require eligible organizations to submit detailed
proposals that outline the intended uses of the moneys sought.

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(3) Establish eligibility criteria for sterilization and
educational programs for which moneys from the pets program
funding board may be used and, consistent with division (C) of
this section, establish eligibility criteria for individuals who
seek sterilization for their dogs and cats from eligible
organizations;

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(4) Establish procedures for the disbursement of moneys the
pets program funding board receives from license plate
contributions pursuant to division (C) of section 4503.551 of the
Revised Code;

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<u>(5) Advertise or otherwise provide notification of the</u>	77
<u>availability of financial assistance from the pets program funding</u>	78
<u>board for eligible organizations;</u>	79
<u>(6) Design markings to be inscribed on "pets" license plates</u>	80
<u>under section 4503.551 of the Revised Code.</u>	81
<u>(C)(1) The owner of a dog or cat is eligible for dog or cat</u>	82
<u>sterilization services from an eligible organization when those</u>	83
<u>services are subsidized in whole or in part by money from the pets</u>	84
<u>program funding board if any of the following applies:</u>	85
<u>(a) The income of the owner's family does not exceed one</u>	86
<u>hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty guideline.</u>	87
<u>(b) The owner, or any member of the owner's family who</u>	88
<u>resides with the owner, is a recipient or beneficiary of one of</u>	89
<u>the following government assistance programs:</u>	90
<u>(i) Low-income housing assistance under the "United States</u>	91
<u>Housing Act of 1937," 42 U.S.C.A. 1437f, as amended, known as the</u>	92
<u>federal section 8 housing program;</u>	93
<u>(ii) The Ohio works first program established by Chapter</u>	94
<u>5107. of the Revised Code;</u>	95
<u>(iii) Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620</u>	96
<u>(1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, known as the medical</u>	97
<u>assistance program or medicaid, provided by the department of job</u>	98
<u>and family services under Chapter 5111. of the Revised Code;</u>	99
<u>(iv) A program or law administered by the United States</u>	100
<u>department of veterans' affairs or veterans' administration for</u>	101
<u>any service-connected disability;</u>	102
<u>(v) The food stamp program established under the "Food Stamp</u>	103
<u>Act of 1977," 91 Stat. 958, 7 U.S.C.A. 2011, as amended,</u>	104
<u>administered by the department of job and family services under</u>	105
<u>section 5101.54 of the Revised Code;</u>	106

(vi) The "special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children" established under the "Child Nutrition Act of 1966," 80 Stat. 885, 42 U.S.C. 1786, as amended, administered by the department of health under section 3701.132 of the Revised Code; 107
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(vii) Supplemental security income under Title XVI of the "Social Security Act," 86 Stat. 1475 (1972), 42 U.S.C.A. 1383, as amended; 112
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(viii) Social security disability insurance benefits provided under Title II of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 401, as amended. 115
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(c) The owner of the dog or cat submits to the eligible organization operating the sterilization program either of the following: 118
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(i) A certificate of adoption showing that the dog or cat was adopted from a licensed animal shelter, a municipal, county, or regional pound, or a holding and impoundment facility that contracts with a municipal corporation; 121
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(ii) A certificate of adoption showing that the dog or cat was adopted through a nonprofit corporation operating an animal adoption referral service whose holding facility, if any, is licensed in accordance with state law or a municipal ordinance. 125
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(2) The Ohio pet fund shall determine the type of documentary evidence that must be presented by the owner of a dog or cat to show that the income of the owner's family does not exceed one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty guideline or that the owner is eligible under division (C)(1)(b) of this section. 129
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(D) As used in division (C) of this section, "federal poverty guideline" means the official poverty guideline as revised annually by the United States department of health and human 134
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services in accordance with section 673(2) of the "Omnibus Budget 137
Reconciliation Act of 1981," 95 Stat. 511, 42 U.S.C.A. 9902, as 138
amended, for a family size equal to the size of the family of the 139
person whose income is being determined. 140

Sec. 955.202. (A) There is hereby created the pets program 141
funding board consisting of the following seven members to be 142
appointed by the Ohio pet fund: 143

(1) One member who represents an animal control facility or 144
has been appointed an agent of a humane society under Chapter 145
1717. of the Revised Code; 146

(2) One member of the Ohio veterinary medical association who 147
is a resident of this state; 148

(3) One member of the general public; 149

(4) One member who represents an animal shelter or other 150
animal facility located in this state; 151

(5) One member who represents a foster pet organization or an 152
organization that is involved with the sterilization of dogs and 153
cats that does not operate an animal shelter; 154

(6) One member who is a breeder of dogs or cats and is a 155
member in good standing with a national breeders club or 156
association; 157

(7) One member from the Ohio pet fund. 158

(B) Of the initial appointees to the board, two members' 159
terms shall expire on the thirty-first day of January of the first 160
even-numbered year following appointment, and five members' terms 161
shall expire on the thirty-first day of January of the second 162
odd-numbered year following appointment. Thereafter, terms of 163
office for all members shall be two years. Vacancies on the board 164
shall be filled in the manner provided for original appointments. 165

Members of the board shall not receive compensation or
reimbursement for expenses.

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Members of the board shall elect a chairperson and shall
establish rules for the meetings and procedures of the board. The
board shall meet at least four times per year unless determined
otherwise by a majority vote of the board members. If an eligible
organization that is applying for financial assistance from the
license plate contribution fund created in section 4501.21 of the
Revised Code is represented by a member on the board, that member
shall not participate in the decision regarding the approval or
disapproval of that application. A quorum consists of five board
members, except that if one member is not participating in a
decision regarding an application, a quorum consists of three
board members.

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(C) The board shall disburse moneys from the license plate
contribution fund for the purpose of supporting programs for the
sterilization of dogs and cats and educational programs concerning
the proper veterinary care of those animals. Moneys shall be
disbursed to organizations meeting eligibility requirements
established under division (B)(1) of section 955.201 of the
Revised Code in accordance with criteria and procedures
established under divisions (B)(2) to (4) of that section. The
registrar of motor vehicles shall not disburse money from the
license plate contribution fund to the pets program funding board
until the amount in the fund that is attributable to contributions
paid by motor vehicle registration applicants pursuant to section
4503.551 of the Revised Code and to money from any other source,
including donations, gifts, and grants, that is designated by the
source to be paid to the pets program funding board, equals at
least twenty-five thousand dollars or until two years after the
effective date of this section, whichever occurs first.

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Sec. 1503.05. (A) The chief of the division of forestry may 197
sell timber and other forest products from the state forest and 198
state forest nurseries whenever the chief considers such a sale 199
desirable and, with the approval of the attorney general and the 200
director of natural resources, may sell portions of the state 201
forest lands when such a sale is advantageous to the state. 202

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a timber 203
sale agreement shall not be executed unless the person or 204
governmental entity bidding on the sale executes and files a 205
surety bond conditioned on completion of the timber sale in 206
accordance with the terms of the agreement in an amount equal to 207
twenty-five per cent of the highest value cutting section. All 208
bonds shall be given in a form prescribed by the chief and shall 209
run to the state as obligee. 210

The chief shall not approve any bond until it is personally 211
signed and acknowledged by both principal and surety, or as to 212
either by the attorney in fact thereof, with a certified copy of 213
the power of attorney attached. The chief shall not approve the 214
bond unless there is attached a certificate of the superintendent 215
of insurance that the company is authorized to transact a fidelity 216
and surety business in this state. 217

In lieu of a bond, the bidder may deposit any of the 218
following: 219

(1) Cash in an amount equal to the amount of the bond; 220

(2) United States government securities having a par value 221
equal to or greater than the amount of the bond; 222

(3) Negotiable certificates of deposit or irrevocable letters 223
of credit issued by any bank organized or transacting business in 224
this state having a par value equal to or greater than the amount 225
of the bond. 226

The cash or securities shall be deposited on the same terms 227
as bonds. If one or more certificates of deposit are deposited in 228
lieu of a bond, the chief shall require the bank that issued any 229
of the certificates to pledge securities of the aggregate market 230
value equal to the amount of the certificate or certificates that 231
is in excess of the amount insured by the federal deposit 232
insurance corporation. The securities to be pledged shall be those 233
designated as eligible under section 135.18 of the Revised Code. 234
The securities shall be security for the repayment of the 235
certificate or certificates of deposit. 236

