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A BILL

Го	amend sections 901.04, 4501.21, 4503.77, and	1
	4503.78 and to enact sections 901.90, 4503.503,	2
	4503.504, and 4503.553 of the Revised Code to	3
	establish a threshold of 500 annual special	4
	license plate registrations for all special	5
	license plates, to create "Ohio Agriculture"	6
	license plates and to create the Ohio Agriculture	7
	License Plate Scholarship Program, to create "Ohio	8
	Sustainable Agriculture" license plates, and to	9
	create "Ohio's Horse" license plates and to	10
	provide that money from the contributions for the	11
	license plates be paid to the Ohio Coalition for	12
	Animals, Incorporated.	13

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

Section 1. That sections 901.04, 4501.21, 4503.77, and	14
4503.78 be amended and sections 901.90, 4503.503, 4503.504, and	15
4503.553 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	16
Sec. 901.04. (A) The department of agriculture may solicit or	17
accept from any public or private source and shall deposit in the	18
state treasury to the credit of the agro Ohio fund any grant,	19
gift, devise, or bequest of money made to or for the use of the	20
department in fulfilling its statutory duties or for promoting any	21
part of the public welfare that is under the supervision and	22
control of the department. The department may also accept and hold	23
on behalf of this state any grant, gift, devise, or bequest of	24
other property made to or for the use of the department or for	25
promoting any part of the public welfare that is under the	26
supervision and control of the department. The department may	27
contract for and carry out the terms and conditions of any devise,	28
grant, gift, or donation that may be so made.	29
(B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the agro	30
Ohio fund, to which shall be credited all sums received under	31
division (A) of this section $\frac{\text{and}}{2}$ divisions (A)(2) and (C) of	32
section 2105.09 of the Revised Code, and section 4503.504 of the	33
Revised Code. All money received under divisions (A)(2) and (C) of	34
section 2105.09 of the Revised Code shall be used for the benefit	35
of agriculture. All money received under section 4503.504 of the	36
Revised Code shall be used for the benefit of sustainable	37
agriculture markets in the state as determined by the director of	38
agriculture.	39

(C) The director may use all or any portion of the moneys in

the agro Ohio fund to award grants for the purpose of promoting

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- (B) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 101 collects in the fund as follows: 102 (1) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 103 pursuant to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast 104 cancer fund of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for 105 programs that provide assistance and education to Ohio breast 106 cancer patients and that improve access for such patients to 107 quality health care and clinical trials and shall not use any of 108 the money for abortion information, counseling, services, or other 109 abortion-related activities. 110 (2) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 111 pursuant to section 4503.493 of the Revised Code to the autism 112 society of Ohio, which shall use the contributions for programs 113 and autism awareness efforts throughout the state. 114 (3) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 115 receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 116 future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 117 contributions into its general account to be used for educational 118 and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of America 119 foundation. 120 (4) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 121 receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised Code to the 122 4-H youth development program of the Ohio state university 123 extension program, which shall use those contributions to pay the 124 expenses it incurs in conducting its educational activities. 125 (5) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 126
- (6) The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the

pursuant to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio

scholarships and other educational activities.

cattlemen's foundation, which shall use those contributions for

university or college whose name or marking or design appears on	132
collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that	133
section. A university or college that receives contributions from	134
the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general	135
scholarship fund.	136

- (7) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar

 receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised 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

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 cultural events at the monument.
- (8) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 144 receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the 145 pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions 146 into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall be 147 separate and distinct from any other account the pro football hall 148 of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose of 149 promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel destination. 150
- (9) The registrar shall pay the contributions that are paid 151 to the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised Code 152 to the national rifle association foundation, which shall use the 153 money to pay the costs of the educational activities and programs 154 the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 155
- (10) In accordance with section 955.202 of the Revised Code, 156 the registrar shall pay to the pets program funding board created 157 by that section the contributions the registrar receives pursuant 158 to section 4503.551 of the Revised Code and any other money from 159 any other source, including donations, gifts, and grants, that is 160 designated by the source to be paid to the pets program funding 161 board. The board shall use the moneys it receives under this 162 section only to support programs for the sterilization of dogs and 163

