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**A B I L L**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 1  
4503.494 of the Revised Code to create "Multiple 2  
Sclerosis Awareness" license plates. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 4501.21 be amended and section 4  
4503.494 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4501.21.** (A) There is hereby created in the state 6  
treasury the license plate contribution fund. The fund shall 7  
consist of all contributions paid by motor vehicle registrants and 8  
collected by the registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to sections 9  
4503.491, 4503.493, 4503.494, 4503.50, 4503.501, 4503.502, 10  
4503.51, 4503.522, 4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 4503.552, 11  
4503.561, 4503.562, 4503.591, 4503.67, 4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.71, 12  
4503.711, 4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.74, 4503.75, and 4503.85 of the 13  
Revised Code. 14

(B) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 15

collects in the fund as follows: 16

(1) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 17  
pursuant to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast 18  
cancer fund of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for 19  
programs that provide assistance and education to Ohio breast 20  
cancer patients and that improve access for such patients to 21  
quality health care and clinical trials and shall not use any of 22  
the money for abortion information, counseling, services, or other 23  
abortion-related activities. 24

(2) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 25  
pursuant to section 4503.493 of the Revised Code to the autism 26  
society of Ohio, which shall use the contributions for programs 27  
and autism awareness efforts throughout the state. 28

(3) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 29  
receives pursuant to section 4503.494 of the Revised Code to the 30  
national multiple sclerosis society for distribution in equal 31  
amounts to the northwestern Ohio, Ohio buckeye, and Ohio valley 32  
chapters of the national multiple sclerosis society. These 33  
chapters shall use the money they receive under this section to 34  
assist in paying the expenses they incur in providing services 35  
directly to their clients. 36

(4) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 37  
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 38  
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 39  
contributions into its general account to be used for educational 40  
and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of America 41  
foundation. 42

~~(4)~~(5) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 43  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised 44  
Code to the 4-H youth development program of the Ohio state 45  
university extension program, which shall use those contributions 46

to pay the expenses it incurs in conducting its educational 47  
activities. 48

~~(5)~~(6) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 49  
pursuant to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio 50  
cattlemen's foundation, which shall use those contributions for 51  
scholarships and other educational activities. 52

~~(6)~~(7) The registrar shall pay each contribution the 53  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code 54  
to the university or college whose name or marking or design 55  
appears on collegiate license plates that are issued to a person 56  
under that section. A university or college that receives 57  
contributions from the fund shall deposit the contributions into 58  
its general scholarship fund. 59

~~(7)~~(8) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 60  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised 61  
Code to the "friends of Perry's victory and international peace 62  
memorial, incorporated," a nonprofit corporation organized under 63  
the laws of this state, to assist that organization in paying the 64  
expenses it incurs in sponsoring or holding charitable, 65  
educational, and cultural events at the monument. 66

~~(8)~~(9) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 67  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code 68  
to the pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the 69  
contributions into a special bank account that it establishes and 70  
which shall be separate and distinct from any other account the 71  
pro football hall of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for 72  
the purpose of promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel 73  
destination. 74

~~(9)~~(10) The registrar shall pay the contributions that are 75  
paid to the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised 76  
Code to the national rifle association foundation, which shall use 77

the money to pay the costs of the educational activities and 78  
programs the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 79

~~(10)~~(11) In accordance with section 955.202 of the Revised 80  
Code, the registrar shall pay to the pets program funding board 81  
created by that section the contributions the registrar receives 82  
pursuant to section 4503.551 of the Revised Code and any other 83  
money from any other source, including donations, gifts, and 84  
grants, that is designated by the source to be paid to the pets 85  
program funding board. The board shall use the moneys it receives 86  
under this section only to support programs for the sterilization 87  
of dogs and cats and for educational programs concerning the 88  
proper veterinary care of those animals. 89

~~(11)~~(12) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 90  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised 91  
Code to the rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 92

~~(12)~~(13) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 93  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised 94  
Code to the state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which 95  
shall deposit the contributions into a special bank account that 96  
it establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 97  
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of ducks 98  
unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively for the 99  
purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands 100  
and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of Ohio chapter of 101  
ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the registrar in 102  
writing of the name, address, and account to which payments are to 103  
be made under division (B)(12) of this section. 104

~~(13)~~(14) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 105  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised 106  
Code to the Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money 107  
to pay the expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the 108  
Mahoning river watershed. 109