Immediately upon a deposit of cash, securities, certificates 237
of deposit, or letters of credit, the chief shall deliver them to 238
the treasurer of state, who shall hold them in trust for the 239
purposes for which they have been deposited. The treasurer of 240
state is responsible for the safekeeping of the deposits. A bidder 241
making a deposit of cash, securities, certificates of deposit, or 242
letters of credit may withdraw and receive from the treasurer of 243
state, on the written order of the chief, all or any portion of 244
the cash, securities, certificates of deposit, or letters of 245
credit upon depositing with the treasurer of state cash, other 246
United States government securities, or other negotiable 247
certificates of deposit or irrevocable letters of credit issued by 248
any bank organized or transacting business in this state, equal in 249
par value to the par value of the cash, securities, certificates 250
of deposit, or letters of credit withdrawn. 251

A bidder may demand and receive from the treasurer of state 252
all interest or other income from any such securities or 253
certificates as it becomes due. If securities so deposited with 254
and in the possession of the treasurer of state mature or are 255
called for payment by their issuer, the treasurer of state, at the 256
request of the bidder who deposited them, shall convert the 257
proceeds of the redemption or payment of the securities into other 258

United States government securities, negotiable certificates of
deposit, or cash as the bidder designates. 259
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When the chief finds that a person or governmental agency has
failed to comply with the conditions of the person's or
governmental agency's bond, the chief shall make a finding of that
fact and declare the bond, cash, securities, certificates, or
letters of credit forfeited. The chief thereupon shall certify the
total forfeiture to the attorney general, who shall proceed to
collect the amount of the bond, cash, securities, certificates, or
letters of credit. 261
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In lieu of total forfeiture, the surety, at its option, may
cause the timber sale to be completed or pay to the treasurer of
state the cost thereof. 269
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All moneys collected as a result of forfeitures of bonds,
cash, securities, certificates, and letters of credit under this
section shall be credited to the state forest fund created in this
section. 272
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(C) The chief may grant easements and leases on portions of
the state forest lands and state forest nurseries under terms that
are advantageous to the state, and the chief may grant mineral
rights on a royalty basis on those lands and nurseries, with the
approval of the attorney general and the director. 276
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(D) All moneys received from the sale of state forest lands,
or in payment for easements or leases on or as rents from those
lands or from state forest nurseries, shall be paid into the state
treasury to the credit of the state forest fund, which is hereby
created. In addition, all moneys received from the sale of
reforestation tree stock, from the sale of forest products, other
than standing timber, and from the sale of minerals taken from the
state forest lands and state forest nurseries, together with
royalties from mineral rights, shall be paid into the state 281
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treasury to the credit of the state forest fund. Any other 290
revenues derived from the operation of the state forests and 291
related facilities or equipment also shall be paid into the state 292
treasury to the credit of the state forest fund, as shall 293
contributions received for the issuance of Smokey Bear license 294
plates under section 4503.574 of the Revised Code and any other 295
moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund. 296

The state forest fund shall not be expended for any purpose 297
other than the administration, operation, maintenance, 298
development, or utilization of the state forests, forest 299
nurseries, and forest programs, for facilities or equipment 300
incident to them, or for the further purchase of lands for state 301
forest or forest nursery purposes and, in the case of 302
contributions received pursuant to section 4503.574 of the Revised 303
Code, for fire prevention purposes. 304

All moneys received from the sale of standing timber taken 305
from state forest lands and state forest nurseries shall be 306
deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the forestry 307
holding account redistribution fund, which is hereby created. The 308
moneys shall remain in the fund until they are redistributed in 309
accordance with this division. 310

The redistribution shall occur at least once each year. To 311
begin the redistribution, the chief first shall determine the 312
amount of all standing timber sold from state forest lands and 313
state forest nurseries, together with the amount of the total sale 314
proceeds, in each county, in each township within the county, and 315
in each school district within the county. The chief next shall 316
determine the amount of the direct costs that the division of 317
forestry incurred in association with the sale of that standing 318
timber. The amount of the direct costs shall be subtracted from 319
the amount of the total sale proceeds and shall be transferred 320
from the forestry holding account redistribution fund to the state 321

forest fund. 322

The remaining amount of the total sale proceeds equals the 323
net value of the standing timber that was sold. The chief shall 324
determine the net value of standing timber sold from state forest 325
lands and state forest nurseries in each county, in each township 326
within the county, and in each school district within the county 327
and shall send to each county treasurer a copy of the 328
determination at the time that moneys are paid to the county 329
treasurer under this division. 330

Twenty-five per cent of the net value of standing timber sold 331
from state forest lands and state forest nurseries located in a 332
county shall be transferred from the forestry holding account 333
redistribution fund to the state forest fund. Ten per cent of that 334
net value shall be transferred from the forestry holding account 335
redistribution fund to the general revenue fund. The remaining 336
sixty-five per cent of the net value shall be transferred from the 337
forestry holding account redistribution fund and paid to the 338
county treasurer for the use of the general fund of that county. 339

The county auditor shall do all of the following: 340

(1) Retain for the use of the general fund of the county 341
one-fourth of the amount received by the county under division (D) 342
of this section; 343

(2) Pay into the general fund of any township located within 344
the county and containing such lands and nurseries one-fourth of 345
the amount received by the county from standing timber sold from 346
lands and nurseries located in the township; 347

(3) Request the board of education of any school district 348
located within the county and containing such lands and nurseries 349
to identify which fund or funds of the district should receive the 350
moneys available to the school district under division (D)(3) of 351
this section. After receiving notice from the board, the county 352

auditor shall pay into the fund or funds so identified one-half of 353
the amount received by the county from standing timber sold from 354
lands and nurseries located in the school district, distributed 355
proportionately as identified by the board. 356

The division of forestry shall not supply logs, lumber, or 357
other forest products or minerals, taken from the state forest 358
lands or state forest nurseries, to any other agency or 359
subdivision of the state unless payment is made therefor in the 360
amount of the actual prevailing value thereof. This section is 361
applicable to the moneys so received. 362

Sec. 1541.22. The chief of the division of parks and 363
recreation shall collect all rentals from leases of state lands 364
and moneys for pipe permits, dock licenses, concession fees, and 365
special privileges of any nature from all lands and waters 366
operated and administered by the division of parks and recreation. 367
~~He~~ The chief shall keep a record of all such payments showing the 368
amounts received, from whom, and for what purpose collected. All 369
such payments shall be credited to the state park fund, which is 370
hereby created in the state treasury, except such revenues 371
required to be set aside or paid into depositories or trust funds 372
for the payment of bonds issued under sections 1501.12 to 1501.15 373
of the Revised Code, and to maintain the required reserves 374
therefor as provided in the orders authorizing the issuance of 375
such bonds or the trust agreements securing such bonds, and except 376
such revenues required to be paid and credited pursuant to the 377
bond proceedings applicable to obligations issued pursuant to 378
section 154.22 of the Revised Code. All moneys derived from the 379
operation of the lands, waters, facilities, and equipment by the 380
division, except such revenues required to be set aside or paid 381
into depositories or trust funds for the payment of bonds issued 382
under sections 1501.12 to 1501.15 of the Revised Code, and to 383

maintain the required reserves therefor as provided in the orders 384
authorizing the issuance of such bonds or the trust agreements 385
securing such bonds, and except such revenues required to be paid 386
and credited pursuant to the bond proceedings applicable to 387
obligations issued pursuant to section 154.22 of the Revised Code, 388
shall accrue to the credit of the state park fund. 389

Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section 390
and in sections 154.22, 1501.11, and 1501.14 of the Revised Code, 391
such fund shall not be expended for any purpose other than the 392
administration, operation, maintenance, development, and 393
utilization of lands and waters, and for facilities and equipment 394
incident thereto, administered by the division, or for the further 395
purchase of lands and waters by the state for park and 396
recreational purposes. 397

(B) The chief shall use moneys in the fund from the issuance 398
of Ohio state parks license plates under section 4503.575 of the 399
Revised Code only to pay the costs of state park interpretive and 400
educational programs and displays and the development and 401
operation of state park interpretive centers. 402

Sec. 4501.21. (A) There is hereby created in the state 403
treasury the license plate contribution fund. The fund shall 404
consist of all contributions paid by motor vehicle registrants and 405
collected by the registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to sections 406
4503.491, 4503.50, 4503.501, 4503.502, 4503.51, 4503.522, 407
4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 4503.552, 4503.561, 4503.562, 408
4503.591, 4503.67, 4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.71, 4503.711, 4503.72, 409
4503.73, 4503.74, and 4503.75 of the Revised Code. 410

(B) The registrar shall disburse the contributions the 411
registrar collects in the fund as follows: 412

(1) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 413
pursuant to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast 414

cancer fund of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for 415
programs that provide assistance and education to Ohio breast 416
cancer patients and that improve access for such patients to 417
quality health care and clinical trials and shall not use any of 418
the money for abortion information, counseling, services, or other 419
abortion-related activities. 420

(2) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 421
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 422
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 423
contributions into its general account to be used for educational 424
and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of America 425
foundation. 426

