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**A B I L L**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 1  
4503.534 of the Revised Code to create the 2  
"Disabled American Veteran" license plate. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 4501.21 be amended and section 4  
4503.534 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, 4503.496, 4503.498, 4503.499, 10  
4503.50, 4503.501, 4503.502, 4503.505, 4503.51, 4503.522, 11  
4503.523, 4503.531, 4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 4503.552, 12  
4503.553, 4503.561, 4503.562, 4503.564, 4503.591, 4503.67, 13  
4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.701, 4503.71, 4503.711, 4503.712, 4503.713, 14  
4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.74, 4503.75, 4503.751, 4503.85, 4503.89, 15  
4503.92, and 4503.94 of the Revised Code. 16

(B) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 17

collects in the fund as follows: 18

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 19  
to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast cancer fund 20  
of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for programs that 21  
provide assistance and education to Ohio breast cancer patients 22  
and that improve access for such patients to quality health care 23  
and clinical trials and shall not use any of the money for 24  
abortion information, counseling, services, or other 25  
abortion-related activities. 26

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 27  
to section 4503.493 of the Revised Code to the autism society of 28  
Ohio, which shall use the contributions for programs and autism 29  
awareness efforts throughout the state. 30

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 31  
receives pursuant to section 4503.494 of the Revised Code to the 32  
national multiple sclerosis society for distribution in equal 33  
amounts to the northwestern Ohio, Ohio buckeye, and Ohio valley 34  
chapters of the national multiple sclerosis society. These 35  
chapters shall use the money they receive under this section to 36  
assist in paying the expenses they incur in providing services 37  
directly to their clients. 38

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 39  
receives pursuant to section 4503.496 of the Revised Code to the 40  
Ohio sickle cell and health association, which shall use the 41  
contributions to help support educational, clinical, and social 42  
support services for adults who have sickle cell disease. 43

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 44  
receives pursuant to section 4503.498 of the Revised Code to 45  
special olympics Ohio, inc., which shall use the contributions for 46  
its programs, charitable efforts, and other activities. 47

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 48

receives pursuant to section 4503.499 of the Revised Code to the 49  
children's glioma cancer foundation, which shall use the 50  
contributions for its research and other programs. 51

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 52  
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 53  
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 54  
contributions into its general account to be used for educational 55  
and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of America 56  
foundation. 57

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 58  
receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised Code to the 59  
4-H youth development program of the Ohio state university 60  
extension program, which shall use those contributions to pay the 61  
expenses it incurs in conducting its educational activities. 62

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 63  
to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio cattlemen's 64  
foundation, which shall use those contributions for scholarships 65  
and other educational activities. 66

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 67  
to section 4503.505 of the Revised Code to the organization Ohio 68  
region phi theta kappa, which shall use those contributions for 69  
scholarships for students who are members of that organization. 70

The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar 71  
receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the 72  
university or college whose name or marking or design appears on 73  
collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that 74  
section. A university or college that receives contributions from 75  
the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general 76  
scholarship fund. 77

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 78  
receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised Code to the 79

"friends of Perry's victory and international peace memorial, 80  
incorporated," a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of 81  
this state, to assist that organization in paying the expenses it 82  
incurs in sponsoring or holding charitable, educational, and 83  
cultural events at the monument. 84

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 85  
receives pursuant to section 4503.523 of the Revised Code to the 86  
fairport lights foundation, which shall use the money to pay for 87  
the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of the lighthouses 88  
of fairport harbor. 89

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 90  
receives pursuant to section 4503.531 of the Revised Code to the 91  
thank you foundation, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation 92  
organized under the laws of this state, to assist that 93  
organization in paying for the charitable activities and programs 94  
it sponsors in support of United States military personnel, 95  
veterans, and their families. 96

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 97  
receives pursuant to section 4503.534 of the Revised Code to the 98  
disabled american veterans department of Ohio, to be used for 99  
programs that serve disabled american veterans and their families. 100

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 101  
receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the 102  
pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions 103  
into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall be 104  
separate and distinct from any other account the pro football hall 105  
of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose of 106  
promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel destination. 107

The registrar shall pay the contributions that are paid to 108  
the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised Code to 109  
the national rifle association foundation, which shall use the 110

money to pay the costs of the educational activities and programs 111  
the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 112

The registrar shall pay to the Ohio pet fund the 113  
contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.551 114  
of the Revised Code and any other money from any other source, 115  
including donations, gifts, and grants, that is designated by the 116  
source to be paid to the Ohio pet fund. The Ohio pet fund shall 117  
use the moneys it receives under this section to support programs 118  
for the sterilization of dogs and cats and for educational 119  
programs concerning the proper veterinary care of those animals, 120  
and for expenses of the Ohio pet fund that are reasonably 121  
necessary for it to obtain and maintain its tax-exempt status and 122  
to perform its duties. 123

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 124  
receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the 125  
rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 126

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 127  
receives pursuant to section 4503.553 of the Revised Code to the 128  
Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation. 129  
Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the coalition 130  
shall distribute the money to its members, and the members shall 131  
use the money only to pay for educational, charitable, and other 132  
programs of each coalition member that provide care for unwanted, 133  
abused, and neglected horses. The Ohio coalition for animals may 134  
use a portion of the money to pay for reasonable marketing costs 135  
incurred in the design and promotion of the license plate and for 136  
administrative costs incurred in the disbursement and management 137  
of funds received under this section. 138

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 139  
receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the 140  
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall 141  
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it 142

establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 143  
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of ducks 144  
unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively for the 145  
purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands 146  
and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of Ohio chapter of 147  
ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the registrar in 148  
writing of the name, address, and account to which such payments 149  
are to be made. 150

