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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 1  
4503.182, 4505.061, 4506.08, 4507.24, 4507.50, 2  
4507.52, 4519.03, 4519.10, 4519.56, and 4519.69 of 3  
the Revised Code to require the Registrar of Motor 4  
Vehicles and all deputy registrars to accept 5  
credit and debit cards for all transactions and to 6  
establish a deputy registrar document security 7  
fee. 8

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 9  
4503.182, 4505.061, 4506.08, 4507.24, 4507.50, 4507.52, 4519.03, 10  
4519.10, 4519.56, and 4519.69 of the Revised Code be amended to 11  
read as follows: 12

**Sec. 4503.10.** (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off-highway 13  
motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be registered 14  
under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file an 15  
application for registration under section 4519.03 of the Revised 16  
Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a snowmobile, 17  
off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that is not 18  
designed and constructed by the manufacturer for operation on a 19

street or highway may not register it under this chapter except 20  
upon certification of inspection pursuant to section 4513.02 of 21  
the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief of police of the 22  
municipal corporation or township, with jurisdiction over the 23  
political subdivision in which the owner of the motor vehicle 24  
resides. Except as provided in section 4503.103 of the Revised 25  
Code, every owner of every other motor vehicle not previously 26  
described in this section and every person mentioned as owner in 27  
the last certificate of title of a motor vehicle that is operated 28  
or driven upon the public roads or highways shall cause to be 29  
filed each year, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the 30  
registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar, a written or 31  
electronic application or a preprinted registration renewal notice 32  
issued under section 4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of 33  
which shall be prescribed by the registrar, for registration for 34  
the following registration year, which shall begin on the first 35  
day of January of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first 36  
day of December in the same year. Applications for registration 37  
and registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 38  
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 39  
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for or 40  
renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 41  
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 42  
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 43  
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished by 44  
the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 45  
information: 46

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 47  
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 48  
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 49  
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the manner 50  
prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 51

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides;	52 53
(3) The district of registration, which shall be determined as follows:	54 55
(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in connection with any established business or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the district of registration is the municipal corporation in which that place is located or, if not located in any municipal corporation, the county and township in which that place is located.	56 57 58 59 60 61
(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the owner resides at the time of making the application.	62 63 64
(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor vehicle;	65
(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle;	66
(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the preceding registration year and during the preceding period of the current registration year, have been paid. Each application for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature is not required.	67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76
(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license number, or state identification number, or, where a motor vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in connection with any established business, the owner's federal taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided under this	77 78 79 80 81 82

section, but the bureau shall not place social security numbers on 83  
motor vehicle certificates of registration. 84

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, each time 85  
an applicant first registers a motor vehicle in the applicant's 86  
name, the applicant shall present for inspection a physical 87  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 88  
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant if 89  
a physical certificate of title or memorandum certificate has been 90  
issued by a clerk of a court of common pleas. If, under sections 91  
4505.021, 4505.06, and 4505.08 of the Revised Code, a clerk 92  
instead has issued an electronic certificate of title for the 93  
applicant's motor vehicle, that certificate may be presented for 94  
inspection at the time of first registration in a manner 95  
prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. An applicant is not 96  
required to present a certificate of title to an electronic motor 97  
vehicle dealer acting as a limited authority deputy registrar in 98  
accordance with rules adopted by the registrar. When a motor 99  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 100  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it, 101  
each application for registration for a vehicle required to be 102  
inspected under that section and those rules shall be accompanied 103  
by an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle issued in 104  
accordance with that section. The application shall be refused if 105  
any of the following applies: 106

(1) The application is not in proper form. 107

(2) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 108  
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, 109  
division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, 110  
or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code. 111

(3) A certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title 112  
is required but does not accompany the application or, in the case 113  
of an electronic certificate of title, is required but is not 114

presented in a manner prescribed by the registrar's rules. 115

(4) All registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle, 116  
for the preceding year or the preceding period of the current 117  
registration year, have not been paid. 118

(5) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 119  
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 120  
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 121  
is applicable. 122

This section does not require the payment of license or 123  
registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or 124  
for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not 125  
taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 4503.02, 126  
4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the 127  
Revised Code. When a certificate of registration is issued upon 128  
the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 129  
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 130  
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 131  
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of title, 132  
an electronic stamp or other notation as specified in rules 133  
adopted by the registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection 134  
certificate for the motor vehicle, if any. The official also shall 135  
indicate, by a stamp or by other means the registrar prescribes, 136  
on the registration certificate issued upon the first registration 137  
of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer 138  
reading of the motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement 139  
included in or attached to the certificate of title. Upon each 140  
subsequent registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of 141  
the same owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer 142  
reading of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 143  
certificate of registration. 144

The registrar shall include in the permanent registration 145  
record of any vehicle required to be inspected under section 146

3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection certificate number from 147  
the inspection certificate that is presented at the time of 148  
registration of the vehicle as required under this division. 149

(C)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(1) of 150  
this section, for each registration renewal with an expiration 151  
date on or after October 1, 2003, and for each initial application 152  
for registration received on and after that date, the registrar 153  
and each deputy registrar shall collect an additional fee of 154  
eleven dollars for each application for registration and 155  
registration renewal received. For vehicles specified in divisions 156  
(A)(1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, commencing 157  
with each registration renewal with an expiration date on or after 158  
October 1, 2009, and for each initial application received on or 159  
after that date, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 160  
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 161  
registration and registration renewal received. The additional fee 162  
is for the purpose of defraying the department of public safety's 163  
costs associated with the administration and enforcement of the 164  
motor vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar 165  
shall transmit the fees collected under division (C)(1) of this 166  
section in the time and manner provided in this section. The 167  
registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division (C)(1) 168  
of this section into the state highway safety fund established in 169  
section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 170

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be made 171  
for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a single 172  
charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 173  
identification sticker or each set of county identification 174  
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 175  
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 176  
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 177  
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 178

plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 179  
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents per 180  
sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from the 181  
fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 182  
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 183  
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 184  
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 185  
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 186  
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license tax 187  
moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised Code. 188

(D) Each deputy registrar ~~shall be~~ is allowed a fee of three 189  
dollars and fifty cents for each application for registration and 190  
registration renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which 191  
~~shall be~~ is for the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar 192  
for the deputy registrar's services, and such office and rental 193  
expenses, as may be necessary for the proper discharge of the 194  
deputy registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and 195  
renewal notices and the issuing of registrations. A deputy 196  
registrar also may charge and retain for each application for 197  
registration and registration renewal notice the deputy registrar 198  
receives a document security fee of five dollars. 199

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 200  
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 201  
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 202