~~(2)~~(3) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 427
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised 428
Code to the 4-H youth development program of the Ohio state 429
university extension program, which shall use those contributions 430
to pay the expenses it incurs in conducting its educational 431
activities. 432

(4) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 433
pursuant to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio 434
cattlemen's foundation, which shall use those contributions for 435
scholarships and other educational activities. 436

(5) The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar 437
receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the 438
university or college whose name or marking or design appears on 439
collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that 440
section. A university or college that receives contributions from 441
the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general 442
scholarship fund. 443

~~(3)~~(6) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 444
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised 445

Code to the "friends of Perry's victory and international peace memorial, incorporated," a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this state, to assist that organization in paying the expenses it incurs in sponsoring or holding charitable, educational, and cultural events at the monument. 446
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(7) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall be separate and distinct from any other account the pro football hall of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel destination. 451
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~~(4)~~(8) The registrar shall pay the contributions that are paid to the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised Code to the national rifle association foundation, which shall use the money to pay the costs of the educational activities and programs the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 458
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(9) In accordance with section 955.202 of the Revised Code, the registrar shall pay to the pets program funding board created by that section the contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.551 of the Revised Code and any other money from any other source, including donations, gifts, and grants, that is designated by the source to be paid to the pets program funding board. The board shall use the moneys it receives under this section only to support programs for the sterilization of dogs and cats and for educational programs concerning the proper veterinary care of those animals. 463
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(10) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 473
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(11) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 476

receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the 477
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall 478
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it 479
establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 480
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of ducks 481
unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively for the 482
purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands 483
and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of Ohio chapter of 484
ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the registrar in 485
writing of the name, address, and account to which payments are to 486
be made under division (B)~~(4)~~(11) of this section. 487

~~(5)~~(12) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 488
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised 489
Code to the Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money 490
to pay the expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the 491
Mahoning river watershed. 492

(13)(a) The registrar shall pay to a sports commission 493
created pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each 494
contribution the registrar receives under that section ~~4503.591~~ of 495
~~the Revised Code~~ that an applicant pays to obtain license plates 496
that bear the logo of a professional sports team located in the 497
county of that sports commission and that is participating in the 498
license plate program ~~established by~~ pursuant to division (E) of 499
that section ~~4503.591~~ of the Revised Code, irrespective of the 500
county of residence of an applicant. 501

(b) The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 502
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of the 503
Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates that 504
bear the logo of a professional sports team that is participating 505
in the license plate program pursuant to division (G) of that 506
section. 507

~~(6)~~(14) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 508

registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code 509
to the Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 510
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 511
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 512

~~(7)~~(15) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 513
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code 514
to the great river council of the girl scouts of the United States 515
of America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 516
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of the 517
girl scouts. 518

~~(8)~~(16) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 519
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code 520
to the Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 521
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 522
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 523

~~(9)~~(17) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 524
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code 525
to the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which 526
shall deposit the fees into its general account to be used for 527
purposes of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 528

~~(10)~~(18) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 529
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised 530
Code to the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which 531
shall deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to 532
be used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 533
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 534
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 535

~~(11)~~(19) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 536
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code 537
to the organization known on ~~the effective date of this section~~ 538
March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL association, a private, 539

nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised 540
Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association shall use these contributions 541
to pay the expenses it incurs in administering a program to secure 542
the proper representation in the courts of this state of abused, 543
neglected, and dependent children, and for the training and 544
supervision of persons participating in that program. 545

~~(12)~~(20) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 546
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code 547
to Wright B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the 548
contributions into its general account to be used for purposes of 549
Wright B. Flyer, incorporated. 550

~~(13)~~(21) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 551
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code 552
to the Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse 553
the moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in 554
section 4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 555
agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 556

(22) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 557
receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code to the 558
rotary foundation, located on ~~the effective date of this section~~ 559
March 31, 2003, in Evanston, Illinois, to be placed in a fund 560
known as the permanent fund and used to endow educational and 561
humanitarian programs of the rotary foundation. 562

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate contribution 563
fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than the first day 564
of May of every year, the registrar shall distribute to each 565
entity described in divisions (B)(1) to ~~(13)~~(22) of this section 566
the investment income the fund earned the previous calendar year. 567
The amount of such a distribution paid to an entity shall be 568
proportionate to the amount of money the entity received from the 569
fund during the previous calendar year. 570

Sec. 4503.431. (A) Any person who has been awarded the silver star may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class approved by the registrar. The application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of the award as the registrar shall require by rule. The application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code.

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section; presentation of satisfactory evidence documenting that the applicant is a recipient of the silver star; payment of the regular license fee as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code; and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, the license plates shall contain an illustration of the silver star and be inscribed with the words "combat veteran." The license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

(B) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not apply to license plates issued under this section.

(C) No person who is not a recipient of the silver star shall

willfully and falsely represent that the person is a recipient of the silver star for the purpose of obtaining license plates under this section. No person shall permit a motor vehicle owned or leased by such person to bear license plates issued under this section unless the person is eligible to be issued such license plates.

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Sec. 4503.432. (A) Any person who has been awarded the bronze star medal may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class approved by the registrar. The application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of the award as the registrar shall require by rule. The application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code.

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Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section; presentation of satisfactory evidence documenting that the applicant is a recipient of the bronze star medal; payment of the regular license fee as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code; and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

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In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, the license plates shall contain an illustration of the bronze star medal and be inscribed with the

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words "combat veteran." The license plates shall bear county 633
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by name or number. 635

(B) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 636
apply to license plates issued under this section. 637

(C) No person who is not a recipient of the bronze star medal 638
shall willfully and falsely represent that the person is a 639
recipient of the bronze star medal for the purpose of obtaining 640
license plates under this section. No person shall permit a motor 641
vehicle owned or leased by such person to bear license plates 642
issued under this section unless the person is eligible to be 643
issued such license plates. 644

Sec. 4503.491. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 645
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 646
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 647
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 648
issuance of breast cancer awareness license plates. An application 649
made under this section may be combined with a request for a 650
special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of 651
the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 652
compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this 653
section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 654
appropriate vehicle registration and a set of breast cancer 655
awareness license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation 656
sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised 657
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In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 659
on the license plates, breast cancer awareness license plates 660
shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings that promote 661
breast cancer awareness and are approved by the registrar. Breast 662
cancer awareness license plates shall display county 663

identification stickers that identify the county of registration 664
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(B) The breast cancer awareness license plates and a 666
validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued 667
upon receipt of a contribution as provided in division (C) of this 668
section and upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed 669
under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor 670
vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 671
Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 672
or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the 673
purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for 674
additional services required in the issuing of breast cancer 675
awareness license plates, and compliance with all other applicable 676
laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 677

(C) For each application for registration and registration 678
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the 679
registrar shall collect a contribution of twenty-five dollars. The 680
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 681
state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created 682
in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 683

The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten 684
dollars paid to compensate the bureau for the additional services 685
required in the issuing of breast cancer awareness license plates 686
to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to 687
the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created by 688
section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 689

Sec. 4503.501. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 690
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 691
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 692
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 693
issuance of 4-H license plates. An application made under this 694

section may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of 4-H license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

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In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, 4-H license plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings designated by the 4-H youth development program of the Ohio state university extension program and approved by the registrar. 4-H license plates shall display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

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(B) The 4-H license plates and a validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon receipt of a contribution as provided in division (C) of this section and upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of 4-H license plates, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

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(C) For each application for registration and registration renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the registrar shall collect a contribution of fifteen dollars. The registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code.

