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A BILL

To amend sections 4503.10 and 5735.05 of the
Revised Code to temporarily reduce motor fuel
excise tax rates and suspend collection of the
additional motor vehicle registration taxes on
electric and hybrid vehicles, both for five
years, and to amend the version of section
4503.10 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to
take effect on October 1, 2022, to continue the
changes to that section on and after that date.

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

Section 1. That sections 4503.10 and 5735.05 of the
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

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

operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 19
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 20
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 21
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 22
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 23
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in section 24
4503.103 of the Revised Code, every owner of every other motor 25
vehicle not previously described in this section and every 26
person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title of a 27
motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public roads 28
or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 29
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 30
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 31
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 32
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 33
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 34
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 35
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 36
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 37
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 40
or 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 44
by 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 50
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 51

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 52
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 53

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 54
determined as follows: 55

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 56
hire or principally in connection with any established business 57
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 58
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 59
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 60
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 61
located. 62

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 63
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 64
owner resides at the time of making the application. 65

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 66
vehicle; 67

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 68

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 69
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 70
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 71
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 72
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 73
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 74
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 75
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 76
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 77
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 78

is not required. 79

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 80
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 81
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 82
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 83
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 84
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 85
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 86
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 87

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 88
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 89
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 90
any of the following: 91

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 92
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 93
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 94

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 95
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 96
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 97

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 98
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 99

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 100
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 101
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 102
the registrar. 103

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 104
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 105
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 106
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 107

those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate 108
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. 109

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 110
any of the following applies: 111

(a) The application is not in proper form. 112

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 113
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 114
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of 115
section 4510.22, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 of the 116
Revised Code. 117

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 118
confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section. 119

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 120
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 121
current registration year, have not been paid. 122

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 123
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 124
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 125
is applicable. 126

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 127
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 128
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 129
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 130
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 131
of the Revised Code. 132

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 133
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 134
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 135

issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 136
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 137
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 138
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 139
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 140
the motor vehicle, if any. 141

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 142
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 143
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 144
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 145
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 146
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 147
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 148
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 149
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 150
certificate of registration. 151

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 152
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 153
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 154
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 155
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 156
under this division. 157

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 158
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 159
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 160
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 161
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 162
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 163
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 164
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 165

fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 166
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 167
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 168
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 169
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 170
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C)(1), (3), and (4) 171
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 172
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 173
(C)(1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 174
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 175

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 176
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 177
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 178
identification sticker or each set of county identification 179
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 180
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 181
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 182
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 183
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 184
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 185
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 186
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 187
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 188
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 189
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 190
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 191
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 192
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 193
Code. 194

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 195
an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application 196

for registration or registration renewal received for any plug- 197
in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery electric motor 198
vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months 199
for which the plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery 200
electric motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall 201
transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) 202
(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution 203
in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the 204
Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the 205
Revised Code. 206

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 207
an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application 208
for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid 209
motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of 210
months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The 211
registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed 212
by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for 213
distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 214
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 215
of the Revised Code. 216

(5) The fees established under divisions (C) (3) and (4) of 217
this section shall not be collected beginning January 1, 2023, 218
through December 31, 2027. 219

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 220
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 221
Code for each application for registration and registration 222
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 223
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 224
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 225
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 226

registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 227
notices and the issuing of registrations. 228

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 229
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 230
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 231

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 232
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 233
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 234
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 235
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 236
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 237
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 238
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 239
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 240
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 241
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 242
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 243
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 244
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 245
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 246
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 247
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 248
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 249
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 250
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 251
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 252
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 253
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 254
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 255
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 256
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 257

license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 258
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 259
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 260
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 261
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 262
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 263
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 264

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 265
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 266
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 267
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 268
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 269
Code for each application. 270

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 271
district of registration in an application required by division 272
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 273
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 274
specified in that section. 275

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 276
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 277
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 278
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 279
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 280
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 281
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 282
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 283
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 284
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 285
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 286
Code. 287

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 288
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 289
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 290
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 291
receives information about the requirements established in that 292
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 293
present an inspection certificate with an application for 294
registration or preregistration. 295

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 296
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 297
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 298
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 299
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 300
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 301
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 302
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 303
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 304
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 305
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 306
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 307
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 308
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 309
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 310
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 311
registration. 312

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 313
for registration under the international registration plan, as 314
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 315
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 316
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 317
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 318

forms shall include the following: 319

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 320

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 321
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 322
the registrant; 323

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 324

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 325
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 326
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 327
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 328
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 329
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 330
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 331
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 332
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 333

If international registration plan guidelines and 334
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 335
registrations under the international registration plan to be 336
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 337
division shall permit such action. 338

