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**A B I L L**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 1  
4503.553 of the Revised Code to establish "Ohio's 2  
Horse" license plates and to provide that money 3  
from the contributions for the license plates be 4  
paid to the Ohio Coalition for Animals, 5  
Incorporated. 6

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

**Section 1.** That section 4501.21 be amended and section 7  
4503.553 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 4501.21.** (A) There is hereby created in the state 9  
treasury the license plate contribution fund. The fund shall 10  
consist of all contributions paid by motor vehicle registrants and 11  
collected by the registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to sections 12  
4503.491, 4503.493, 4503.50, 4503.501, 4503.502, 4503.51, 13  
4503.522, 4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 4503.552, 4503.553, 14  
4503.561, 4503.562, 4503.591, 4503.67, 4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.71, 15

4503.711, 4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.74, 4503.75, and 4503.85 of the 16  
Revised Code. 17

(B) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 18  
collects in the fund as follows: 19

(1) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 20  
pursuant to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast 21  
cancer fund of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for 22  
programs that provide assistance and education to Ohio breast 23  
cancer patients and that improve access for such patients to 24  
quality health care and clinical trials and shall not use any of 25  
the money for abortion information, counseling, services, or other 26  
abortion-related activities. 27

(2) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 28  
pursuant to section 4503.493 of the Revised Code to the autism 29  
society of Ohio, which shall use the contributions for programs 30  
and autism awareness efforts throughout the state. 31

(3) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 32  
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 33  
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 34  
contributions into its general account to be used for educational 35  
and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of America 36  
foundation. 37

(4) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 38  
receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised Code to the 39  
4-H youth development program of the Ohio state university 40  
extension program, which shall use those contributions to pay the 41  
expenses it incurs in conducting its educational activities. 42

(5) The registrar shall pay the contributions received 43  
pursuant to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio 44  
cattlemen's foundation, which shall use those contributions for 45

scholarships and other educational activities. 46

(6) The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar 47  
receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the 48  
university or college whose name or marking or design appears on 49  
collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that 50  
section. A university or college that receives contributions from 51  
the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general 52  
scholarship fund. 53

(7) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 54  
receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised Code to the 55  
"friends of Perry's victory and international peace memorial, 56  
incorporated," a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of 57  
this state, to assist that organization in paying the expenses it 58  
incurs in sponsoring or holding charitable, educational, and 59  
cultural events at the monument. 60

(8) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 61  
receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the 62  
pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions 63  
into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall be 64  
separate and distinct from any other account the pro football hall 65  
of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose of 66  
promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel destination. 67

(9) The registrar shall pay the contributions that are paid 68  
to the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised Code 69  
to the national rifle association foundation, which shall use the 70  
money to pay the costs of the educational activities and programs 71  
the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 72

(10) In accordance with section 955.202 of the Revised Code, 73  
the registrar shall pay to the pets program funding board created 74  
by that section the contributions the registrar receives pursuant 75  
to section 4503.551 of the Revised Code and any other money from 76

any other source, including donations, gifts, and grants, that is 77  
designated by the source to be paid to the pets program funding 78  
board. The board shall use the moneys it receives under this 79  
section only to support programs for the sterilization of dogs and 80  
cats and for educational programs concerning the proper veterinary 81  
care of those animals. 82

(11) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 83  
receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the 84  
rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 85

(12) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 86  
receives pursuant to section 4503.553 of the Revised Code to the 87  
Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation. 88  
Except as provided in division (B)(12) of this section, the 89  
coalition shall distribute the money to its members, and the 90  
members shall use the money only to pay for educational, 91  
charitable, and other programs of each coalition member that 92  
provide care for unwanted, abused, and neglected horses. The Ohio 93  
coalition for animals may use a portion of the money to pay for 94  
reasonable marketing costs incurred in the design and promotion of 95  
the license plate and for administrative costs incurred in the  
disbursement and management of funds received under this section.