cats and for educational programs concerning the proper veterinary	164
care of those animals.	165
(11) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar	166
receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the	167
rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated.	168
(12) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar	169
receives pursuant to section 4503.553 of the Revised Code to the	170
Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation.	171
Except as provided in division (B)(12) of this section, the	172
coalition shall distribute the money to its members, and the	173
members shall use the money only to pay for educational,	174
charitable, and other programs of each coalition member that	175
provide care for unwanted, abused, and neglected horses. The Ohio	176
coalition for animals may use a portion of the money to pay for	177
reasonable marketing costs incurred in the design and promotion of	178
the license plate and for administrative costs incurred in the	179
disbursement and management of funds received under this section.	180
(13) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar	181
receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the	182
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall	183
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it	184
establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and	185
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of ducks	186
unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively for the	187
purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands	188
and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of Ohio chapter of	189
ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the registrar in	190
writing of the name, address, and account to which such payments	191
are to be made under division (B)(12) of this section .	192
$\frac{(13)}{(14)}$ The registrar shall pay the contributions the	193
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised	194

Code to the Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money

throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts.	227
$\frac{(18)(19)}{(19)}$ The registrar shall pay the contributions the	228
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code	229
to the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which	230
shall deposit the fees into its general account to be used for	231
purposes of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated.	232
$\frac{(19)}{(20)}$ The registrar shall pay the contributions the	233
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised	234
Code to the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which	235
shall deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to	236
be used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law	237
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement	238
methods, and teaching respect for law and order.	239
$\frac{(20)}{(21)}$ The registrar shall pay the contributions the	240
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code	241
to the organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL	242
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under	243
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association	244
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in	245
administering a program to secure the proper representation in the	246
courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent children,	247
and for the training and supervision of persons participating in	248
that program.	249
$\frac{(21)}{(22)}$ The registrar shall pay the contributions the	250
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code	251
to Wright B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the	252
contributions into its general account to be used for purposes of	253
Wright B. Flyer, incorporated.	254
$\frac{(22)}{(23)}$ The registrar shall pay the contributions the	255
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code	256
to the Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse	257

the moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in	258
section 4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written	259
agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos.	260
$\frac{(23)}{(24)}$ The registrar shall pay the contributions the	261
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code	262
to the rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston,	263
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and	264
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the rotary	265
foundation.	266
$\frac{(24)(25)}{(25)}$ The registrar shall pay the contributions the	267
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code	268
to the Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie	269
area research projects.	270
(C) All investment earnings of the license plate contribution	271
fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than the first day	272
of May of every year, the registrar shall distribute to each	273
entity described in $\frac{\text{divisions}}{\text{division}}$ (B) $\frac{\text{(1)}}{\text{to (24)}}$ of this	274
section the investment income the fund earned the previous	275
calendar year. The amount of such a distribution paid to an entity	276
shall be proportionate to the amount of money the entity received	277
from the fund during the previous calendar year.	278
Sec. 4503.503. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car,	279
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other	280
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may	281
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and	282
issuance of "Ohio agriculture" license plates. The application for	283
"Ohio agriculture" license plates may be combined with a request	284
for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or	285
4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed	286
application and compliance with division (B) of this section, the	287
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registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle

registration and a set of "Ohio agriculture" license plates with a	289
validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when required by	290
section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.	291
In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed	292
thereon, "Ohio agriculture" license plates shall be inscribed with	293
words and markings selected and designed by the Ohio farm bureau	294
federation, in consultation with representatives of agricultural	295
commodity organizations of this state. The registrar shall approve	296
the final design. "Ohio agriculture" license plates shall bear	297
county identification stickers that identify the county of	298
registration by name or number.	299
(B) "Ohio agriculture" license plates and validation stickers	300
shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax as	301
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any	302
applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the	303
Revised Code, any applicable fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or	304
4503.42 of the Revised Code, a bureau of motor vehicles	305
administrative fee of ten dollars, the contribution specified	306
under division (C) of this section, and compliance with all other	307
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.	308
(C) For each application for registration and registration	309
renewal received under this section, the registrar shall collect a	310
contribution of twenty dollars. The registrar shall transmit this	311
contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit in the Ohio	312
agriculture license plate scholarship fund created in section	313
901.90 of the Revised Code.	314
(D) The registrar shall deposit the bureau administrative fee	315
of ten dollars specified in division (B) of this section, the	316
purpose of which is to compensate the bureau for the additional	317
services required in the issuing of the applicant's "Ohio	318
agriculture" license plates, into the state bureau of motor	319

vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code.	320
Sec. 4503.504. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car,	321
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other	322
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may	323
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and	324
issuance of "Ohio sustainable agriculture" license plates. The	325
application for "Ohio sustainable agriculture" license plates may	326
be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate	327
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt	328
of the completed application and compliance with division (B) of	329
this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the	330
appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "Ohio sustainable	331
agriculture" license plates with a validation sticker or a	332
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the	333
Revised Code.	334
In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed	335
thereon, "Ohio sustainable agriculture" license plates shall be	336
inscribed with words and markings selected and designed by the	337
department of agriculture. The registrar shall approve the final	338
design. "Ohio sustainable agriculture" license plates shall bear	339
county identification stickers that identify the county of	340
registration by name or number.	341
(B) "Ohio sustainable agriculture" license plates and	342
validation stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular	343
license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised	344
Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504.	345
of the Revised Code, any applicable fee prescribed by section	346
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a bureau of motor vehicles	347
administrative fee of ten dollars, the contribution specified	348
under division (C) of this section, and compliance with all other	349
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.	350

(C) For each application for registration and registration	351
renewal received under this section, the registrar shall collect a	352
contribution of twenty dollars. The registrar shall transmit this	353
contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit in the agro	354
Ohio fund created in section 901.04 of the Revised Code.	355
(D) The registrar shall deposit the bureau administrative fee	356
of ten dollars specified in division (B) of this section, the	357
purpose of which is to compensate the bureau for the additional	358
services required in the issuing of the applicant's "Ohio	359
sustainable agriculture" license plates, into the state bureau of	360
motor vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the Revised	361
Code.	362
Sec. 4503.553. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car,	363
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other	364
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may	365
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and	366
issuance of Ohio's horse license plates. An application made under	367
this section may be combined with a request for a special reserved	368
license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised	369
Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance by	370
the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the	371
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle	372
registration and a set of Ohio's horse license plates and a	373
validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by	374
section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.	375
In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed	376
on the license plates, Ohio's horse license plates shall be	377
inscribed with identifying words or markings that are designed by	378
the Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated and approved by the	379
registrar. Ohio's horse license plates shall display county	380
identification stickers that identify the county of registration	381
by name or number.	382

(B) The Ohio's horse license plates and a validation sticker,	383
or validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon receipt of a	384
contribution as provided in division (C)(1) of this section and	385
upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under	386
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle	387
license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any	388
applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42	389
of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the purpose of	390
compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services	391
required in the issuing of Ohio's horse license plates, and	392
compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the	393
registration of motor vehicles.	394
(C)(1) For each application for registration and registration	395
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the	396
registrar shall collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed	397
forty dollars, as determined by the Ohio coalition for animals,	398
incorporated. The registrar shall deposit this contribution into	399
the state treasury to the credit of the license plate contribution	400
fund created in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code.	401
(2) The registrar shall deposit the additional fee of ten	402
dollars paid to compensate the bureau for the additional services	403
required in the issuing of Ohio's horse license plates into the	404
state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles	405
fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code.	406
Sec. 4503.77. (A) As used in this section, "nonstandard:	407
(1) "Nonstandard license plate" means all of the following:	408
(1)(a) A license plate issued under sections 4503.52,	409
4503.55, 4503.56, 4503.57, 4503.70, 4503.71, 4503.72, and 4503.75	410
of the Revised Code;	411
$\frac{(2)(b)}{(b)}$ A license plate issued under a program that is	412

reestablished under division (D) of this section and that meets	413
the requirements contained in division (B) of section 4503.78 of	414
the Revised Code;	415
(3)(c) Except as may otherwise be specifically provided by	416
law, any license plate created after the effective date of this	417
section August 21, 1997.	418
(2) For purposes of license plates issued under sections	419
4503.503 and 4503.504 of the Revised Code, "sponsor" includes the	420
Ohio agriculture license plate scholarship fund board created in	421
section 901.90 of the Revised Code and the director of	422
agriculture.	423
(B)(1) If, during any calendar year commencing with 1998, the	424
total number of motor vehicle registrations involving a particular	425
type of nonstandard license plate is less than one thousand <u>five</u>	426
hundred, including both new registrations and registration	427
renewals, the registrar of motor vehicles, on or after the first	428
day of January, but not later than the fifteenth day of January of	429
the following year, shall send a written notice to the sponsor of	430
that type of nonstandard license plate, if a sponsor exists,	431
informing the sponsor of this fact. The registrar also shall	432
inform the sponsor that if, during the calendar year in which the	433
written notice is sent, the total number of motor vehicle	434
registrations involving the sponsor's nonstandard license plate	435
again is less than one thousand <u>five hundred</u> , the program	436
involving that type of nonstandard license plate will be	437
terminated on the thirty-first day of December of the calendar	438
year in which the written notice is sent and, except as provided	439
in division (C) of this section, no motor vehicle registration	440
application involving either the actual issuance of that type of	441
nonstandard license plate or the registration renewal of a motor	442
vehicle displaying that type of nonstandard license plate will be	443

