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**A B I L L**

To amend section 4503.102 of the Revised Code to 1  
prohibit the inclusion of Social Security numbers 2  
on motor vehicle registration renewal notices. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.102 of the Revised Code be 4  
amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4503.102.** (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 6  
adopt rules to establish a centralized system of motor vehicle 7  
registration renewal by mail or by electronic means. Any person 8  
owning a motor vehicle that was registered in the person's name 9  
during the preceding registration year shall renew the 10  
registration of the motor vehicle not more than ninety days prior 11

to the expiration date of the registration either by mail or by 12  
electronic means through the centralized system of registration 13  
established under this section, or in person at any office of the 14  
registrar or at a deputy registrar's office. 15

(B)(1) No less than forty-five days prior to the expiration 16  
date of any motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall mail a 17  
renewal notice to the person in whose name the motor vehicle is 18  
registered. The renewal notice shall clearly state that the 19  
registration of the motor vehicle may be renewed by mail or 20  
electronic means through the centralized system of registration or 21  
in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy 22  
registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information 23  
including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence 24  
address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, a 25  
brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, notice of 26  
the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle, the toll-free 27  
telephone number of the registrar as required under division 28  
(D)(1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code, and any additional 29  
information the registrar may require by rule. The renewal notice 30  
shall not include the social security number of either the owner 31  
of the motor vehicle or the person in whose name the motor vehicle 32  
is registered. The renewal notice shall be sent by regular mail to 33  
the owner's last known address as shown in the records of the 34  
bureau of motor vehicles. 35

(2) If the application for renewal of the registration of a 36  
motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar 37  
or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, division 38  
(A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division 39  
(B) of section 4510.22, or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of 40  
the Revised Code, the registrar is not required to send a renewal 41  
notice to the vehicle owner or vehicle lessee. 42

(C) The owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the 43

information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or by 44  
electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic 45  
means, or the owner may take it in person to any office of the 46  
registrar or of a deputy registrar, together with a financial 47  
transaction device number, when permitted by rule of the 48  
registrar, check, or money order in the amount of the registration 49  
taxes and fees payable on the motor vehicle and a mail fee of two 50  
dollars and seventy-five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three 51  
dollars and twenty-five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and 52  
three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004, plus 53  
postage as indicated on the notice, if the registration is renewed 54  
by mail, and an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as 55  
provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. If the motor 56  
vehicle owner chooses to renew the motor vehicle registration by 57  
electronic means, the owner shall proceed in accordance with the 58  
rules the registrar adopts. 59

(D) If all registration and transfer fees for the motor 60  
vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 61  
current registration year have not been paid, if division (D) of 62  
section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of 63  
section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, or division 64  
(B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code prohibits acceptance 65  
of the renewal notice, or if the owner or lessee does not have an 66  
inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in 67  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, if that section is 68  
applicable, the license shall be refused, and the registrar or 69  
deputy registrar shall so notify the owner. This section does not 70  
require the payment of license or registration taxes on a motor 71  
vehicle for any preceding year, or for any preceding period of a 72  
year, if the motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year 73  
or period under section 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or 74  
4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code. 75

(E)(1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew the registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a motor vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive a renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section prior to the expiration date of the registration shall request an application for registration from the registrar or a deputy registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic means and submit the application and pay any applicable license taxes and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar.

(2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code from accepting the application, the registrar shall return the application and the payment to the owner. If the owner of a motor vehicle submits a registration renewal application to the registrar by electronic means and the registrar is prohibited from accepting the application as provided in this division, the registrar shall notify the owner of this fact and deny the application and return the payment or give a credit on the financial transaction device account of the owner in the manner the registrar prescribes by rule adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section.

(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place at the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail registration system required by this section and also shall post a notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the registrar prescribes by rule.

(G) The two dollars and seventy-five cents fee collected from 108  
July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002, the three dollars and 109  
twenty-five cents fee collected from January 1, 2003, through 110  
December 31, 2003, and the three dollars and fifty cents fee 111  
collected after January 1, 2004, plus postage and any financial 112  
transaction device surcharge collected by the registrar for 113  
registration by mail, shall be paid to the credit of the state 114  
bureau of motor vehicles fund established by section 4501.25 of 115  
the Revised Code. 116

(H) Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the 117  
registrar may implement a program permitting payment of motor 118  
vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license and 119  
commercial driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees, 120  
penalties, or charges imposed or levied by the state by means of a 121  
financial transaction device. The registrar may adopt rules as 122  
necessary for this purpose. 123

(I) For persons who reside in counties where tailpipe 124  
emissions inspections are required under the motor vehicle 125  
inspection and maintenance program, the notice required by 126  
division (B) of this section shall also include the toll-free 127  
telephone number maintained by the Ohio environmental protection 128  
agency to provide information concerning the locations of 129  
emissions testing centers. 130

**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.102 of the Revised Code 131  
is hereby repealed. 132