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The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten 727
dollars paid to compensate the bureau for the additional services 728
required in the issuing of 4-H license plates to the treasurer of 729
state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the 730
state bureau of motor vehicles fund created by section 4501.25 of 731
the Revised Code. 732

Sec. 4503.502. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 733
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 734
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 735
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 736
issuance of Ohio cattlemen's foundation beef license plates. An 737
application made under this section may be combined with a request 738
for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 739
4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed 740
application and compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) and 741
(C) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant 742
the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of Ohio cattlemen's 743
foundation beef license plates and a validation sticker, or a 744
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 745
Revised Code. 746

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 747
on the license plates, Ohio cattlemen's foundation beef license 748
plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings that 749
depict Ohio's beef industry and that are designated by the Ohio 750
cattlemen's foundation and approved by the registrar. Ohio 751
cattlemen's foundation beef license plates shall display county 752
identification stickers that identify the county of registration 753
by name or number. 754

(B) The Ohio cattlemen's foundation beef license plates and a 755
validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued 756
upon receipt of a contribution as provided in division (C) of this 757

section and upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed 758
under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor 759
vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 760
Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 761
or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the 762
purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for 763
additional services required in the issuing of Ohio cattlemen's 764
foundation beef license plates, and compliance with all other 765
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 766

(C) For each application for registration and registration 767
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the 768
registrar shall collect a contribution of fifteen dollars. The 769
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 770
state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created 771
in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 772

The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten 773
dollars paid to compensate the bureau for the additional services 774
required in the issuing of Ohio cattlemen's foundation beef 775
license plates to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 776
state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles 777
fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 778

Sec. 4503.521. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 779
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 780
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 781
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 782
issuance of "share the road" license plates. The application for 783
"share the road" license plates may be combined with a request for 784
a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 785
of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 786
compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall 787
issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a 788

set of "share the road" license plates with a validation sticker 789
or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 790
the Revised Code. 791

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 792
on the license plates, "share the road" license plates shall be 793
inscribed with the words "share the road" and markings designed by 794
the organization known on the effective date of this section as 795
the Ohio bicycle federation and approved by the registrar. "Share 796
the road" license plates shall bear county identification stickers 797
that identify the county of registration by name or number. 798

(B) "Share the road" license plates and validation stickers 799
shall be issued upon receipt of a contribution as provided in 800
division (C) of this section and upon payment of the regular 801
license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised 802
Code, a fee of ten dollars for the purpose of compensating the 803
bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in the 804
issuing of the "share the road" license plates, any applicable 805
motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, 806
any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 807
4503.42 of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other 808
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 809

(C) For each application for registration and registration 810
renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the 811
registrar shall collect a contribution of five dollars. The 812
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 813
state for deposit in the state highway safety fund created in 814
section 4501.06 of the Revised Code to be used only to publish and 815
distribute a booklet that instructs bicycle riders on the methods 816
and procedures of riding bicycles on the roads and streets of this 817
state in a confident, legal, and safe manner. 818

The registrar shall deposit the additional fee of ten dollars 819

specified in division (B) of this section that the applicant for 820
registration pays for the purpose of compensating the bureau for 821
the additional services required in the issuing of the applicant's 822
"share the road" license plates in the state bureau of motor 823
vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 824

Sec. 4503.522. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 825
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 826
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 827
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 828
issuance of "Perry's monument" license plates. The application for 829
"Perry's monument" license plates may be combined with a request 830
for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 831
4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed 832
application and compliance with division (B) of this section, the 833
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 834
registration and a set of "Perry's monument" license plates with a 835
validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when required by 836
section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 837

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 838
thereon, "Perry's monument" license plates shall be inscribed with 839
words and markings designed by the "friends of Perry's victory and 840
international peace memorial, incorporated," a nonprofit 841
corporation organized under the laws of this state, and approved 842
by the registrar. "Perry's monument" license plates shall bear 843
county identification stickers that identify the county of 844
registration by name or number. 845

(B) "Perry's monument" license plates and validation stickers 846
shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax as 847
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 848
applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 849
Revised Code, any applicable fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 850

4503.42 of the Revised Code, the contribution specified under
division (C) of this section, and an additional fee of ten
dollars, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to
the registration of motor vehicles.

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(C) For each application for registration and registration
renewal received under this section, the registrar shall collect a
contribution of fifteen dollars. The registrar shall transmit this
contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit in the license
plate contribution fund created in section 4501.21 of the Revised
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(D) The purpose of the additional fee of ten dollars
specified in division (B) of this section is to compensate the
bureau of motor vehicles for the additional services required in
the issuing of the applicant's "Perry's monument" license plates.
The registrar shall deposit this additional fee in the state
bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the
Revised Code.

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Sec. 4503.54. (A) Any person who is on active duty or is a
retired or honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed
forces of the United States may apply to the registrar of motor
vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial
motor vehicle, ~~motor home~~ recreational vehicle, or other vehicle
of a class approved by the registrar the person owns or leases.
The application shall be accompanied by such written evidence that
the applicant is on active duty or is a retired or honorably
discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of the United
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Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor
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prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any local 883
motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 884
Revised Code, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 885
appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates 886
and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when 887
required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. In addition to 888
the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, the license 889
plates shall contain one of the appropriate inscription as follows 890
following inscriptions, as appropriate: "U.S. ARMED FORCES ACTIVE 891
DUTY--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)," "U.S. ARMED FORCES RETIRED--(BRANCH OF 892
SERVICE)," or "U.S. ARMED FORCES VETERAN--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)." 893
Depending upon the format of the inscription, the registrar shall 894
determine whether or not the inscription contains the dash. The 895
license plates shall bear county identification stickers that 896
identify the county of registration by name or number. 897

(B) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 898
apply to license plates issued under this section. 899

Sec. 4503.541. (A) Any person who has been awarded the 900
national defense service medal may apply to the registrar of motor 901
vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial 902
motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class 903
approved by the registrar that the person owns or leases. The 904
application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in 905
support of the award as the registrar may require. The application 906
may be combined with a request for a special reserved license 907
plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 908

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor 909
vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, and 910
upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of the award 911
of the national defense service medal, the registrar shall issue 912

to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 913
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In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, the license plates shall be inscribed with the words "national defense" and bear a reproduction of the national defense service ribbon. The license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. 917
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The license plates and a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax required by section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 923
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(B) No person who is not a recipient of the national defense service medal shall willfully and falsely represent that the person is a recipient of the national defense service medal for the purpose of obtaining license plates under this section. No person shall own a motor vehicle bearing license plates issued under this section unless the person is eligible to be issued those license plates. 931
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(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not apply to license plates issued under this section. 938
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Sec. 4503.543. (A) Any person who has been awarded the armed forces expeditionary medal may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial 940
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motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class 943
approved by the registrar that the person owns or leases. The 944
application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in 945
support of the award as the registrar may require. The application 946
may be combined with a request for a special reserved license 947
plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 948

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor 949
vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, and 950
upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of the award 951
of the armed forces expeditionary medal, the registrar shall issue 952
to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a 953
set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation 954
sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised 955
Code. 956

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 957
on license plates, the license plates shall be inscribed with the 958
words "expeditionary service" and bear a reproduction of the armed 959
forces expeditionary service ribbon. The license plates shall bear 960
county identification stickers that identify the county of 961
registration by name or number. 962

The license plates and a validation sticker or, when 963
applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon 964
payment of the regular license tax required by section 4503.04 of 965
the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license tax 966
levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of any 967
applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 968
of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other applicable laws 969
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 970

The registrar shall not issue license plates under this 971
section unless the registrar first receives written permission 972
from the United States department of defense allowing the 973

registrar to place the image of the armed forces expeditionary 974
service ribbon on the license plates. 975

(B) No person who is not a recipient of the armed forces 976
expeditionary medal shall willfully and falsely represent that the 977
person is a recipient of the armed forces expeditionary medal for 978
the purpose of obtaining license plates under this section. No 979
person shall own a motor vehicle bearing license plates issued 980
under this section unless the person is eligible to be issued 981
those license plates. 982

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 983
apply to license plates issued under this section. 984

Sec. 4503.544. (A) Any person who is a retired or honorably 985
discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United 986
States may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the 987
registration of any motorcycle that the person owns or leases. The 988
application shall be accompanied by written evidence that the 989
applicant is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of a branch 990
of the armed forces of the United States that the registrar shall 991
require by rule. 992

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 993
motorcycle under this section, presentation of satisfactory 994
evidence documenting that the applicant is a retired or honorably 995
discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of the United 996
States, and payment of the regular motorcycle license fee 997
prescribed in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any local 998
motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 999
Revised Code, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 1000
appropriate motor vehicle registration and a license plate and a 1001
validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when required by 1002
section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 1003

(B) License plates issued under this section shall be 1004
inscribed with the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on 1005
motorcycle license plates, except that the registrar shall provide 1006
for one of the following: 1007

(1) The license plates to contain an inscription or symbol 1008
representing veterans of the armed forces of the United States; 1009

(2) The plates to include the word "veteran" or "vet"; 1010

(3) The plates to be designed to display a sticker bearing 1011
the word "veteran." 1012

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 1013
apply to license plates issued under this section. 1014

Sec. 4503.545. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 1015
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 1016
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 1017
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 1018
issuance of national rifle association foundation license plates. 1019
The application for national rifle association foundation license 1020
plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved 1021
license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised 1022
Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance 1023
with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to 1024
the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of 1025
national rifle association foundation license plates with a 1026
validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by 1027
section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 1028

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 1029
on license plates, national rifle association foundation license 1030
plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings 1031
designed by the national rifle association foundation and approved 1032
by the registrar. National rifle association foundation license 1033

plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the 1034
county of registration by name or number. 1035