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 151  
receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised Code to the 152  
Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money to pay the 153  
expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the Mahoning river 154  
watershed. 155

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 156  
receives pursuant to section 4503.564 of the Revised Code to 157  
Antioch college for the use of the Glen Helen ecology institute to 158  
pay expenses related to the Glen Helen nature preserve. 159

The registrar shall pay to a sports commission created 160  
pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each contribution 161  
the registrar receives under that section that an applicant pays 162  
to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a professional 163  
sports team located in the county of that sports commission and 164  
that is participating in the license plate program pursuant to 165  
division (E) of that section, irrespective of the county of 166  
residence of an applicant. 167

The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 168  
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of the 169  
Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates that 170  
bear the logo of a professional sports team that is participating 171  
in the license plate program pursuant to division (G) of that 172  
section. 173

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 174  
receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code to the 175  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council shall 176  
distribute all contributions in an equitable manner throughout the 177  
state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 178

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 179  
receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code to the 180  
great river council of the girl scouts of the United States of 181  
America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 182  
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of the 183  
girl scouts. 184

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 185  
receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code to the 186  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council shall 187  
distribute all contributions in an equitable manner throughout the 188  
state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 189

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 190  
receives pursuant to section 4503.701 of the Revised Code to the 191  
Prince Hall grand lodge of free and accepted masons of Ohio, which 192  
shall use the contributions for scholarship purposes. 193

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 194  
receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code to the 195  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 196  
deposit the fees into its general account to be used for purposes 197  
of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 198

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 199  
receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised Code to the 200  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 201  
deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to be 202  
used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 203  
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 204

methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 205

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 206  
to section 4503.712 of the Revised Code to Ohio concerns of police 207  
survivors, which shall use those contributions to provide whatever 208  
assistance may be appropriate to the families of Ohio law 209  
enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty. 210

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 211  
to section 4503.713 of the Revised Code to the greater Cleveland 212  
peace officers memorial society, which shall use those 213  
contributions to honor law enforcement officers who have died in 214  
the line of duty and support its charitable purposes. 215

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 216  
receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code to the 217  
organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL 218  
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under 219  
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association 220  
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in 221  
administering a program to secure the proper representation in the 222  
courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent children, 223  
and for the training and supervision of persons participating in 224  
that program. 225

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 226  
receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code to Wright 227  
B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the contributions into 228  
its general account to be used for purposes of Wright B. Flyer, 229  
incorporated. 230

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 231  
receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code to the 232  
Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse the 233  
moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 234  
4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 235



agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 236

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 237  
receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code to the 238  
rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston, 239  
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and 240  
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the rotary 241  
foundation. 242

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 243  
receives pursuant to section 4503.751 of the Revised Code to the 244  
Ohio association of realtors, which shall deposit the 245  
contributions into a property disaster relief fund maintained 246  
under the Ohio realtors charitable and education foundation. 247

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 248  
receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code to the 249  
Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie area 250  
research projects. 251

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 252  
receives pursuant to section 4503.89 of the Revised Code to the 253  
American red cross of greater Columbus on behalf of the Ohio 254  
chapters of the American red cross, which shall use the 255  
contributions for disaster readiness, preparedness, and response 256  
programs on a statewide basis. 257

The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant 258  
to section 4503.92 of the Revised Code to support our troops, 259  
incorporated, a national nonprofit corporation, which shall use 260  
those contributions in accordance with its articles of 261  
incorporation and for the benefit of servicemembers of the armed 262  
forces of the United States and their families when they are in 263  
financial need. 264

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 265  
receives pursuant to section 4503.94 of the Revised Code to the 266

Michelle's leading star foundation, which shall use the money 267  
solely to fund the rental, lease, or purchase of the simulated 268  
driving curriculum of the Michelle's leading star foundation by 269  
boards of education of city, exempted village, local, and joint 270  
vocational school districts. 271

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate contribution 272  
fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than the first day 273  
of May of every year, the registrar shall distribute to each 274  
entity described in division (B) of this section the investment 275  
income the fund earned the previous calendar year. The amount of 276  
such a distribution paid to an entity shall be proportionate to 277  
the amount of money the entity received from the fund during the 278  
previous calendar year. 279

Sec. 4503.534. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 280  
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 281  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may 282  
apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and 283  
issuance of disabled american veteran license plates. An 284  
application made under this section may be combined with a request 285  
for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 286  
4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed 287  
application and compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) and 288  
(C) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant 289  
the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of disabled 290  
american veteran license plates and a validation sticker, or a 291  
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 292  
Revised Code. 293

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 294  
on the license plates, disabled american veteran license plates 295  
shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings that are 296  
approved by the disabled american veterans department of Ohio and 297

the registrar. Disabled american veteran license plates shall 298  
display county identification stickers that identify the county of 299  
registration by name or number. 300

(B) The disabled american veteran license plates and a 301  
validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued 302  
upon receipt of a contribution as provided in division (C) of this 303  
section and upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed 304  
under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor 305  
vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 306  
Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 307  
or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the 308  
purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for 309  
additional services required in the issuing of disabled american 310  
veteran license plates, and compliance with all other applicable 311  
laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 312

(C) For each application for registration and registration 313  
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the 314  
registrar shall collect a contribution of twenty-five dollars. The 315  
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 316  
state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created 317  
in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 318

The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten 319  
dollars paid to compensate the bureau for the additional services 320  
required in the issuing of disabled american veteran license 321  
plates to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state 322  
treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund 323  
created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 324

**Section 2.** That existing section 4501.21 of the Revised Code 325  
is hereby repealed. 326