Sec. 5735.05. (A) There is hereby levied a motor fuel 339
excise tax on each motor fuel dealer, measured by gross gallons, 340
upon the receipt of motor fuel within this state. 341

The tax is levied at the rates prescribed by divisions (E) 342
~~and (F) to (G)~~ of this section. 343

The revenue derived from twenty-eight cents per gallon of 344
such tax rates shall be distributed under divisions (A), (B), 345
(C), and (D) of section 5735.051 of the Revised Code to fund the 346

following purposes in the following amounts: 347

(1) Seventeen twenty-eighths of the revenue shall be used 348
solely to provide revenue for maintaining the state highway 349
system; to widen existing surfaces on such highways; to 350
resurface such highways; to pay that portion of the construction 351
cost of a highway project which a county, township, or municipal 352
corporation normally would be required to pay, but which the 353
director of transportation, pursuant to division (B) of section 354
5531.08 of the Revised Code, determines instead will be paid 355
from moneys in the highway operating fund; to enable the 356
counties of the state properly to plan, maintain, and repair 357
their roads and to pay principal, interest, and charges on bonds 358
and other obligations issued pursuant to Chapter 133. of the 359
Revised Code or incurred pursuant to section 5531.09 of the 360
Revised Code for highway improvements; to enable the municipal 361
corporations to plan, construct, reconstruct, repave, widen, 362
maintain, repair, clear, and clean public highways, roads, and 363
streets, and to pay the principal, interest, and charges on 364
bonds and other obligations issued pursuant to Chapter 133. of 365
the Revised Code or incurred pursuant to section 5531.09 of the 366
Revised Code for highway improvements; to enable the Ohio 367
turnpike and infrastructure commission to construct, 368
reconstruct, maintain, and repair turnpike projects; to maintain 369
and repair bridges and viaducts; to purchase, erect, and 370
maintain street and traffic signs and markers; to purchase, 371
erect, and maintain traffic lights and signals; to pay the costs 372
apportioned to the public under sections 4907.47 and 4907.471 of 373
the Revised Code and to supplement revenue already available for 374
such purposes; to pay the costs incurred by the public utilities 375
commission in administering sections 4907.47 to 4907.476 of the 376
Revised Code; to distribute equitably among those persons using 377

the privilege of driving motor vehicles upon such highways and 378
streets the cost of maintaining and repairing them; to pay the 379
interest, principal, and charges on highway capital improvements 380
bonds and other obligations issued pursuant to Section 2m of 381
Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and section 151.06 of the 382
Revised Code; to pay the interest, principal, and charges on 383
highway obligations issued pursuant to Section 2i of Article 384
VIII, Ohio Constitution, and sections 5528.30 and 5528.31 of the 385
Revised Code; to pay the interest, principal, and charges on 386
major new state infrastructure bonds and other obligations of 387
the state issued pursuant to Section 13 of Article VIII, Ohio 388
Constitution, and section 5531.10 of the Revised Code; to 389
provide revenue for the purposes of sections 1547.71 to 1547.77 390
of the Revised Code; and to pay the expenses of the department 391
of taxation incident to the administration of the motor fuel 392
laws. 393

(2) Two twenty-eighths of the revenue shall be used solely 394
to pay the expenses of administering and enforcing the state law 395
relating to the registration and operation of motor vehicles; to 396
supply the state's share of the cost of planning, constructing, 397
widening, and reconstructing the state highways; to supply the 398
state's share of the cost of eliminating railway grade crossings 399
upon such highways; to pay that portion of the construction cost 400
of a highway project that a county, township, or municipal 401
corporation normally would be required to pay, but that the 402
director of transportation, pursuant to division (B) of section 403
5531.08 of the Revised Code, determines instead will be paid 404
from moneys in the highway operating fund; to enable counties 405
and townships to properly plan, construct, widen, reconstruct, 406
and maintain their public highways, roads, and streets; to 407
enable counties to pay principal, interest, and charges on bonds 408

and other obligations issued pursuant to Chapter 133. of the 409
Revised Code or incurred pursuant to section 5531.09 of the 410
Revised Code for highway improvements; to enable municipal 411
corporations to plan, construct, reconstruct, repave, widen, 412
maintain, repair, clear, and clean public highways, roads, and 413
streets; to enable municipal corporations to pay the principal, 414
interest, and charges on bonds and other obligations issued 415
pursuant to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code or incurred 416
pursuant to section 5531.09 of the Revised Code for highway 417
improvements; to maintain and repair bridges and viaducts; to 418
purchase, erect, and maintain street and traffic signs and 419
markers; to purchase, erect, and maintain traffic lights and 420
signals; to pay the costs apportioned to the public under 421
section 4907.47 of the Revised Code; to provide revenue for the 422
purposes of sections 1547.71 to 1547.77 of the Revised Code and 423
to supplement revenue already available for such purposes; to 424
pay the expenses of the department of taxation incident to the 425
administration of the motor fuel laws and to supplement revenue 426
already available for such purposes; to pay the interest, 427
principal, and charges on bonds and other obligations issued 428
pursuant to Section 2g of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and 429
sections 5528.10 and 5528.11 of the Revised Code; and to pay the 430
interest, principal, and charges on highway obligations issued 431
pursuant to Section 2i of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and 432
sections 5528.30 and 5528.31 of the Revised Code. 433