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 203  
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with the 204  
license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 205  
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit that 206  
fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this section, 207  
together with the original and duplicate copy of the application, 208  
to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the approval of the 209  
director of public safety, may deposit the funds collected by 210

those deputies in a local bank or depository to the credit of the 211  
"state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a local bank or 212  
depository has been designated by the registrar, each deputy 213  
registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the deputy 214  
registrar into that bank or depository not more than one business 215  
day after their collection and shall make reports to the registrar 216  
of the amounts so deposited, together with any other information, 217  
some of which may be prescribed by the treasurer of state, as the 218  
registrar may require and as prescribed by the registrar by rule. 219  
The registrar, within three days after receipt of notification of 220  
the deposit of funds by a deputy registrar in a local bank or 221  
depository, shall draw on that account in favor of the treasurer 222  
of state. The registrar, subject to the approval of the director 223  
and the treasurer of state, may make reasonable rules necessary 224  
for the prompt transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the 225  
interests of the state and of counties, townships, municipal 226  
corporations, and transportation improvement districts levying 227  
local motor vehicle license taxes. The registrar may pay service 228  
charges usually collected by banks and depositories for such 229  
service. If deputy registrars are located in communities where 230  
banking facilities are not available, they shall transmit the fees 231  
forthwith, by money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule 232  
approved by the director and the treasurer of state, may 233  
prescribe. The registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for 234  
such service. 235

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making an 236  
application for a motor vehicle license directly to the registrar 237  
by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of the 238  
registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee of three 239  
dollars and fifty cents for each application plus a document 240  
security fee of five dollars. 241

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the district 242



of registration in an application required by division (A) of this 243  
section. Violation of this division is falsification under section 244  
2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as specified in that 245  
section. 246

(I)(1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) of 247  
this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 248  
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 249  
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 250  
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and the 251  
stamping of the inspection certificate by the official issuing the 252  
certificate of registration apply to the registration of and 253  
issuance of license plates for a motor vehicle under sections 254  
4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 255  
4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 256  
4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised Code. 257

(2)(a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 258  
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 259  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 260  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 261  
receives information about the requirements established in that 262  
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 263  
present an inspection certificate with an application for 264  
registration or preregistration. 265

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director of 266  
environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded a 267  
contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 268  
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 269  
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 270  
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 271  
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 272  
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 273  
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 274

multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, the registration deadline established under rules adopted under section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year registration.

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application for registration under the international registration plan, as set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the registrar. In accordance with international registration plan guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the forms shall include the following:

(1) A uniform mileage schedule;

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by the registrant;

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule.

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and management program that will enable the owners of commercial tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If the registrar determines that implementing such a program is feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as necessary in order to respond to advances in technology.

If international registration plan guidelines and provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for registrations under the international registration plan to be made

via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 306  
division shall permit such action. 307

**Sec. 4503.102.** (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 308  
adopt rules to establish a centralized system of motor vehicle 309  
registration renewal by mail or by electronic means. Any person 310  
owning a motor vehicle that was registered in the person's name 311  
during the preceding registration year shall renew the 312  
registration of the motor vehicle not more than ninety days prior 313  
to the expiration date of the registration either by mail or by 314  
electronic means through the centralized system of registration 315  
established under this section, or in person at any office of the 316  
registrar or at a deputy registrar's office. 317

(B)(1) No less than forty-five days prior to the expiration 318  
date of any motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall mail a 319  
renewal notice to the person in whose name the motor vehicle is 320  
registered. The renewal notice shall clearly state that the 321  
registration of the motor vehicle may be renewed by mail or 322  
electronic means through the centralized system of registration or 323  
in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy 324  
registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information 325  
including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence 326  
address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, a 327  
brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, notice of 328  
the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle, the toll-free 329  
telephone number of the registrar as required under division 330  
(D)(1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code, and any additional 331  
information the registrar may require by rule. The renewal notice 332  
shall not include the social security number of either the owner 333  
of the motor vehicle or the person in whose name the motor vehicle 334  
is registered. The renewal notice shall be sent by regular mail to 335  
the owner's last known address as shown in the records of the 336  
bureau of motor vehicles. 337

(2) If the application for renewal of the registration of a motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code, the registrar is not required to send a renewal notice to the vehicle owner or vehicle lessee.

(C) ~~The~~(1) When renewing a registration by mail or electronic means, the owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or by electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic means, ~~or the~~. The owner also may take it in person to any office of the registrar or of a deputy registrar, ~~together with~~. The owner shall include a financial transaction device number, when ~~permitted~~ renewing in person or by rule of the registrar electronic means, or a check, or money order in the amount of the registration taxes and fees payable on the motor vehicle ~~and~~. In addition, the owner shall include a mail fee of ~~two dollars and seventy five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three dollars and twenty five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004,~~ plus postage as indicated on the notice, if the registration is renewed by mail, and an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. Unless determined under division (H) of this section, an owner of a motor vehicle may not renew a registration by mail through use of a financial transaction device. If the motor vehicle owner chooses to renew the motor vehicle registration by electronic means, the owner shall proceed in accordance with the rules the registrar adopts.

(2) In addition to the taxes and fees under division (C)(1) of this section, the owner of the motor vehicle shall include with the notice a document security fee of five dollars.

(D) If all registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the current registration year have not been paid, if division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code prohibits acceptance of the renewal notice, or if the owner or lessee does not have an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, if that section is applicable, the license shall be refused, and the registrar or deputy registrar shall so notify the owner. This section does not require the payment of license or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year or period under section 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew the registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a motor vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive a renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section prior to the expiration date of the registration shall request an application for registration from the registrar or a deputy registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic means and submit the application and pay any applicable license taxes and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar.

(2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code from accepting the application, the registrar shall return the application and the

payment to the owner. If the owner of a motor vehicle submits a 402  
registration renewal application to the registrar by electronic 403  
means and the registrar is prohibited from accepting the 404  
application as provided in this division, the registrar shall 405  
notify the owner of this fact and deny the application and return 406  
the payment or give a credit on the financial transaction device 407  
account of the owner in the manner the registrar prescribes by 408  
rule adopted pursuant to division (A) of this section. 409

(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place at 410  
the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail 411  
registration system required by this section and also shall post a 412  
notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur 413  
holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the 414  
registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days 415  
after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the 416  
registrar prescribes by rule. 417

(G) ~~The two dollars and seventy five cents fee collected from~~ 418  
~~July 1, 2001, through December 31, 2002, the three dollars and~~ 419  
~~twenty five cents fee collected from January 1, 2003, through~~ 420  
~~December 31, 2003, and the three dollars and fifty cents fee~~ 421  
~~collected after January 1, 2004, the five-dollar fee, plus postage~~ 422  
and any financial transaction device surcharge collected by the 423  
registrar for registration by mail, shall be paid to the credit of 424  
the state bureau of motor vehicles fund established by section 425  
4501.25 of the Revised Code. 426