(B) National rifle association foundation license plates and 1036
a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker 1037
alone shall be issued upon submission by the applicant of an 1038
application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section 1039
and a contribution as provided in division (C) of this section, 1040
payment of the regular license tax as prescribed in section 1041
4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax 1042
levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable 1043
additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 1044
Revised Code, and an additional fee of ten dollars, and compliance 1045
by the applicant with all other applicable laws relating to the 1046
registration of motor vehicles. 1047

(C) For each application for registration and registration 1048
renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the 1049
registrar shall collect a contribution of fifteen dollars. The 1050
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 1051
state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created 1052
in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 1053

The additional fee of ten dollars described in division (B) 1054
of this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the 1055
bureau of motor vehicles for additional services in issuing 1056
license plates under this section. The registrar shall transmit 1057
this fee to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state 1058
treasury to the credit of the bureau of motor vehicles fund 1059
created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1060

Sec. 4503.551. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 1061
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 1062
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 1063
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 1064

issuance of "pets" license plates. The application for "pets" 1065
license plates may be combined with a request for a special 1066
reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 1067
Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 1068
compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall 1069
issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a 1070
set of "pets" license plates with a validation sticker or a 1071
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 1072
Revised Code. 1073

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 1074
thereon, "pets" license plates shall be inscribed with words and 1075
markings designed by the Ohio pet fund, as defined in section 1076
955.201 of the Revised Code, and approved by the registrar. "Pets" 1077
license plates shall bear county identification stickers that 1078
identify the county of registration by name or number. 1079

(B) "Pets" license plates and validation stickers shall be 1080
issued upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under 1081
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the 1082
purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for 1083
additional services required in the issuing of "pets" license 1084
plates, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 1085
4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable fee prescribed by 1086
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the contribution 1087
specified under division (C) of this section, and compliance with 1088
all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor 1089
vehicles. 1090

(C) For each application for registration and registration 1091
renewal received under this section, the registrar shall collect a 1092
contribution of an amount not to exceed forty dollars as 1093
determined by the Ohio pet fund. The registrar shall transmit this 1094
contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit in the license 1095

plate contribution fund created in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 1096
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(D) The registrar shall deposit the additional fee of ten dollars specified in division (B) of this section that the applicant for registration voluntarily pays for the purpose of compensating the bureau for the additional services required in the issuing of the applicant's "pets" license plates in the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1098
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Sec. 4503.552. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of rock and roll hall of fame license plates. The application for rock and roll hall of fame license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, a set of rock and roll hall of fame license plates, and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 1105
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In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, rock and roll hall of fame license plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings selected by the rock and roll hall of fame and museum, inc., and approved by the registrar. Rock and roll hall of fame license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. 1119
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(B) Rock and roll hall of fame license plates and a 1126

validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone, shall be issued 1127
upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle 1128
submitted under this section and a contribution as provided in 1129
division (C) of this section, payment of the regular license tax 1130
as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 1131
applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 1132
Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 1133
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and an additional fee of 1134
ten dollars, and compliance with all other applicable laws 1135
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 1136

(C) For each application for registration and registration 1137
renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the 1138
registrar shall collect a contribution of fifteen dollars. The 1139
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 1140
state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created 1141
in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 1142

The additional fee of ten dollars described in division (B) 1143
of this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the 1144
bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in 1145
issuing license plates under this section. The registrar shall 1146
transmit that fee to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 1147
state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles 1148
fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1149

Sec. 4503.562. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 1150
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 1151
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 1152
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 1153
issuance of "Mahoning river" license plates. The application for 1154
"Mahoning river" license plates may be combined with a request for 1155
a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 1156
of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 1157

compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall 1158
issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, a set 1159
of "Mahoning river" license plates with a validation sticker, or a 1160
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 1161
Revised Code. 1162

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 1163
on the license plates, "Mahoning river" license plates shall be 1164
inscribed with identifying words or markings selected by the 1165
Mahoning river consortium and approved by the registrar. "Mahoning 1166
river" license plates shall bear county identification stickers 1167
that identify the county of registration by name or number. 1168

(B) "Mahoning river" license plates and a validation sticker 1169
or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued 1170
upon submission by the applicant of an application for 1171
registration of a motor vehicle under this section and a 1172
contribution as provided in division (C) of this section; payment 1173
of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of 1174
the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under 1175
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee 1176
prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and 1177
an additional fee of ten dollars; and compliance with all other 1178
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 1179

(C) For each application for registration and registration 1180
renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the 1181
registrar shall collect a contribution not exceeding twenty 1182
dollars as determined by the Mahoning river consortium. The 1183
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 1184
state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created 1185
by section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 1186

The additional fee of ten dollars described in division (B) 1187
of this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the 1188

bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in 1189
issuing license plates under this section. The registrar shall 1190
transmit that fee to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 1191
state treasury to the credit of the bureau of motor vehicles fund 1192
created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1193

Sec. 4503.573. (A) As used in this section, "sportsmen's 1194
license plate" means any of four license plates created by this 1195
section, featuring either the walleye (Stizostedion vitreum), 1196
smallmouth bass (Micropterus dolomieu), white-tailed deer 1197
(Odocoileus virginianus), or wild turkey (Meleagris gallopavo). 1198

(B) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial 1199
motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class 1200
approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the 1201
registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of 1202
sportsmen's license plates. The application for sportsmen's 1203
license plates shall specify which of the four sportsmen's license 1204
plates the applicant is requesting. The application also may be 1205
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under 1206
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of 1207
the completed application and compliance with division (C) of this 1208
section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 1209
appropriate vehicle registration, a set of the specifically 1210
requested sportsmen's license plates, and a validation sticker, or 1211
a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 1212
the Revised Code. 1213

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 1214
thereon, sportsmen's license plates shall be inscribed with 1215
identifying words and the figure of either a walleye, smallmouth 1216
bass white-tailed deer, or wild turkey. Each kind of sportsmen's 1217
license plate shall be designed by the division of wildlife and 1218
approved by the registrar. Sportsmen's license plates shall bear 1219

county identification stickers that identify the county of 1220
registration by name or number. 1221

(C) The sportsmen's license plates and validation sticker 1222
shall be issued upon the receipt of a contribution as provided in 1223
division (D) of this section and upon payment of the regular 1224
license tax prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, 1225
any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 1226
Revised Code, any additional applicable fee prescribed under 1227
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and a bureau of 1228
motor vehicles fee not to exceed ten dollars, and compliance with 1229
all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor 1230
vehicles. 1231

The purpose of the bureau of motor vehicles fee specified in 1232
division (C) of this section is to compensate the bureau for 1233
additional services required in the issuing of sportsmen's license 1234
plates, and the registrar shall deposit all such fees into the 1235
state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of 1236
the Revised Code. 1237

(D) For each application for registration and registration 1238
renewal the registrar receives under this section, the registrar 1239
shall collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed forty 1240
dollars, as determined by the division of wildlife. The registrar 1241
shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of state for 1242
deposit in the wildlife fund created in section 1531.17 of the 1243
Revised Code. 1244

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code 1245
individually apply to each kind of sportsmen's license plate 1246
created by this section. 1247

Sec. 4503.574. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 1248
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, noncommercial 1249

trailer used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of 1250
storage and a marina or around a marina, or other vehicle of a 1251
class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the 1252
registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of 1253
Smokey Bear license plates. The application for Smokey Bear 1254
license plates may be combined with a request for a special 1255
reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 1256
Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 1257
compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall 1258
issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, 1259
Smokey Bear license plates, and a validation sticker, or a 1260
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 1261
Revised Code. 1262

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 1263
on the license plates, Smokey Bear license plates shall be 1264
inscribed with identifying words or markings designed by the 1265
division of forestry in the department of natural resources and 1266
approved by the registrar. Smokey Bear license plates shall bear 1267
county identification stickers that identify the county of 1268
registration by name or number. 1269

(B) Smokey Bear license plates and a validation sticker or, 1270
when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon 1271
receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle 1272
submitted under this section and a contribution as provided in 1273
division (C) of this section, payment of the regular license tax 1274
as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 1275
applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 1276
Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 1277
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and an additional fee of 1278
ten dollars, and compliance with all other applicable laws 1279
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 1280

(C) For each application for registration and registration renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the registrar shall collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed forty dollars as determined by the chief of the division of forestry. The registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit in the state forest fund created in section 1503.05 of the Revised Code to be used to promote forest fire prevention and education efforts together with an increase in public awareness concerning combating wildfires in this state.