(3) Eight twenty-eighths of the revenue shall be used 434
solely to supply the state's share of the cost of constructing, 435
widening, maintaining, and reconstructing the state highways; to 436
maintain and repair bridges and viaducts; to purchase, erect, 437
and maintain street and traffic signs and markers; to purchase, 438
erect, and maintain traffic lights and signals; to pay the 439

expense of administering and enforcing the state law relative to 440
the registration and operation of motor vehicles; to make road 441
improvements associated with retaining or attracting business 442
for this state; to pay that portion of the construction cost of 443
a highway project that a county, township, or municipal 444
corporation normally would be required to pay, but that the 445
director of transportation, pursuant to division (B) of section 446
5531.08 of the Revised Code, determines instead will be paid 447
from moneys in the highway operating fund; to provide revenue 448
for the purposes of sections 1547.71 to 1547.77 of the Revised 449
Code and to supplement revenue already available for such 450
purposes; to pay the expenses of the department of taxation 451
incident to the administration of the motor fuel laws and to 452
supplement revenue already available for such purposes; to pay 453
the interest, principal, and charges on highway obligations 454
issued pursuant to Section 2i of Article VIII, Ohio 455
Constitution, and sections 5528.30 and 5528.31 of the Revised 456
Code; to enable counties and townships to properly plan, 457
construct, widen, reconstruct, and maintain their public 458
highways, roads, and streets; to enable counties to pay 459
principal, interest, and charges on bonds and other obligations 460
issued pursuant to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code or incurred 461
pursuant to section 5531.09 of the Revised Code for highway 462
improvements; to enable municipal corporations to plan, 463
construct, reconstruct, repave, widen, maintain, repair, clear, 464
and clean public highways, roads, and streets; to enable 465
municipal corporations to pay the principal, interest, and 466
charges on bonds and other obligations issued pursuant to 467
Chapter 133. of the Revised Code or incurred pursuant to section 468
5531.09 of the Revised Code for highway improvements; and to pay 469
the costs apportioned to the public under section 4907.47 of the 470
Revised Code. 471

(4) One twenty-eighth of the revenue shall be used solely 472
to pay the state's share of the cost of constructing and 473
reconstructing highways and eliminating railway grade crossings 474
on the major thoroughfares of the state highway system and urban 475
extensions thereof; to pay that portion of the construction cost 476
of a highway project that a county, township, or municipal 477
corporation normally would be required to pay, but that the 478
director of transportation, pursuant to division (B) of section 479
5531.08 of the Revised Code, determines instead will be paid 480
from moneys in the highway operating fund; to pay the interest, 481
principal, and charges on bonds and other obligations issued 482
pursuant to Section 2g of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and 483
sections 5528.10 and 5528.11 of the Revised Code; to pay the 484
interest, principal, and charges on highway obligations issued 485
pursuant to Section 2i of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, and 486
sections 5528.30 and 5528.31 of the Revised Code; to provide 487
revenues for the purposes of sections 1547.71 to 1547.77 of the 488
Revised Code; and to pay the expenses of the department of 489
taxation incident to the administration of the motor fuel laws. 490

(B) The revenue derived from any portion of the tax rates 491
that exceeds twenty-eight cents per gallon of motor fuel shall 492
be distributed under division (E) of section 5735.051 of the 493
Revised Code to fund the purposes described in divisions (A) and 494
(D) of this section, as provided in divisions (A) and (B) of 495
section 5735.27 of the Revised Code. 496

(C) The tax imposed by this section does not apply to the 497
following transactions: 498

(1) The sale of dyed diesel fuel by a licensed motor fuel 499
dealer from a location other than a retail service station 500
provided the licensed motor fuel dealer places on the face of 501

the delivery document or invoice, or both if both are used, a 502
conspicuous notice stating that the fuel is dyed and is not for 503
taxable use, and that taxable use of that fuel is subject to a 504
penalty. The tax commissioner, by rule, may provide that any 505
notice conforming to rules or regulations issued by the United 506
States department of the treasury or the Internal Revenue 507
Service is sufficient notice for the purposes of division (C) (1) 508
of this section. 509