(H)(1) ~~Pursuant~~ On or before July 1, 2016, and pursuant to 427  
section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the registrar ~~may~~ shall 428  
implement a program permitting payment of motor vehicle 429  
registration taxes and fees, driver's license and commercial 430  
driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees, penalties, or 431  
charges imposed or levied by the state by means of a financial 432  
transaction device. The registrar, in consultation with the 433

treasurer of state, shall determine whether to accept payment by a 434  
financial transaction device for transactions mailed to the 435  
bureau. The registrar ~~may~~ shall adopt rules as necessary for this 436  
purpose, but all such rules are subject to any action, policy, or 437  
procedure of the board of deposit or treasurer of state taken or 438  
adopted under section 113.40 of the Revised Code. The bureau is 439  
not required to pay any costs incurred as a result of the 440  
acceptance of payments by means of a financial transaction device 441  
under divisions (H)(1) to (3) of this section. 442

(2) ~~Commencing~~ In accordance with the program implemented by 443  
the registrar under division (H)(1) of this section and commencing 444  
with deputy registrar contract awards that have a start date of 445  
July 1, ~~2008~~ 2015, and for all contract awards thereafter, the 446  
registrar shall ~~incorporate in the review process a score for~~ 447  
~~whether or not a proposer states~~ require that the proposer will 448  
accept payment by means of a financial transaction device, 449  
including credit cards and debit cards, for all department of 450  
public safety transactions conducted at that deputy registrar 451  
location. 452

~~A deputy registrar shall not be required to accept payment by~~ 453  
~~means of a financial transaction device unless the deputy~~ 454  
~~registrar agreed to do so in the deputy registrar's contract. The~~ 455  
~~bureau shall not be required to pay any costs incurred by a deputy~~ 456  
~~registrar who accepts payment by means of a financial transaction~~ 457  
~~device that result from the deputy registrar accepting payment by~~ 458  
~~means of a financial transaction device.~~ 459

(3) ~~A~~ In accordance with division (H)(1) of this section and 460  
rules adopted by the registrar under that division, a county 461  
auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas that is designated a 462  
deputy registrar ~~may choose to~~ shall accept payment by means of a 463  
financial transaction device, including credit cards and debit 464  
cards, for all department of public safety transactions conducted 465

at the office of the county auditor or clerk in the county 466  
auditor's or clerk's capacity as deputy registrar. ~~The bureau~~ 467  
~~shall not be required to pay any costs incurred by a county~~ 468  
~~auditor who accepts payment by means of a financial transaction~~ 469  
~~device that result from the county auditor accepting payment by~~ 470  
~~means of a financial transaction device for any such department of~~ 471  
~~public safety transaction.~~ 472

(I) For persons who reside in counties where tailpipe 473  
emissions inspections are required under the motor vehicle 474  
inspection and maintenance program, the notice required by 475  
division (B) of this section shall also include the toll-free 476  
telephone number maintained by the Ohio environmental protection 477  
agency to provide information concerning the locations of 478  
emissions testing centers. 479

**Sec. 4503.12.** (A) Upon the transfer of ownership of a motor 480  
vehicle, the registration of the motor vehicle expires, and the 481  
original owner immediately shall remove the license plates from 482  
the motor vehicle, except that: 483

(1) If a statutory merger or consolidation results in the 484  
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from a constituent 485  
corporation to the surviving corporation, or if the incorporation 486  
of a proprietorship or partnership results in the transfer of 487  
ownership of a motor vehicle from the proprietorship or 488  
partnership to the corporation, the registration shall be 489  
continued upon the filing by the surviving or new corporation, 490  
within thirty days of such transfer, of an application for an 491  
amended certificate of registration. Upon a proper filing, the 492  
registrar of motor vehicles shall issue an amended certificate of 493  
registration in the name of the new owner. 494

(2) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results in 495  
the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to the surviving 496



spouse of the owner or if a motor vehicle is owned by two persons 497  
under joint ownership with right of survivorship established under 498  
section 2131.12 of the Revised Code and one of those persons dies, 499  
the registration shall be continued upon the filing by the 500  
survivor of an application for an amended certificate of 501  
registration. In relation to a motor vehicle that is owned by two 502  
persons under joint ownership with right of survivorship 503  
established under section 2131.12 of the Revised Code, the 504  
application shall be accompanied by a copy of the certificate of 505  
title that specifies that the vehicle is owned under joint 506  
ownership with right of survivorship. Upon a proper filing, the 507  
registrar shall issue an amended certificate of registration in 508  
the name of the survivor. 509

(3) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results in 510  
the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to a 511  
transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries designated under 512  
section 2131.13 of the Revised Code, the registration shall be 513  
continued upon the filing by the transfer-on-death beneficiary or 514  
beneficiaries of an application for an amended certificate of 515  
registration. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of 516  
the certificate of title that specifies that the owner of the 517  
motor vehicle has designated the motor vehicle in beneficiary form 518  
under section 2131.13 of the Revised Code. Upon a proper filing, 519  
the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of registration 520  
in the name of the transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries. 521

(4) If the original owner of a motor vehicle that has been 522  
transferred makes application for the registration of another 523  
motor vehicle at any time during the remainder of the registration 524  
period for which the transferred motor vehicle was registered, the 525  
owner may file an application for transfer of the registration 526  
and, where applicable, the license plates. The transfer of the 527  
registration and, where applicable, the license plates from the 528

motor vehicle for which they originally were issued to a 529  
succeeding motor vehicle purchased by the same person in whose 530  
name the original registration and license plates were issued 531  
shall be done within a period not to exceed thirty days. During 532  
that thirty-day period, the license plates from the motor vehicle 533  
for which they originally were issued may be displayed on the 534  
succeeding motor vehicle, and the succeeding motor vehicle may be 535  
operated on the public roads and highways in this state. 536

At the time of application for transfer, the registrar shall 537  
compute and collect the amount of tax due on the succeeding motor 538  
vehicle, based upon the amount that would be due on a new 539  
registration as of the date on which the transfer is made less a 540  
credit for the unused portion of the original registration 541  
beginning on that date. If the credit exceeds the amount of tax 542  
due on the new registration, no refund shall be made. In computing 543  
the amount of tax due and credits to be allowed under this 544  
division, the provisions of division (B)(1)(a) and (b) of section 545  
4503.11 of the Revised Code shall apply. As to passenger cars, 546  
noncommercial vehicles, motor homes, and motorcycles, transfers 547  
within or between these classes of motor vehicles only shall be 548  
allowed. If the succeeding motor vehicle is of a different class 549  
than the motor vehicle for which the registration originally was 550  
issued, new license plates also shall be issued upon the surrender 551  
of the license plates originally issued and payment of the fees 552  
provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 4503.10 of the 553  
Revised Code. 554

