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To enact sections 901.90 and 4503.503 of the Revised 1
Code to create "Ohio Agriculture" license plates 2
and to create the Ohio Agriculture License Plate 3
Scholarship Program. 4

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

Section 1. That sections 901.90 and 4503.503 of the Revised 5
Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 901.90. (A) There is hereby created in the state 7
treasury the Ohio agriculture license plate scholarship fund 8
consisting of the contributions the registrar of motor vehicles 9
receives pursuant to section 4503.503 of the Revised Code. Money 10
shall be expended from the fund only as provided in division (C) 11
of this section. 12

(B)(1) There is hereby created the Ohio agriculture license 13
plate scholarship fund board, consisting of the director of 14
agriculture or the director's designee and one representative 15
appointed by each of the following organizations: 16

(a) The Ohio agriculture council; 17

<u>(b) The Ohio cornrowers association;</u>	18
<u>(c) The Ohio farm bureau federation;</u>	19
<u>(d) The Ohio soy association;</u>	20
<u>(e) The Ohio state university college of food, agricultural, and environmental sciences;</u>	21 22
<u>(f) The Ohio young farmers association.</u>	23
<u>(2) All original appointments to the board shall be made not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, and all vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for the actual expenses they incur in performing their duties. The director of agriculture or the director's designee shall serve as chairperson. The board shall adopt rules governing their meetings and proceedings.</u>	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
<u>(C) There is hereby established the Ohio agriculture license plate scholarship program to benefit students who are enrolled in a program of agricultural education at an Ohio land grant institution. The board shall adopt rules governing all aspects of the program, including any additional eligibility requirements, the application process, scholarship amounts, and any requirements a student must meet in order to retain a scholarship.</u>	32 33 34 35 36 37 38
<u>All decisions of the board relating to the scholarship program, including the decision to award, renew, not renew, or revoke a scholarship, are final.</u>	39 40 41
<u>Sec. 4503.503. (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 agriculture" license plates. The application for "Ohio agriculture" license plates may be combined with a request</u>	42 43 44 45 46 47

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 and a set of "Ohio agriculture" license plates with 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 thereon, "Ohio agriculture" license plates shall be inscribed with words and markings selected and designed by the Ohio farm bureau federation, in consultation with representatives of agricultural commodity organizations of this state. The registrar shall approve the final design. "Ohio agriculture" license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

(B) "Ohio agriculture" license plates and validation stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a bureau of motor vehicles administrative fee of ten dollars, the contribution specified under division (C) of this section, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

(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 Ohio agriculture license plate scholarship fund created in section 901.90 of the Revised Code.

(D) The registrar shall deposit the bureau administrative fee

of ten dollars specified in division (B) of this section, the 79
purpose of which is to compensate the bureau for the additional 80
services required in the issuing of the applicant's "Ohio 81
agriculture" license plates, into the state bureau of motor 82
vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 83

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code apply to 84
"Ohio agriculture" license plates, except that the number "one 85
thousand" specified in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of section 4503.77 86
of the Revised Code and in divisions (A) and (B) of section 87
4503.78 of the Revised Code is reduced to "five hundred" in each 88
instance regarding "Ohio agriculture" license plates. 89