The additional fee of ten dollars described in division (B) of this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in issuing license plates under this section. The registrar shall transmit that fee to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the bureau of motor vehicles fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4503.575. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, noncommercial trailer used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina or around a marina, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of Ohio state parks license plates. The application for Ohio state parks license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, Ohio state parks license plates, and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 1312
on the license plates, Ohio state parks license plates shall be 1313
inscribed with identifying words or markings designed by the 1314
division of parks and recreation of the department of natural 1315
resources and approved by the registrar. Ohio state parks license 1316
plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the 1317
county of registration by name or number. 1318

(B) Ohio state parks license plates and a validation sticker 1319
or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued 1320
upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle 1321
submitted under this section and a contribution as provided in 1322
division (C) of this section, payment of the regular license tax 1323
as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 1324
applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 1325
Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 1326
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and an additional fee of 1327
ten dollars, and compliance with all other applicable laws 1328
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 1329

(C) For each application for registration and registration 1330
renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the 1331
registrar shall collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed 1332
forty dollars as determined by the chief of the division of parks 1333
and recreation. The registrar shall transmit this contribution to 1334
the treasurer of state for deposit in the state park fund created 1335
in section 1541.22 of the Revised Code. 1336

The additional fee of ten dollars described in division (B) 1337
of this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the 1338
bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in 1339
issuing license plates under this section. The registrar shall 1340
transmit that fee to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 1341
state treasury to the credit of the bureau of motor vehicles fund 1342
created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1343

Sec. 4503.591. (A) If a professional sports team located in 1344
this state desires to have its logo appear on license plates 1345
issued by this state, it shall enter into a contract with ~~the~~ 1346
either a sports commission to permit such display, as permitted in 1347
divisions (D), by division (E), and (F) of this section, or with a 1348
community charity, as permitted by division (G) of this section. 1349

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(B) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial 1351
motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class 1352
approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the 1353
registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of 1354
license plates bearing the logo of a professional sports team that 1355
has entered into ~~such~~ a contract described in division (A) of this 1356
section. The application shall designate the sports team whose 1357
logo the owner or lessee desires to appear on the license plates. 1358
Failure to designate a participating professional sports team 1359
shall result in rejection by the registrar of the registration 1360
application. An application made under this section may be 1361
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under 1362
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of 1363
the completed application and compliance by the applicant with 1364
divisions ~~(B) and~~ (C) and (D) of this section, the registrar shall 1365
issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a 1366
set of license plates bearing the logo of the professional sports 1367
team the owner designated in the application and a validation 1368
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 1369
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 1370

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 1371
thereon, professional sports team license plates shall bear the 1372
logo of a participating professional sports team, and shall 1373
display county identification stickers that identify the county of 1374

registration by name or number. 1375

~~(B)(C)~~ The professional sports team license plates and 1376
validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, as the case may 1377
be, shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax as 1378
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 1379
applicable motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of 1380
the Revised Code, a an additional fee of ten dollars ~~for the~~ 1381
~~purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for~~ 1382
~~additional services required in the issuing of professional sports~~ 1383
~~team license plates,~~ and compliance with all other applicable laws 1384
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application 1385
for a professional sports team license plate is combined with a 1386
request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 1387
or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the license plates and validation 1388
sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon payment 1389
of the ~~regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of~~ 1390
~~the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under~~ 1391
~~Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the~~ 1392
~~purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for~~ 1393
~~additional services required in the issuing of professional sports~~ 1394
~~team license plates,~~ taxes and fees described in this division 1395
plus the additional fee prescribed under section 4503.40 or 1396
4503.42 of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other 1397
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 1398

~~(C)(D)~~ For each application for registration and registration 1399
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the 1400
registrar shall collect a contribution of twenty-five dollars. The 1401
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 1402
state for deposit into the license plate contribution fund created 1403
by section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 1404

The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten 1405
dollars ~~paid,~~ which is to compensate the bureau of motor vehicles 1406

for the additional services required in the issuing of 1407
professional sports team license plates, to the treasurer of state 1408
for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the state 1409
bureau of motor vehicles fund created by section 4501.25 of the 1410
Revised Code. 1411

~~(D)~~(E) If a professional sports team located in this state 1412
desires to have its logo appear on license plates issued by this 1413
state and it desires to do so pursuant to this division, it shall 1414
inform the largest convention and visitors' bureau of the county 1415
in which the professional sports team is located of that desire. 1416
That convention and visitors' bureau shall create a sports 1417
commission to operate in that county to receive the contributions 1418
that are paid by applicants who choose to be issued license plates 1419
bearing the logo of that professional sports team for display on 1420
their motor vehicles. The sports commission shall negotiate with 1421
the professional sports team to permit the display of the team's 1422
logo on license plates issued by this state, enter into the 1423
contract with the team to permit such display, and pay to the team 1424
any licensing or rights fee that must be paid in connection with 1425
the issuance of the license plates. Upon execution of the 1426
contract, the sports commission shall provide a copy of it to the 1427
registrar ~~of motor vehicles~~, along with any other documentation 1428
the registrar may require. Upon receipt of the contract and any 1429
required additional documentation, and when the numerical 1430
requirement contained in division (A) of section 4503.78 of the 1431
Revised Code has been met relative to that particular professional 1432
sports team, the registrar shall take the measures necessary to 1433
issue license plates bearing the logo of that team. 1434

~~(E)~~(F) A sports commission shall expend the money it receives 1435
pursuant to section 4501.21 of the Revised Code to attract amateur 1436
regional, national, and international sporting events to the 1437
municipal corporation, county, or township in which it is located, 1438

and it may sponsor such events. Prior to attracting or sponsoring 1439
such events, the sports commission shall perform an economic 1440
analysis to determine whether the proposed event will have a 1441
positive economic effect on the greater area in which the event 1442
will be held. A sports commission shall not expend any money it 1443
receives under that section to attract or sponsor an amateur 1444
regional, national, or international sporting event if its 1445
economic analysis does not result in a finding that the proposed 1446
event will have a positive economic effect on the greater area in 1447
which the event will be held. 1448

A sports commission that receives money pursuant to that 1449
section, in addition to any other duties imposed on it by law and 1450
notwithstanding the scope of those duties, also shall encourage 1451
the economic development of this state through the promotion of 1452
tourism within all areas of this state. A sports commission that 1453
receives ten thousand dollars or more during any calendar year 1454
shall submit a written report to the director of development, on 1455
or before the first day of October of the next succeeding year, 1456
detailing its efforts and expenditures in the promotion of tourism 1457
during the calendar year in which it received the ten thousand 1458
dollars or more. 1459

As used in this division, "promotion of tourism" means the 1460
encouragement through advertising, educational and informational 1461
means, and public relations, both within the state and outside of 1462
it, of travel by persons away from their homes for pleasure, 1463
personal reasons, or other purposes, except to work, to this state 1464
or to the region in which the sports commission is located. 1465

~~(F)~~(G) If a professional sports team located in this state 1466
desires to have its logo appear on license plates issued by this 1467
state and it does not desire to do so pursuant to division (E) of 1468
this section, it shall do so pursuant to this division. The 1469
professional sports team shall notify a community charity of that 1470

desire. That community charity may negotiate with the professional 1471
sports team to permit the display of the team's logo on license 1472
plates issued by this state, enter into a contract with the team 1473
to permit such display, and pay to the team any licensing or 1474
rights fee that must be paid in connection with the issuance of 1475
the license plates. Upon execution of a contract, the community 1476
charity shall provide a copy of it to the registrar along with any 1477
other documentation the registrar may require. Upon receipt of the 1478
contract and any required additional documentation, and when the 1479
numerical requirement contained in division (A) of section 4503.78 1480
of the Revised Code has been met relative to that particular 1481
professional sports team, the registrar shall take the measures 1482
necessary to issue license plates bearing the logo of that team. 1483

(H)(1) A community charity shall expend the money it receives 1484
pursuant to section 4501.21 of the Revised Code solely to provide 1485
financial support to a sports commission for the purposes 1486
described in division (F) of this section and to nonprofit 1487
organizations located in this state that seek to improve the lives 1488
of those who are less fortunate and who reside in the region and 1489
state in which is located the sports team with which the community 1490
charity entered into a contract pursuant to division (G) of this 1491
section. Such organizations shall achieve this purpose through 1492
activities such as youth sports programs; educational, health, 1493
social, and community service programs; or services such as 1494
emergency assistance or employment, education, housing, and 1495
nutrition services. 1496

The community charity shall not expend any money it receives 1497
pursuant to section 4501.21 of the Revised Code if the expenditure 1498
will be received by a nonprofit organization that will use the 1499
money in a manner or for a purpose that is not described in this 1500
division. 1501

(2) The community charity shall provide a written quarterly 1502

report to the director of development and the director of job and 1503
family services detailing the expenditures of the money it 1504
receives pursuant to section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. The 1505
report shall include the amount of such money received and an 1506
accounting of all expenditures of such money. 1507