(5) The owner of a commercial car having a gross vehicle 555  
weight or combined gross vehicle weight of more than ten thousand 556  
pounds may transfer the registration of that commercial car to 557  
another commercial car the owner owns without transferring 558  
ownership of the first commercial car. At any time during the 559  
remainder of the registration period for which the first 560

commercial car was registered, the owner may file an application 561  
for the transfer of the registration and, where applicable, the 562  
license plates, accompanied by the certificate of registration of 563  
the first commercial car. The amount of any tax due or credit to 564  
be allowed for a transfer of registration under this division 565  
shall be computed in accordance with division (A)(4) of this 566  
section. 567

No commercial car to which a registration is transferred 568  
under this division shall be operated on a public road or highway 569  
in this state until after the transfer of registration is 570  
completed in accordance with this division. 571

(6) Upon application to the registrar or a deputy registrar, 572  
a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle may transfer special 573  
license plates assigned to that vehicle to any other vehicle that 574  
the person owns or leases or that is owned or leased by the 575  
person's spouse. As appropriate, the application also shall be 576  
accompanied by a power of attorney for the registration of a 577  
leased vehicle and a written statement releasing the special 578  
plates to the applicant. Upon a proper filing, the registrar or 579  
deputy registrar shall assign the special license plates to the 580  
motor vehicle owned or leased by the applicant and issue a new 581  
certificate of registration for that motor vehicle. 582

(7) If a corporation transfers the ownership of a motor 583  
vehicle to an affiliated corporation, the affiliated corporation 584  
may apply to the registrar for the transfer of the registration 585  
and any license plates. The registrar may require the applicant to 586  
submit documentation of the corporate relationship and shall 587  
determine whether the application for registration transfer is 588  
made in good faith and not for the purposes of circumventing the 589  
provisions of this chapter. Upon a proper filing, the registrar 590  
shall issue an amended certificate of registration in the name of 591  
the new owner. 592

(B) An application under division (A) of this section shall 593  
be accompanied by a service fee of ~~two dollars and seventy five~~ 594  
~~cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three dollars and twenty five~~ 595  
~~cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and three dollars and fifty~~ 596  
~~cents commencing on January 1, 2004,~~ a transfer fee of one dollar, 597  
and the original certificate of registration, if applicable. The 598  
application also shall be accompanied by a document security fee 599  
of five dollars. 600

(C) Neither the registrar nor a deputy registrar shall 601  
transfer a registration under division (A) of this section if the 602  
registration is prohibited by division (D) of section 2935.27, 603  
division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, 604  
division (D) of section 4503.234, division (B) of section 4510.22, 605  
or division (B)(1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code. 606

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty 607  
of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 608

(E) As used in division (A)(6) of this section, "special 609  
license plates" means either of the following: 610

(1) Any license plates for which the person to whom the 611  
license plates are issued must pay an additional fee in excess of 612  
the fees prescribed in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, 613  
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the service fee prescribed 614  
in division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code; 615

(2) License plates issued under section 4503.44 of the 616  
Revised Code. 617

**Sec. 4503.182.** (A) A purchaser of a motor vehicle, upon 618  
application and proof of purchase of the vehicle, may be issued a 619  
temporary license placard or windshield sticker for the motor 620  
vehicle. 621

The purchaser of a vehicle applying for a temporary license 622

placard or windshield sticker under this section shall execute an affidavit stating that the purchaser has not been issued previously during the current registration year a license plate that could legally be transferred to the vehicle.

Placards or windshield stickers shall be issued only for the applicant's use of the vehicle to enable the applicant to legally operate the motor vehicle while proper title, license plates, and a certificate of registration are being obtained, and shall be displayed on no other motor vehicle.

Placards or windshield stickers issued under this section are valid for a period of thirty days from date of issuance and are not transferable or renewable.

The fee for the placards or windshield stickers issued under this section is two dollars plus a service fee of three dollars and fifty cents a document security fee of five dollars.

(B)(1) The registrar of motor vehicles may issue to a motorized bicycle dealer or a licensed motor vehicle dealer temporary license placards to be issued to purchasers for use on vehicles sold by the dealer, in accordance with rules prescribed by the registrar. The dealer shall notify the registrar, within forty-eight hours, of the issuance of a placard by electronic means via computer equipment purchased and maintained by the dealer or in any other manner prescribed by the registrar.

(2) The fee for each placard issued by the registrar to a dealer is two dollars. The registrar shall charge an additional three dollars and fifty cents for each placard issued to a dealer who notifies the registrar of the issuance of the placards in a manner other than by approved electronic means.

(3) When a dealer issues a temporary license placard to a purchaser, the dealer shall collect and retain the fees established under divisions (A) and (D) of this section.

(C) The registrar of motor vehicles, at the registrar's 654  
discretion, may issue a temporary license placard. Such a placard 655  
may be issued in the case of extreme hardship encountered by a 656  
citizen from this state or another state who has attempted to 657  
comply with all registration laws, but for extreme circumstances 658  
is unable to properly register the citizen's vehicle. 659

(D) In addition to the fees charged under divisions (A) and 660  
(B) of this section, commencing on October 1, 2003, the registrar 661  
and each deputy registrar shall collect a fee of five dollars and 662  
commencing on October 1, 2009, a fee of thirteen dollars, for each 663  
temporary license placard issued. The additional fee is for the 664  
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 665  
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 666  
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. At the time and in the manner 667  
provided by section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, the deputy 668  
registrar shall transmit to the registrar the fees collected under 669  
this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received 670  
under this division into the state highway safety fund established 671  
in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 672

(E) The registrar shall adopt rules, in accordance with 673  
division (B) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, to specify the 674  
procedures for reporting the information from applications for 675  
temporary license placards and windshield stickers and for 676  
providing the information from these applications to law 677  
enforcement agencies. 678

(F) Temporary license placards issued under this section 679  
shall bear a distinctive combination of seven letters, numerals, 680  
or letters and numerals, and shall incorporate a security feature 681  
that, to the greatest degree possible, prevents tampering with any 682  
of the information that is entered upon a placard when it is 683  
issued. 684

(G) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty 685

of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Whoever violates division 686  
(B) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first 687  
degree. 688

(H) As used in this section, "motorized bicycle dealer" means 689  
any person engaged in the business of selling at retail, 690  
displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motorized bicycles 691  
who is not subject to section 4503.09 of the Revised Code. 692

**Sec. 4505.061.** If the application for a certificate of title 693  
refers to a motor vehicle last previously registered in another 694  
state, the application shall be accompanied by a physical 695  
inspection certificate issued by the department of public safety 696  
verifying the make, body type, model, and manufacturer's vehicle 697  
identification number of the motor vehicle for which the 698  
certificate of title is desired. The physical inspection 699  
certificate shall be in such form as is designated by the 700  
registrar of motor vehicles. The physical inspection of the motor 701  
vehicle shall be made at a deputy registrar's office, or at an 702  
established place of business operated by a licensed motor vehicle 703  
dealer. Additionally, the physical inspection of a salvage vehicle 704  
owned by an insurance company may be made at an established place 705  
of business operated by a salvage motor vehicle dealer licensed 706  
under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code. The deputy registrar, the 707  
motor vehicle dealer, or the salvage motor vehicle dealer may 708  
charge and retain a maximum fee of ~~two dollars and seventy five~~ 709  
~~cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three dollars and twenty five~~ 710  
~~cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and three dollars and fifty~~ 711  
~~cents commencing on January 1, 2004,~~ for conducting the physical 712  
inspection. A deputy registrar who conducts such an inspection 713  
also may charge and retain a document security fee of five 714  
dollars. 715