accepted by the registrar or a deputy registrar beginning the

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first day of January of the next calendar year. The registrar also	445
shall inform the sponsor that if the program involving the	446
sponsor's nonstandard license plate is terminated under this	447
section, it may be reestablished pursuant to division (D) of this	448
section.	449
(2) If, during any calendar year commencing with 1998, the	450
total number of motor vehicle registrations involving a particular	451
type of nonstandard license plate is less than one thousand <u>five</u>	452
hundred, including both new registrations and registration	453
renewals, and no sponsor exists for that license plate, the	454
registrar shall issue a public notice on or after the first day of	455
January, but not later than the fifteenth day of January of the	456
following year, stating that fact. The notice also shall inform	457
the public that if, during the calendar year in which the	458
registrar issues the public notice, the total number of motor	459
vehicle registrations for that type of nonstandard license plate,	460
including both new registrations and registration renewals, again	461
is less than one thousand five hundred, the program involving that	462
type of nonstandard license plate will be terminated on the	463
thirty-first day of December of the calendar year in which the	464
registrar issues the public notice and, except as provided in	465
division (C) of this section, no motor vehicle registration	466
application involving either the actual issuance of that type of	467
nonstandard license plate or the registration renewal of a motor	468
vehicle displaying that type of nonstandard license plate will be	469
accepted by the registrar or a deputy registrar beginning on the	470
first day of January of the next calendar year.	471
(C) If the program involving a type of nonstandard license	472
plate is terminated under division (B) of this section, the	473
registration of any motor vehicle displaying that type of	474

nonstandard license plate at the time of termination may be

renewed so long as the nonstandard license plates remain

serviceable. If the nonstandard license plates of such a motor	477
vehicle become unfit for service, the owner of the motor vehicle	478
may apply for the issuance of nonstandard license plates of that	479
same type, but the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue such	480
nonstandard license plates only if at the time of application the	481
stock of the bureau contains license plates of that type of	482
nonstandard license plate. If, at the time of such application,	483
the stock of the bureau does not contain license plates of that	484
type of nonstandard license plate, the registrar or deputy	485
registrar shall inform the owner of that fact, and the application	486
shall be refused.	487

If the program involving a type of nonstandard license plate 488 is terminated under division (B) of this section and the 489 registration of motor vehicles displaying such license plates 490 continues as permitted by this division, the registrar, for as 491 long as such registrations continue to be issued, shall continue 492 to collect and distribute any contribution that was required to be 493 collected and distributed prior to the termination of that 494 program. 495

(D) If the program involving a nonstandard license plate is 496 terminated under division (B)(1) of this section, the sponsor of 497 that license plate may apply to the registrar for the 498 reestablishment of the program. If the program involving that 499 nonstandard license plate is reestablished, the reestablishment is 500 subject to division (B) of section 4503.78 of the Revised Code. 501

sec. 4503.78. (A) Except as may otherwise be specifically

provided by law, after the effective date of this section, the

registrar of motor vehicles shall not be required to implement any

legislation that creates a license plate and provides for its

issuance until the registrar receives written statements from not

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less than one thousand five hundred persons, indicating that they

this act.

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intend to apply for and obtain such license plates for their motor	508
vehicles. The registrar may require such statements to be made on	509
a form the registrar provides.	510
(B) If a program involving a nonstandard license plate is	511
terminated under division (B)(1) of section 4503.77 of the Revised	512
Code, the sponsor of that license plate may apply to the registrar	513
for the reestablishment of that program, as permitted by division	514
(D) of that section. The registrar shall not reestablish the	515
program involving that nonstandard license plate until the	516
registrar receives written statements from not less than one	517
thousand five hundred persons, indicating that they intend to	518
apply for and obtain such license plates for their motor vehicles.	519
The registrar may require such statements to be made on a form	520
approved by the registrar.	521
In determining whether one thousand five hundred persons have	522
so indicated their intentions, the registrar shall include in the	523
total the number of motor vehicles that continue to display the	524
nonstandard license plate of the terminated program, as permitted	525
by division (C) of section 4503.77 of the Revised Code.	526
Section 2. That existing sections 901.04, 4501.21, 4503.77,	527
and 4503.78 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	528
Section 3. Section 4501.21 of the Revised Code is presented	529
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am.	530
Sub. H.B. 68 and Sub. H.B. 298 of the 126th General Assembly. The	531
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of	532
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be	533
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds	534
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in	535
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in	536