(13) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 96  
receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the 97  
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall 98  
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it 99  
establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 100  
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of ducks 101  
unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively for the 102  
purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands 103  
and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of Ohio chapter of 104  
ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the registrar in 105  
writing of the name, address, and account to which such payments 106

are to be made ~~under division (E)(12) of this section.~~ 107

~~(13)~~(14) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 108  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised 109  
Code to the Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money 110  
to pay the expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the 111  
Mahoning river watershed. 112

~~(14)~~(15)(a) The registrar shall pay to a sports commission 113  
created pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each 114  
contribution the registrar receives under that section that an 115  
applicant pays to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a 116  
professional sports team located in the county of that sports 117  
commission and that is participating in the license plate program 118  
pursuant to division (E) of that section, irrespective of the 119  
county of residence of an applicant. 120

(b) The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 121  
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of the 122  
Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates that 123  
bear the logo of a professional sports team that is participating 124  
in the license plate program pursuant to division (G) of that 125  
section. 126

~~(15)~~(16) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 127  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code 128  
to the Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 129  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 130  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 131

~~(16)~~(17) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 132  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code 133  
to the great river council of the girl scouts of the United States 134  
of America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 135  
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of the 136  
girl scouts. 137

~~(17)~~(18) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 138  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code 139  
to the Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 140  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 141  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 142

~~(18)~~(19) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 143  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code 144  
to the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which 145  
shall deposit the fees into its general account to be used for 146  
purposes of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 147

~~(19)~~(20) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 148  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised 149  
Code to the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which 150  
shall deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to 151  
be used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 152  
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 153  
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 154

~~(20)~~(21) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 155  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code 156  
to the organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL 157  
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under 158  
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association 159  
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in 160  
administering a program to secure the proper representation in the 161  
courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent children, 162  
and for the training and supervision of persons participating in 163  
that program. 164

~~(21)~~(22) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 165  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code 166  
to Wright B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the 167  
contributions into its general account to be used for purposes of 168  
Wright B. Flyer, incorporated. 169

~~(22)~~(23) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 170  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code 171  
to the Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse 172  
the moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in 173  
section 4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 174  
agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 175

~~(23)~~(24) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 176  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code 177  
to the rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston, 178  
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and 179  
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the rotary 180  
foundation. 181

~~(24)~~(25) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 182  
registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code 183  
to the Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie 184  
area research projects. 185

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate contribution 186  
fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than the first day 187  
of May of every year, the registrar shall distribute to each 188  
entity described in ~~divisions~~ division (B)~~(1)~~ ~~to~~ ~~(24)~~ of this 189  
section the investment income the fund earned the previous 190  
calendar year. The amount of such a distribution paid to an entity 191  
shall be proportionate to the amount of money the entity received 192  
from the fund during the previous calendar year. 193

Sec. 4503.553. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 194  
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 195  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 196  
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 197  
issuance of Ohio's horse license plates. An application made under 198  
this section may be combined with a request for a special reserved 199  
license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised 200

Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance by 201  
the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the 202  
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 203  
registration and a set of Ohio's horse license plates and a 204  
validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by 205  
section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 206

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 207  
on the license plates, Ohio's horse license plates shall be 208  
inscribed with identifying words or markings that are designed by 209  
the Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated and approved by the 210  
registrar. Ohio's horse license plates shall display county 211  
identification stickers that identify the county of registration 212  
by name or number. 213

(B) The Ohio's horse license plates and a validation sticker, 214  
or validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon receipt of a 215  
contribution as provided in division (C)(1) of this section and 216  
upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under 217  
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle 218  
license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any 219  
applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 220  
of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the purpose of 221  
compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services 222  
required in the issuing of Ohio's horse license plates, and 223  
compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the 224  
registration of motor vehicles. 225

(C)(1) For each application for registration and registration 226  
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the 227  
registrar shall collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed 228  
forty dollars, as determined by the Ohio coalition for animals, 229  
incorporated. The registrar shall deposit this contribution into 230  
the state treasury to the credit of the license plate contribution 231  
fund created in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 232



(2) The registrar shall deposit the additional fee of ten 233  
dollars paid to compensate the bureau for the additional services 234  
required in the issuing of Ohio's horse license plates into the 235  
state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles 236  
fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised 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