The clerk of the court of common pleas shall charge a fee of 716

one dollar and fifty cents for the processing of each physical 717  
inspection certificate. The clerk shall retain fifty cents of the 718  
one dollar and fifty cents so charged and shall pay the remaining 719  
one dollar to the registrar by monthly returns, which shall be 720  
forwarded to the registrar not later than the fifth day of the 721  
month next succeeding that in which the certificate is received by 722  
the clerk. The registrar shall pay such remaining sums into the 723  
state bureau of motor vehicles fund established by section 4501.25 724  
of the Revised Code. 725

**Sec. 4506.08.** (A)(1) Each application for a commercial 726  
driver's license temporary instruction permit shall be accompanied 727  
by a fee of ten dollars. Each application for a commercial 728  
driver's license, restricted commercial driver's license, renewal 729  
of such a license, or waiver for farm-related service industries 730  
shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five dollars, except that 731  
an application for a commercial driver's license or restricted 732  
commercial driver's license received pursuant to division (A)(3) 733  
of section 4506.14 of the Revised Code shall be accompanied by a 734  
fee of eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents if the license will 735  
expire on the licensee's birthday three years after the date of 736  
issuance, a fee of twelve dollars and fifty cents if the license 737  
will expire on the licensee's birthday two years after the date of 738  
issuance, and a fee of six dollars and twenty-five cents if the 739  
license will expire on the licensee's birthday one year after the 740  
date of issuance. Each application for a duplicate commercial 741  
driver's license shall be accompanied by a fee of ten dollars. 742

(2) In addition, the registrar of motor vehicles or deputy 743  
registrar may collect and retain an additional fee of no more than 744  
three dollars and fifty cents for each application for a 745  
commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit, 746  
commercial driver's license, renewal of a commercial driver's 747  
license, or duplicate commercial driver's license received by the 748



registrar or deputy. The registrar or deputy registrar also may 749  
charge and retain for each such application received a document 750  
security fee of five dollars. 751

(B) In addition to the fees imposed under division (A) of 752  
this section, the registrar of motor vehicles or deputy registrar 753  
shall collect a fee of twelve dollars for each application for a 754  
commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit, 755  
commercial driver's license, or duplicate commercial driver's 756  
license and for each application for renewal of a commercial 757  
driver's license. The additional fee is for the purpose of 758  
defraying the department of public safety's costs associated with 759  
the administration and enforcement of the motor vehicle and 760  
traffic laws of Ohio. 761

(C) Each deputy registrar shall transmit the fees collected 762  
under divisions (A)(1) and (B) of this section in the time and 763  
manner prescribed by the registrar. The registrar shall deposit 764  
all moneys collected under division (A)(1) of this section into 765  
the state bureau of motor vehicles fund established in section 766  
4501.25 of the Revised Code. The registrar shall deposit all 767  
moneys collected under division (B) of this section into the state 768  
highway safety fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised 769  
Code. 770

(D) Information regarding the driving record of any person 771  
holding a commercial driver's license issued by this state shall 772  
be furnished by the registrar, upon request and payment of a fee 773  
of five dollars, to the employer or prospective employer of such a 774  
person and to any insurer. 775

Of each five-dollar fee the registrar collects under this 776  
division, the registrar shall pay two dollars into the state 777  
treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund 778  
established in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code, sixty cents 779  
into the state treasury to the credit of the trauma and emergency 780

medical services fund established in section 4513.263 of the Revised Code, sixty cents into the state treasury to the credit of the homeland security fund established in section 5502.03 of the Revised Code, thirty cents into the state treasury to the credit of the investigations fund established in section 5502.131 of the Revised Code, one dollar and twenty-five cents into the state treasury to the credit of the emergency management agency service and reimbursement fund established in section 5502.39 of the Revised Code, and twenty-five cents into the state treasury to the credit of the justice program services fund established in section 5502.67 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 4507.24.** (A)(1) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar may collect a fee not to exceed the following:

~~(1) Four dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004, and six~~(a) Six dollars and twenty-five cents ~~commencing on October 1, 2009,~~ for each application for renewal of a driver's license received by the deputy registrar, when the applicant is required to submit to a screening of the applicant's vision under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code;

~~(2)(b) Three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004,~~ for each application for a driver's license, or motorized bicycle license, or for renewal of such a license, received by the deputy registrar, when the applicant is not required to submit to a screening of the applicant's vision under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code.

(2) The registrar or deputy registrar also may charge and retain for each application received under division (A)(1)(a) and (b) of this section a document security fee of five dollars.

(B) The fees prescribed by division (A) of this section shall be in addition to the fee for a temporary instruction permit and

examination, a driver's license, a motorized bicycle license, or 812  
duplicates thereof. The fees retained by a deputy registrar shall 813  
compensate the deputy registrar for the deputy registrar's 814  
services, for office and rental expense, and for costs as provided 815  
in division (D) of this section, as are necessary for the proper 816  
discharge of the deputy registrar's duties under sections 4507.01 817  
to 4507.39 of the Revised Code. 818

(C) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability 819  
rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration is 820  
required to pay the applicable fee prescribed in division (A) of 821  
this section if the disabled veteran submits an application for a 822  
driver's license or motorized bicycle license or a renewal of 823  
either of these licenses to a deputy registrar who is acting as a 824  
deputy registrar pursuant to a contract with the registrar that is 825  
in effect on the effective date of this amendment. The disabled 826  
veteran also is required to submit with the disabled veteran's 827  
application such documentary evidence of disability as the 828  
registrar may require by rule. 829

A disabled veteran who submits an application described in 830  
this division is not required to pay either of the fees prescribed 831  
in division (A) of this section if the disabled veteran submits 832  
the application to a deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy 833  
registrar pursuant to a contract with the registrar that is 834  
executed after the effective date of this amendment. The disabled 835  
veteran still is required to submit with the disabled veteran's 836  
application such documentary evidence of disability as the 837  
registrar may require by rule. 838

A disabled veteran who submits an application described in 839  
this division directly to the registrar is not required to pay 840  
either of the fees prescribed in division (A) of this section if 841  
the disabled veteran submits with the disabled veteran's 842  
application such documentary evidence of disability as the 843

registrar may require by rule. 844

(D)(1) Each deputy registrar shall transmit to the registrar 845  
of motor vehicles, at such time and in such manner as the 846  
registrar shall require by rule, an amount of each fee collected 847  
under division (A)(1) of this section as shall be determined by 848  
the registrar. The registrar shall pay all such moneys so received 849  
into the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 850  
4501.25 of the Revised Code. 851