(I) For purposes of this section: 1508

(1) The "largest" convention and visitors' bureau of a county 1509
is the bureau that receives the largest amount of money generated 1510
in that county from excise taxes levied on lodging transactions 1511
under sections 351.021, 5739.08, and 5739.09 of the Revised Code. 1512

(2) "Sports commission" means a nonprofit corporation 1513
organized under the laws of this state that is entitled to tax 1514
exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue 1515
Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 501, as amended, and 1516
whose function is to attract, promote, or sponsor sports and 1517
athletic events within a municipal corporation, county, or 1518
township. 1519

Such a commission shall consist of twenty-one members. Seven 1520
members shall be appointed by the mayor of the largest city to be 1521
served by the commission. Seven members shall be appointed by the 1522
board of county commissioners of the county to be served by the 1523
commission. Seven members shall be appointed by the largest 1524
convention and visitors' bureau in the area to be served by the 1525
commission. A sports commission may provide all services related 1526
to attracting, promoting, or sponsoring such events, including, 1527
but not limited to, the booking of athletes and teams, scheduling, 1528
and hiring or contracting for staff, ushers, managers, and other 1529
persons whose functions are directly related to the sports and 1530
athletic events the commission attracts, promotes, or sponsors. 1531

(3) "Community charity" means a nonprofit corporation 1532
organized under the laws of this state that is entitled to tax 1533

exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 501, as amended, and that enters into a contract with a professional sports team pursuant to division (G) of this section. 1534
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(4) "Nonprofit organization" means a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this state that is entitled to tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C. 501, as amended, and that receives money from a community charity pursuant to division (H)(1) of this section. 1538
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Sec. 4503.74. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of "Ohio zoo" license plates. The application for "Ohio zoo" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, a set of "Ohio zoo" license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 1544
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In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, "Ohio zoo" license plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings selected by Ohio's major metropolitan zoos and approved by the registrar. "Ohio zoo" license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. 1557
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(B) "Ohio zoo" license plates and a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon 1563
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submission by the applicant of an application for registration of 1565
a motor vehicle under this section and a contribution as provided 1566
in division (C) of this section, payment of the regular license 1567
tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 1568
applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 1569
Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 1570
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and an additional fee of 1571
ten dollars, and compliance with all other applicable laws 1572
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 1573

(C) For each application for registration and registration 1574
renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the 1575
registrar shall collect a contribution of fifteen dollars. The 1576
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 1577
state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created 1578
in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 1579

The additional fee of ten dollars described in division (B) 1580
of this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the 1581
bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in 1582
issuing license plates under this section. The registrar shall 1583
transmit that fee to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 1584
state treasury to the credit of the bureau of motor vehicles fund 1585
created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1586

(D) As used in this section and in section 4501.21 of the 1587
Revised Code, "Ohio's major metropolitan zoos" means the following 1588
public, nonprofit zoos and wildlife conservation facility: 1589

(1) The Akron zoo; 1590

(2) The Cincinnati zoo; 1591

(3) The Cleveland metroparks zoo; 1592

(4) The Columbus zoo; 1593

(5) The Toledo zoo; 1594

(6) The international center for the preservation of wild animals, inc., located in Muskingum County and also known as "the wilds." 1595
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Sec. 4511.031. (A)(1) No person shall possess a portable signal preemption device. 1598
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(2) No person shall use a portable signal preemption device to affect the operation of the traffic control signal. 1600
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(B) Division (A)(1) of this section does not apply to any of the following persons and division (A)(2) of this section does not apply to any of the following persons when responding to an emergency call: 1602
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(1) A peace officer, as defined in division (A)(1), (12), (14), or (19) of section 109.71 of the Revised Code; 1606
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(2) A state highway patrol trooper; 1608

(3) A person while occupying a public safety vehicle as defined in division (E)(1), (3), or (4) of section 4511.01 of the Revised Code. 1609
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(C) Whoever violates division (A)(1) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Whoever violates division (A)(2) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1612
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(D) As used in this section, "portable signal preemption device" means a device that, if activated by a person, is capable of changing a traffic control signal to green out of sequence. 1616
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Sec. 5537.07. (A) When the cost to the Ohio turnpike commission under any contract with a person other than a governmental agency involves an expenditure of more than ~~ten~~ fifty thousand dollars, the commission shall make a written contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in accordance 1619
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with section 9.312 of the Revised Code after advertisement for not 1624
less than two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general 1625
circulation in Franklin county, and in such other publications as 1626
the commission determines, which notice shall state the general 1627
character of the work and the general character of the materials 1628
to be furnished, the place where plans and specifications therefor 1629
may be examined, and the time and place of receiving bids. The 1630
commission may require that the cost estimate for the 1631
construction, demolition, alteration, repair, improvement, 1632
renovation, or reconstruction of roadways and bridges for which 1633
the commission is required to receive bids be kept confidential 1634
and remain confidential until after all bids for the public 1635
improvement have been received or the deadline for receiving bids 1636
has passed. Thereafter, and before opening the bids submitted for 1637
the roadways and bridges, the commission shall make the cost 1638
estimate public knowledge by reading the cost estimate in a public 1639
place. The commission may reject any and all bids. The 1640
requirements of this division do not apply to contracts for the 1641
acquisition of real property or compensation for professional or 1642
other personal services. 1643

(B) Each bid for a contract for construction, demolition, 1644
alteration, repair, improvement, renovation, or reconstruction 1645
shall contain the full name of every person interested in it and 1646
shall meet the requirements of section 153.54 of the Revised Code. 1647

(C) Each bid for a contract, other than for a contract 1648
referred to in division (B) of this section, shall contain the 1649
full name of every person interested in it and shall be 1650
accompanied by a sufficient bond or certified check on a solvent 1651
bank that if the bid is accepted a contract will be entered into 1652
and the performance of its proposal secured. 1653

(D) A bond with good and sufficient surety, approved by the 1654
commission, shall be required of every contractor awarded a 1655

contract, other than a contract referred to in division (B) of
this section, in an amount equal to at least fifty per cent of the
contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the
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Sec. 5537.26. (A) Except as provided in division (D) of this
section, no ~~change~~ increase by the Ohio turnpike commission in the
toll rate structure that is applicable to vehicles operating on a
turnpike project shall become effective unless the commission
complies with the notice and hearing requirements prescribed in
division (B) of this section, and the commission shall not take
any action that expands, has the effect of expanding, or will to
any degree at any time in the future have the effect of expanding
the sphere of responsibility of the commission beyond the Ohio
turnpike, unless the commission complies with the notice and
hearing requirements prescribed in division (B) of this section.

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(B) Not less than ninety days prior to the date on which the
commission ~~will vote~~ votes to ~~change~~ increase any part of the toll
rate structure that is applicable to vehicles operating on a
turnpike project, and not less than ninety days prior to the date
on which the commission ~~will vote~~ votes to take an action that
expands, has the effect of expanding, or will to any degree at any
time in the future have the effect of expanding the sphere of
responsibility of the commission beyond the Ohio turnpike, the
commission shall commence holding public hearings on the proposed
~~change~~ increase in the toll rate structure or the proposed action.
If the commission is proposing a ~~change~~ an increase in the toll
rate structure that is applicable to vehicles operating on a ~~toll~~
turnpike project, it shall hold not less than three public
~~meetings~~ hearings in three geographically diverse locations in
this state that are in the immediate vicinity of the affected ~~toll~~
project. If the commission is proposing to take an action that

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responsibility of the commission beyond the Ohio turnpike, it 1689
shall hold not less than three public ~~meetings~~ hearings in three 1690
locations in the immediate vicinity where the expanded 1691
responsibilities ~~will~~ would arise. 1692

The commission shall hold the third or, if it holds more than 1693
three hearings, the last hearing of any set of hearings required 1694
to be held under this section not less than thirty days prior to 1695
the date on which it ~~will vote~~ votes to ~~change~~ increase part of 1696
the toll rate structure that is applicable to vehicles operating 1697
on a turnpike project or to take an action that expands, has the 1698
effect of expanding, or will to any degree at any time in the 1699
future have the effect of expanding the sphere of responsibility 1700
of the commission beyond the Ohio turnpike. 1701

The commission shall inform the public of all the ~~meetings~~ 1702
hearings required to be held under this section by causing a 1703
notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in 1704
the county in which each ~~meeting~~ hearing is to be held, not less 1705
than once per week for two weeks prior to the date of the ~~meeting~~ 1706
hearing. 1707