~~(14)~~(15)(a) The registrar shall pay to a sports commission 110  
created pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each 111  
contribution the registrar receives under that section that an 112  
applicant pays to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a 113  
professional sports team located in the county of that sports 114  
commission and that is participating in the license plate program 115  
pursuant to division (E) of that section, irrespective of the 116  
county of residence of an applicant. 117

(b) The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 118  
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of the 119  
Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates that 120  
bear the logo of a professional sports team that is participating 121  
in the license plate program pursuant to division (G) of that 122  
section. 123

~~(15)~~(16) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 124  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code 125  
to the Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 126  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 127  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 128

~~(16)~~(17) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 129  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code 130  
to the great river council of the girl scouts of the United States 131  
of America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 132  
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of the 133  
girl scouts. 134

~~(17)~~(18) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 135  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code 136  
to the Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 137  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 138  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 139

~~(18)~~(19) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 140

registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code 141  
to the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which 142  
shall deposit the fees into its general account to be used for 143  
purposes of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 144

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~~(19)~~(20) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 146  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised 147  
Code to the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which 148  
shall deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to 149  
be used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 150  
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 151  
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 152

~~(20)~~(21) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 153  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code 154  
to the organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL 155  
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under 156  
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association 157  
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in 158  
administering a program to secure the proper representation in the 159  
courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent children, 160  
and for the training and supervision of persons participating in 161  
that program. 162

~~(21)~~(22) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 163  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code 164  
to Wright B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the 165  
contributions into its general account to be used for purposes of 166  
Wright B. Flyer, incorporated. 167

~~(22)~~(23) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 168  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code 169  
to the Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse 170  
the moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in 171  
section 4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 172

agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 173

~~(23)~~(24) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 174  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code 175  
to the rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston, 176  
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and 177  
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the rotary 178  
foundation. 179

~~(24)~~(25) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 180  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code 181  
to the Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie 182  
area research projects. 183

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate contribution 184  
fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than the first day 185  
of May of every year, the registrar shall distribute to each 186  
entity described in ~~divisions~~ division (B)~~(1)~~ to ~~(24)~~ of this 187  
section the investment income the fund earned the previous 188  
calendar year. The amount of such a distribution paid to an entity 189  
shall be proportionate to the amount of money the entity received 190  
from the fund during the previous calendar year. 191

**Sec. 4503.494.** (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 192  
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle, or 193  
other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor 194  
vehicles may apply to the registrar for the registration of the 195  
vehicle and issuance of "multiple sclerosis awareness" license 196  
plates. The application may be combined with a request for a 197  
special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of 198  
the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 199  
compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this 200  
section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 201  
appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "multiple sclerosis 202  
awareness" license plates and a validation sticker, or a 203

validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 204  
Revised Code. 205

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 206  
on the license plates, "multiple sclerosis awareness" license 207  
plates shall bear words selected by and a logo designed by the 208  
national multiple sclerosis society. The registrar shall approve 209  
the final design. "Multiple sclerosis awareness" license plates 210  
shall display county identification stickers that identify the 211  
county of registration by name or number. 212

(B) "Multiple sclerosis awareness" license plates and a 213  
validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued 214  
upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle 215  
under this section; payment of the regular license tax as 216  
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 217  
applicable motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of 218  
the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by 219  
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, an additional fee 220  
of ten dollars, and a contribution as provided in division (C) of 221  
this section; and compliance with all other applicable laws 222  
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 223

(C) The registrar shall collect a contribution of fifteen 224  
dollars for each application for registration and registration 225  
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section. The 226  
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 227  
state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the 228  
license plate contribution fund created by section 4501.21 of the 229  
Revised Code. 230

The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten 231  
dollars, which is to compensate the bureau of motor vehicles for 232  
the additional services required in the issuing of "multiple 233  
sclerosis awareness" license plates, to the treasurer of state for 234



deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the state bureau 235  
of motor vehicles fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised 236  
Code. 237

**Section 2.** That existing section 4501.21 of the Revised Code 238  
is hereby repealed. 239

**Section 3.** Section 4501.21 of the Revised Code is presented 240  
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. 241  
Sub. H.B. 68 and Sub. H.B. 298 of the 126th General Assembly. The 242  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 243  
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 244  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 245  
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 246  
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 247  
this act. 248