(2) Commencing on October 1, 2009, each deputy registrar 852  
shall transmit one dollar and seventy-five cents of each fee 853  
collected under division (A)(1) of this section to the registrar 854  
at the time and in the manner provided by section 4503.10 of the 855  
Revised Code. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received 856  
under division (D)(2) of this section into the state highway 857  
safety fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 858

**Sec. 4507.50.** (A) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy 859  
registrar, upon receipt of an application filed in compliance with 860  
section 4507.51 of the Revised Code by any person who is a 861  
resident or a temporary resident of this state and, except as 862  
otherwise provided in this section, is not licensed as an operator 863  
of a motor vehicle in this state or another licensing 864  
jurisdiction, and, except as provided in division (B) of this 865  
section, upon receipt of a fee of three dollars and fifty cents, 866  
shall issue an identification card to that person. 867

Any person who is a resident or temporary resident of this 868  
state whose Ohio driver's or commercial driver's license has been 869  
suspended or canceled, upon application in compliance with section 870  
4507.51 of the Revised Code and, except as provided in division 871  
(B) of this section, payment of a fee of three dollars and fifty 872  
cents, may be issued a temporary identification card. The 873  
temporary identification card shall be identical to an 874

identification card, except that it shall be printed on its face 875  
with a statement that the card is valid during the effective dates 876  
of the suspension or cancellation of the cardholder's license, or 877  
until the birthday of the cardholder in the fourth year after the 878  
date on which it is issued, whichever is shorter. The cardholder 879  
shall surrender the identification card to the registrar or any 880  
deputy registrar before the cardholder's driver's or commercial 881  
driver's license is restored or reissued. 882

Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the 883  
deputy registrar ~~shall be~~ is allowed a fee of ~~two dollars and~~ 884  
~~seventy five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three dollars and~~ 885  
~~twenty five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and three dollars~~ 886  
~~and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004,~~ for each 887  
identification card issued under this section. The fee allowed to 888  
the deputy registrar ~~shall be~~ is in addition to the fee for 889  
issuing an identification card. In addition, the deputy registrar 890  
also may charge and retain for each identification card issued a 891  
document security fee of five dollars. 892

Neither the registrar nor any deputy registrar shall charge a 893  
fee in excess of one dollar and fifty cents for laminating an 894  
identification card or temporary identification card. A deputy 895  
registrar laminating such a card shall retain the entire amount of 896  
the fee charged for lamination, less the actual cost to the 897  
registrar of the laminating materials used for that lamination, as 898  
specified in the contract executed by the bureau for the 899  
laminating materials and laminating equipment. The deputy 900  
registrar shall forward the amount of the cost of the laminating 901  
materials to the registrar for deposit as provided in this 902  
section. 903

The fee collected for issuing an identification card under 904  
this section, except the fee fees allowed to the deputy registrar, 905  
shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the state 906

bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code.

(B) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance to that veteran of an identification card or a temporary identification card under this section without payment of any fee prescribed in division (A) of this section, including any lamination fee.

An application made under division (B) of this section shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability as the registrar may require by rule.

**Sec. 4507.52.** (A) Each identification card issued by the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and shall display the following inscription:

"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD

This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card, who currently is not licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the state of Ohio."

The identification card shall display substantially the same information as contained in the application and as described in division (A)(1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised Code, but shall not display the cardholder's social security number unless the cardholder specifically requests that the cardholder's social security number be displayed on the card. If federal law requires the cardholder's social security number to be displayed on the identification card, the social security number shall be displayed on the card notwithstanding this section. The identification card also shall display the color photograph of the cardholder. If the

cardholder has executed a durable power of attorney for health 938  
care or a declaration governing the use or continuation, or the 939  
withholding or withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment and has 940  
specified that the cardholder wishes the identification card to 941  
indicate that the cardholder has executed either type of 942  
instrument, the card also shall display any symbol chosen by the 943  
registrar to indicate that the cardholder has executed either type 944  
of instrument. On and after October 7, 2009, if the cardholder has 945  
specified that the cardholder wishes the identification card to 946  
indicate that the cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or 947  
reservist of the armed forces of the United States and has 948  
presented a copy of the cardholder's DD-214 form or an equivalent 949  
document, the card also shall display any symbol chosen by the 950  
registrar to indicate that the cardholder is a veteran, active 951  
duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States. The 952  
card shall be sealed in transparent plastic or similar material 953  
and shall be so designed as to prevent its reproduction or 954  
alteration without ready detection. 955

The identification card for persons under twenty-one years of 956  
age shall have characteristics prescribed by the registrar 957  
distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is twenty-one 958  
years of age or older, except that an identification card issued 959  
to a person who applies no more than thirty days before the 960  
applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the characteristics 961  
of an identification card issued to a person who is twenty-one 962  
years of age or older. 963

Every identification card issued to a resident of this state 964  
shall expire, unless canceled or surrendered earlier, on the 965  
birthday of the cardholder in the fourth year after the date on 966  
which it is issued. Every identification card issued to a 967  
temporary resident shall expire in accordance with rules adopted 968  
by the registrar and is nonrenewable, but may be replaced with a 969

new identification card upon the applicant's compliance with all 970  
applicable requirements. A cardholder may renew the cardholder's 971  
identification card within ninety days prior to the day on which 972  
it expires by filing an application and paying the prescribed fee 973  
in accordance with section 4507.50 of the Revised Code. 974

If a cardholder applies for a driver's or commercial driver's 975  
license in this state or another licensing jurisdiction, the 976  
cardholder shall surrender the cardholder's identification card to 977  
the registrar or any deputy registrar before the license is 978  
issued. 979

(B) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the person to 980  
whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by doing both of 981  
the following: 982

(1) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or 983  
mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar; 984

(2) Filing an application and presenting documentary evidence 985  
under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 986

Any person who loses a card and, after obtaining a duplicate, 987  
finds the original, immediately shall surrender the original to 988  
the registrar or a deputy registrar. 989

A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification card 990  
that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by furnishing 991  
suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a deputy 992  
registrar and surrendering the cardholder's existing card. 993

When a cardholder applies for a duplicate or obtains a 994  
replacement identification card, the cardholder shall pay a fee of 995  
two dollars and fifty cents. A deputy registrar ~~shall be~~ is 996  
allowed an additional fee of ~~two dollars and seventy five cents~~ 997  
~~commencing on July 1, 2001, three dollars and twenty five cents~~ 998  
~~commencing on January 1, 2003, and three dollars and fifty cents~~ 999  
~~commencing on January 1, 2004,~~ for issuing a duplicate or 1000



replacement identification card. A In addition, the deputy registrar also may charge and retain for issuing a duplicate or replacement identification card a document security fee of five dollars.