(C) If the commission does not comply with the notice and 1708
hearing requirements contained in division (B) of this section and 1709
~~is proposing a change~~ votes for an increase in the toll rate 1710
structure that is applicable to vehicles operating on a turnpike 1711
project, the ~~proposed change~~ increase in the toll rate structure 1712
shall not take effect, any attempt by the commission to implement 1713
the ~~change~~ increase in the toll rate structure is void, and, if 1714
necessary, the attorney general shall file an action in the court 1715
of common pleas of the county in which the principal office of the 1716
commission is located to enjoin the commission from implementing 1717
the ~~change~~ increase. The commission shall not implement ~~the~~ 1718

~~proposed change~~ any increase until it complies with division (B) 1719
of this section. 1720

If the commission does not comply with the notice and hearing 1721
requirements contained in division (B) of this section and ~~is~~ 1722
~~proposing votes~~ to take an action that expands, has the effect of 1723
expanding, or will to any degree at any time in the future have 1724
the effect of expanding the sphere of responsibility of the 1725
commission beyond the Ohio turnpike, the commission shall not take 1726
the proposed action and, if necessary, the attorney general shall 1727
file an action in the court of common pleas of the county in which 1728
the principal office of the commission is located to enjoin the 1729
commission from taking the proposed action. The commission shall 1730
not take the proposed action until it complies with the notice and 1731
hearing requirements prescribed in division (B) of this section. 1732

(D) Divisions (A) to (C) of this section do not apply to ~~the~~ 1733
~~three increases in the toll rate structure applicable to the Ohio~~ 1734
~~turnpike that the commission has announced as of the effective~~ 1735
~~date of this section will take effect January 1, 1997, January 1,~~ 1736
~~1998, and July 1, 1998. Thirty days prior~~ any decrease made to the 1737
toll rate structure by the commission. The commission may 1738
implement a temporary decrease in the toll rate structure only if 1739
it does not exceed eighteen months in duration. Prior to each of 1740
~~these dates~~ instituting any decrease to the toll rate structure, 1741
the commission shall hold a public meeting to explain to members 1742
of the traveling public the reasons for the upcoming ~~increase~~ 1743
decrease, to inform them of any benefits and any negative 1744
consequences, and to give them the opportunity to express their 1745
opinions as to the relative merits or drawbacks of each toll 1746
~~increase~~ decrease. The commission shall inform the public of ~~these~~ 1747
~~meetings in accordance with~~ the meeting by causing a notice 1748
~~provisions contained to be published~~ in division ~~(B)~~ newspapers of 1749
~~this section~~ general circulation in Cuyahoga, Lucas, Mahoning, 1750

Trumbull, Williams, and Summit counties not less than five days 1751
prior to the meeting. The commission shall not be required to hold 1752
any public hearing or meeting upon the expiration of any temporary 1753
decrease in the toll rate structure, so long as it implements the 1754
same toll rate structure that was in effect immediately prior to 1755
the temporary decrease. 1756

(E) As used in this section, "Ohio turnpike" means the toll 1757
freeway that is under the jurisdiction of the commission and runs 1758
in an easterly and westerly direction across the entire northern 1759
portion of this state between its borders with the state of 1760
Pennsylvania in the east and the state of Indiana in the west, and 1761
carries the interstate highway designations of interstate 1762
seventy-six, interstate eighty, and interstate eighty-ninety. 1763

Section 2. That existing sections 1503.05, 1541.22, 4501.21, 1764
4503.54, 4503.591, 5537.07 and 5537.26 of the Revised Code are 1765
hereby repealed. 1766

Section 3. That Section 11.04 of Am. Sub. H.B. 87 of the 1767
125th General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. S.B. 1768
189 of the 125th General Assembly, be amended to read as follows: 1769

Sec. 11.04. PUBLIC ACCESS ROADS FOR STATE FACILITIES 1770

Of the foregoing appropriation item 772-421, Highway 1771
Construction - State, \$3,145,500 is to be used each fiscal year 1772
during the 2003-2005 biennium by the Department of Transportation 1773
for the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of public 1774
access roads, including support features, to and within state 1775
facilities owned or operated by the Department of Natural 1776
Resources, as requested by the Director of Natural Resources. 1777

Notwithstanding section 5511.06 of the Revised Code, of the 1778
foregoing appropriation item 772-421, Highway Construction - 1779

State, \$2,228,000 in each fiscal year of the 2003-2005 biennium 1780
shall be used by the Department of Transportation for the 1781
construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of park drives or 1782
park roads within the boundaries of metropolitan parks. 1783

Included in the foregoing appropriation item 772-421, Highway 1784
Construction - State, the department may perform related road work 1785
on behalf of the Ohio Expositions Commission at the state 1786
fairgrounds, including reconstruction or maintenance of public 1787
access roads, including support features, to and within the 1788
facilities as requested by the commission and approved by the 1789
Director of Transportation. 1790

LIQUIDATION OF UNFORESEEN LIABILITIES 1791

Any appropriation made to the Department of Transportation, 1792
Highway Operating Fund, not otherwise restricted by law, is 1793
available to liquidate unforeseen liabilities arising from 1794
contractual agreements of prior years when the prior year 1795
encumbrance is insufficient. 1796

GRADE CROSSING PROFILE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 1797

The Director of Budget and Management shall cancel any 1798
encumbrances or parts of encumbrances against appropriation item, 1799
776-665, Railroad Crossing Safety Devices, and reestablish them 1800
against appropriation item 870-614, Grade Crossing Protection 1801
Devices-State, to be used by the Public Utilities Commission of 1802
Ohio (PUCO) for the Grade Crossing Profile and Safety Improvement 1803
Program, which is hereby created. The amounts of the reestablished 1804
encumbrances are hereby appropriated. A local matching grant of 1805
\$25,000 or less may be awarded to political subdivisions to pay 1806
for profile improvements at crossings that meet all the following 1807
criteria: have a daily train count of at least ten trains, have a 1808
daily traffic count of at least 100 motor vehicles, are currently 1809
not equipped with automatic gates or lights, and are currently 1810

ranked in the bottom two-thirds of the hazard index as determined 1811
by the PUCO Accident Prediction Formula. In addition, grants up to 1812
\$5,000 may be awarded to any political subdivision to fund 1813
non-profile improvement safety devices such as rumble strips, 1814
vegetation removal, and lighting, at crossings. 1815

The PUCO and the Ohio Department of Transportation shall 1816
notify each county with jurisdiction over a crossing of the 1817
requirements of this section and that funding is available for 1818
rail crossing safety improvements through the Grade Crossing 1819
Profile and Safety Improvement Program. 1820

The PUCO shall issue a report on or before June 30, 2005, 1821
describing the activities carried out by the PUCO to comply with 1822
this section. The report shall include the number and location of 1823
crossings that received safety improvements and the cost of each 1824
improvement to date. 1825

All appropriations in Fund 4A3 remaining unencumbered on June 1826
30, 2005, are hereby reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal 1827
year 2006. 1828

OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION PAYMENT 1829

Out of the foregoing appropriation item 772-421, Highway 1830
Construction-State, the Department of Transportation shall provide 1831
a one-time payment of up to \$23,400,000 in fiscal year 2005 to the 1832
Ohio Turnpike Commission if the Commission, under division (D) of 1833
section 5537.26 of the Revised Code, institutes a temporary 1834
decrease in the toll rate structure as it applies to certain 1835
classes of commercial vehicles. The payment shall offset the 1836
revenue estimated to be lost because of the temporary decrease but 1837
shall not exceed \$23,400,000. The amount so provided is hereby 1838
appropriated to the Ohio Turnpike Commission for the foregoing 1839
purpose. 1840

Section 4. That existing Section 11.04 of Am. Sub. H.B. 87 of 1841
the 125th General Assembly, as most recently amended by Am. Sub. 1842
S.B. 189 of the 125th General Assembly is hereby repealed. 1843

Section 5. On or before March 6, 2006, the Ohio Turnpike 1844
Commission and the Department of Transportation shall jointly make 1845
a written report on the traffic and revenue impact of toll 1846
reductions made under this act and the impact on Ohio Turnpike 1847
Commission debt service. The report shall enable the General 1848
Assembly to evaluate the effectiveness of the "Northern Ohio 1849
Freight Strategy" issued on October 11, 2004. The report shall be 1850
submitted to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House 1851
of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of each 1852
house, and the chairpersons and ranking minority members of the 1853
transportation committees of each house. 1854

Section 6. The amendments to codified section 5537.26 of the 1855
Revised Code and to uncodified law in Section 3 and Sections 4 and 1856
5 contained in this act, and the items of which they are composed, 1857
are not subject to the referendum. Therefore, under Ohio 1858
Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and section 1.471 of the 1859
Revised Code, the codified and uncodified sections of law 1860
contained in this act, and the items of which they are composed, 1861
go into immediate effect when this act becomes law. 1862