A disabled veteran who is a cardholder and has a service-connected disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance of a duplicate or replacement identification card without payment of any fee prescribed in this section, and without payment of any lamination fee if the disabled veteran would not be required to pay a lamination fee in connection with the issuance of an identification card or temporary identification card as provided in division (B) of section 4507.50 of the Revised Code.

A duplicate or replacement identification card shall expire on the same date as the card it replaces.

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was altered. The registrar also shall cancel any card that is surrendered to the registrar or to a deputy registrar after the holder has obtained a duplicate, replacement, or driver's or commercial driver's license.

(D)(1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly operated or franchised transit system from using an identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or services of the system.

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or possess an identification card.

(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a

person who applies no more than thirty days before the applicant's 1032  
twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any deputy 1033  
registrar shall issue an identification card to a person under 1034  
twenty-one years of age that does not have the characteristics 1035  
prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it from the 1036  
identification card issued to persons who are twenty-one years of 1037  
age or older. 1038

(F) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is guilty 1039  
of a minor misdemeanor. 1040

**Sec. 4519.03.** (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off-highway 1041  
motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be registered 1042  
under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file an 1043  
application for registration with the registrar of motor vehicles 1044  
or a deputy registrar, on blanks furnished by the registrar for 1045  
that purpose and containing all of the following information: 1046

(1) A brief description of the snowmobile, off-highway 1047  
motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, including the year, make, 1048  
model, and the vehicle identification number; 1049

(2) The name, residence, and business address of the owner; 1050

(3) A statement that the snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, 1051  
or all-purpose vehicle is equipped as required by section 4519.20 1052  
of the Revised Code and any rule adopted under that section. The 1053  
statement shall include a check list of the required equipment 1054  
items in the form the registrar shall prescribe. 1055

The application shall be signed by the owner of the 1056  
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle and 1057  
shall be accompanied by a fee as provided in division (C) of 1058  
section 4519.04 of the Revised Code. 1059

If the application is not in proper form, or if the vehicle 1060  
for which registration is sought does not appear to be equipped as 1061

required by section 4519.20 of the Revised Code or any rule 1062  
adopted under that section, the registration shall be refused, and 1063  
no registration sticker, license plate, or validation sticker 1064  
shall be issued. 1065

(B) No certificate of registration or renewal of a 1066  
certificate of registration shall be issued for an off-highway 1067  
motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle required to be registered under 1068  
section 4519.02 of the Revised Code, and no certificate of 1069  
registration issued under this chapter for an off-highway 1070  
motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle that is sold or otherwise 1071  
transferred shall be transferred to the new owner of the 1072  
off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle as permitted by 1073  
division (B) of section 4519.05 of the Revised Code, unless a 1074  
certificate of title has been issued under this chapter for the 1075  
motorcycle or vehicle, and the owner or new owner, as the case may 1076  
be, presents a physical certificate of title or memorandum 1077  
certificate of title for inspection at the time the owner or new 1078  
owner first submits a registration application, registration 1079  
renewal application, or registration transfer application for the 1080  
motorcycle or vehicle if a physical certificate of title or 1081  
memorandum certificate has been issued by a clerk of a court of 1082  
common pleas. If, under sections 4519.512 and 4519.58 of the 1083  
Revised Code, a clerk instead has issued an electronic certificate 1084  
of title for the applicant's off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose 1085  
vehicle, that certificate may be presented for inspection at the 1086  
time of first registration in a manner prescribed by rules adopted 1087  
by the registrar. 1088

(C) When the owner of an off-highway motorcycle or 1089  
all-purpose vehicle first registers it in the owner's name, and a 1090  
certificate of title has been issued for the motorcycle or 1091  
vehicle, the owner shall present for inspection a physical 1092  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title showing 1093

title to the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle in the 1094  
name of the owner if a physical certificate of title or memorandum 1095  
certificate has been issued by a clerk of a court of common pleas. 1096  
If, under sections 4519.512 and 4519.58 of the Revised Code, a 1097  
clerk instead has issued an electronic certificate of title for 1098  
the applicant's off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, 1099  
that certificate may be presented for inspection at the time of 1100  
first registration in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the 1101  
registrar. If, when the owner of such an off-highway motorcycle or 1102  
all-purpose vehicle first makes application to register it in the 1103  
owner's name, the application is not in proper form or the 1104  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title does not 1105  
accompany the registration or, in the case of an electronic 1106  
certificate of title is not presented in a manner prescribed by 1107  
the registrar, the registration shall be refused, and neither a 1108  
certificate of registration nor a registration sticker, license 1109  
plate, or validation sticker shall be issued. When a certificate 1110  
of registration and registration sticker, license plate, or 1111  
validation sticker are issued upon the first registration of an 1112  
off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle by or on behalf of 1113  
the owner, the official issuing them shall indicate the issuance 1114  
with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum certificate 1115  
of title or, in the case of an electronic certificate of title, an 1116  
electronic stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted 1117  
by the registrar. 1118

(D) Each deputy registrar ~~shall be~~ is allowed a fee of three 1119  
dollars and fifty cents for each application or renewal 1120  
application received by the deputy registrar, which ~~shall be~~ is 1121  
for the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for services, 1122  
and office and rental expense, as may be necessary for the proper 1123  
discharge of the deputy registrar's duties in the receiving of 1124  
applications and the issuing of certificates of registration. A 1125  
deputy registrar also may charge and retain for each such 1126

application or renewal application received a document security 1127  
fee of five dollars. 1128

Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application for 1129  
registration, together with the registration fee, shall transmit 1130  
the fee, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 1131  
application, to the registrar in the manner and at the times the 1132  
registrar, subject to the approval of the director of public 1133  
safety and the treasurer of state, shall prescribe by rule. 1134

**Sec. 4519.10.** (A) The purchaser of an off-highway motorcycle 1135  
or all-purpose vehicle, upon application and proof of purchase, 1136  
may obtain a temporary license placard for it. The application for 1137  
such a placard shall be signed by the purchaser of the off-highway 1138  
motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle. The temporary license placard 1139  
shall be issued only for the applicant's use of the off-highway 1140  
motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle to enable the applicant to 1141  
operate it legally while proper title and a registration sticker 1142  
or license plate and validation sticker are being obtained and 1143  
shall be displayed on no other off-highway motorcycle or 1144  
all-purpose vehicle. A temporary license placard issued under this 1145  
section shall be in a form prescribed by the registrar of motor 1146  
vehicles, shall differ in some distinctive manner from a placard 1147  
issued under section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, shall be valid 1148  
for a period of thirty days from the date of issuance, and shall 1149  
not be transferable or renewable. The placard either shall consist 1150  
of or be coated with such material as will enable it to remain 1151  
legible and relatively intact despite the environmental conditions 1152  
to which the placard is likely to be exposed during the thirty-day 1153  
period for which it is valid. The purchaser of an off-highway 1154  
motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle shall attach the temporary 1155  
license placard to it, in a manner prescribed by rules the 1156  
registrar shall adopt, so that the placard numerals or letters are 1157  
clearly visible. 1158

The fee for a temporary license placard issued under this section ~~shall be~~ is two dollars. If the placard is issued by a deputy registrar, the deputy registrar shall charge an additional fee of three dollars and fifty cents, which the deputy registrar shall retain. The deputy registrar also may charge and retain for each such placard issued a document security fee of five dollars. The deputy registrar shall transmit each two-dollar fee received by the deputy registrar under this section to the registrar, who shall pay the two dollars to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state bureau of motor vehicles fund established by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code.

(B) The registrar may issue temporary license placards to a dealer to be issued to purchasers for use on vehicles sold by the dealer, in accordance with rules prescribed by the registrar. The dealer shall notify the registrar within forty-eight hours of proof of issuance on a form prescribed by the registrar.

The fee for each such placard issued by the registrar to a dealer shall be two dollars plus a fee of three dollars and fifty cents.

**Sec. 4519.56.** (A) An application for a certificate of title shall be sworn to before a notary public or other officer empowered to administer oaths by the lawful owner or purchaser of the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle and shall contain at least the following information in a form and together with any other information the registrar of motor vehicles may require:

(1) Name, address, and social security number or employer's tax identification number of the applicant;

(2) Statement of how the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle was acquired;

(3) Name and address of the previous owner;	1189
(4) A statement of all liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances on the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, and the name and address of each holder thereof;	1190 1191 1192
(5) If there are no outstanding liens, mortgages, or other encumbrances, a statement of that fact;	1193 1194
(6) A description of the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle, including the make, year, series or model, if any, body type, and manufacturer's vehicle identification number.	1195 1196 1197
If the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle contains a permanent identification number placed thereon by the manufacturer, this number shall be used as the vehicle identification number. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, if the application for a certificate of title refers to an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle that contains such a permanent identification number, but for which no certificate of title has been issued previously by this state, the application shall be accompanied by a physical inspection certificate as described in that division.	1198 1199 1200 1201 1202 1203 1204 1205 1206 1207
If there is no manufacturer's vehicle identification number or if the manufacturer's vehicle identification number has been removed or obliterated, the registrar, upon receipt of a prescribed application and proof of ownership, but prior to issuance of a certificate of title, shall assign a vehicle identification number for the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle. This assigned vehicle identification number shall be permanently affixed to or imprinted upon the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle by the state highway patrol. The state highway patrol shall assess a fee of fifty dollars for affixing the number to the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle and shall deposit each such fee in the state highway	1208 1209 1210 1211 1212 1213 1214 1215 1216 1217 1218 1219

safety fund established by section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 1220

(B) Except in the case of a new off-highway motorcycle or 1221  
all-purpose vehicle sold by a dealer title to which is evidenced 1222  
by a manufacturer's or importer's certificate, if the application 1223  
for a certificate of title refers to an off-highway motorcycle or 1224  
all-purpose vehicle that contains a permanent identification 1225  
number placed thereon by the manufacturer, but for which no 1226  
certificate of title previously has been issued by this state, the 1227  
application shall be accompanied by a physical inspection 1228  
certificate issued by the department of public safety verifying 1229  
the make, year, series or model, if any, body type, and 1230  
manufacturer's vehicle identification number of the off-highway 1231  
motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle for which the certificate of 1232  
title is desired. The physical inspection certificate shall be in 1233  
such form as is designated by the registrar. The physical 1234  
inspection shall be made at a deputy registrar's office or at an 1235  
established place of business operated by a licensed motor vehicle 1236  
dealer. The deputy registrar or motor vehicle dealer may charge 1237  
and retain a maximum fee of ~~two dollars and seventy five cents~~ 1238  
~~commencing on July 1, 2001, three dollars and twenty five cents~~ 1239  
~~commencing on January 1, 2003, and three dollars and fifty cents~~ 1240  
~~commencing on January 1, 2004,~~ for conducting the physical 1241  
inspection. A deputy registrar who conducts such an inspection 1242  
also may charge and retain a document security fee of five 1243  
dollars. 1244

The clerk of the court of common pleas shall charge a fee of 1245  
one dollar and fifty cents for the processing of each physical 1246  
inspection certificate. The clerk shall retain fifty cents of the 1247  
one dollar and fifty cents so charged and shall pay the remaining 1248  
one dollar to the registrar by monthly returns, which shall be 1249  
forwarded to the registrar not later than the fifth day of the 1250  
month next succeeding that in which the certificate is received by 1251



the clerk. The registrar shall pay such remaining sums into the 1252  
state bureau of motor vehicles fund established by section 4501.25 1253  
of the Revised Code. 1254

**Sec. 4519.69.** If the application for a certificate of title 1255  
refers to an off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle last 1256  
previously registered in another state, the application shall be 1257  
accompanied by a physical inspection certificate issued by the 1258  
department of public safety verifying the make, year, series or 1259  
model, if any, body type, and manufacturer's identification number 1260  
of the off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle for which the 1261  
certificate of title is desired. The physical inspection 1262  
certificate shall be in such form as is designated by the 1263  
registrar of motor vehicles. The physical inspection of the 1264  
off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle shall be made at a 1265  
deputy registrar's office, or at an established place of business 1266  
operated by a licensed motor vehicle dealer. Additionally, the 1267  
physical inspection of a salvage off-highway motorcycle or 1268  
all-purpose vehicle owned by an insurance company may be made at 1269  
an established place of business operated by a salvage motor 1270  
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4738. of the Revised Code. 1271  
The deputy registrar, the motor vehicle dealer, or the salvage 1272  
motor vehicle dealer may charge and retain a maximum fee of ~~two~~ 1273  
~~dollars and seventy five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three~~ 1274  
~~dollars and twenty five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and~~ 1275  
~~three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004,~~ for 1276  
conducting the physical inspection. A deputy registrar who 1277  
conducts such an inspection also may charge and retain a document 1278  
security fee of five dollars. 1279

The clerk of the court of common pleas shall charge a fee of 1280  
one dollar and fifty cents for the processing of each physical 1281  
inspection certificate. The clerk shall retain fifty cents of the 1282  
one dollar and fifty cents so charged and shall pay the remaining 1283

one dollar to the registrar by monthly returns, which shall be 1284  
forwarded to the registrar not later than the fifth day of the 1285  
month next succeeding that in which the certificate is received by 1286  
the clerk. The registrar shall pay such remaining sums into the 1287  
state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles 1288  
fund established in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1289

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 1290  
4503.182, 4505.061, 4506.08, 4507.24, 4507.50, 4507.52, 4519.03, 1291  
4519.10, 4519.56, and 4519.69 of the Revised Code are hereby 1292  
repealed. 1293

**Section 3.** Section 4503.102 of the Revised Code is presented 1294  
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both H.B. 1295  
13 and Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127th General Assembly. The 1296  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 1297  
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 1298  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 1299  
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 1300  
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 1301  
this act. 1302