(2) The sale of K-1 kerosene to a retail service station, 510
except when placed directly in the fuel supply tank of a motor 511
vehicle. Such sale shall be rebuttably presumed to not be 512
distributed or sold for use or used to generate power for the 513
operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways or upon the 514
waters within the boundaries of this state. 515

(3) The sale of motor fuel by a licensed motor fuel dealer 516
to another licensed motor fuel dealer; 517

(4) The exportation of motor fuel by a licensed motor fuel 518
dealer from this state to any other state or foreign country; 519

(5) The sale of motor fuel to the United States government 520
or any of its agencies, except such tax as is permitted by it, 521
where such sale is evidenced by an exemption certificate, in a 522
form approved by the tax commissioner, executed by the United 523
States government or an agency thereof certifying that the motor 524
fuel therein identified has been purchased for the exclusive use 525
of the United States government or its agency; 526

(6) The sale of motor fuel that is in the process of 527
transportation in foreign or interstate commerce, except insofar 528
as it may be taxable under the Constitution and statutes of the 529
United States, and except as may be agreed upon in writing by 530

the dealer and the commissioner; 531

(7) The sale of motor fuel when sold exclusively for use 532
in the operation of aircraft, where such sale is evidenced by an 533
exemption certificate prescribed by the commissioner and 534
executed by the purchaser certifying that the motor fuel 535
purchased has been purchased for exclusive use in the operation 536
of aircraft; 537

(8) The sale for exportation of motor fuel by a licensed 538
motor fuel dealer to a licensed exporter described in division 539
(DD) (1) of section 5735.01 of the Revised Code; 540

(9) The sale for exportation of motor fuel by a licensed 541
motor fuel dealer to a licensed exporter described in division 542
(DD) (2) of section 5735.01 of the Revised Code, provided that 543
the destination state motor fuel tax has been paid or will be 544
accrued and paid by the licensed motor fuel dealer. 545

(10) The sale to a consumer of diesel fuel, by a motor 546
fuel dealer for delivery from a bulk lot vehicle, for 547
consumption in operating a vessel when the use of such fuel in a 548
vessel would otherwise qualify for a refund under section 549
5735.14 of the Revised Code. 550

Division (C) (1) of this section does not apply to the sale 551
or distribution of dyed diesel fuel used to operate a motor 552
vehicle on the public highways or upon water within the 553
boundaries of this state by persons permitted under regulations 554
of the United States department of the treasury or of the 555
Internal Revenue Service to so use dyed diesel fuel. 556

(D) The use of any revenue from the tax levied under this 557
section shall be used for construction, maintenance, and repair 558
of roads and bridges, the operational costs of applicable state 559

agencies, or used to match other revenue for these purposes. 560

(E) Except as otherwise provided by ~~division~~divisions (F) 561
and (G) of this section, the rates of tax imposed by this 562
section on each gallon of motor fuel ~~on and after July 1, 2019,~~ 563
shall be as follows: 564

(1) Thirty-eight and one-half cents on each gallon of 565
gasoline; 566

(2) Forty-seven cents on each gallon of motor fuel other 567
than gasoline 568

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(F) Except as provided in division (G) of this section, 570
the rates of tax imposed by this section on each gallon of motor 571
fuel on and after the later of July 1, 2022, or the first day of 572
the first month after the effective date of this amendment, and 573
before the later of either July 1, 2027, or the first day of the 574
first month beginning five years after that effective date shall 575
be twenty-eight cents. 576

(G) The tax on each gallon equivalent of compressed 577
natural gas shall be: 578

(1) Ten cents on and after July 1, 2019, and before July 579
1, 2020; 580

(2) Twenty cents on and after July 1, 2020, and before 581
July 1, 2021; 582

(3) Thirty cents on and after July 1, 2021, and before 583
July 1, 2022; 584

(4) Forty cents on and after July 1, 2022, and before July 585
1, 2023; 586

(5) Forty-seven cents on and after July 1, 2023. 587

~~(G)~~ (H) The tax commissioner may adopt rules as necessary 588
to administer this section. 589

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.10 and 5735.05 of 590
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 591

Section 3. That the version of section 4503.10 of the 592
Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on October 1, 593
2022, be amended to read as follows: 594

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 595
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 596
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 597
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 598
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 599
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 600
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 601
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 602
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 603
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 604
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 605
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 606
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in section 607
4503.103 of the Revised Code, every owner of every other motor 608
vehicle not previously described in this section and every 609
person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title of a 610
motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public roads 611
or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 612
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 613
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 614
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 615
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 616

prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 617
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 618
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 619
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 620
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 621
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 622
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 623
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 624
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 625
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 626
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 627
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 628
information: 629

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 630
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 631
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 632
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 633
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 634

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 635
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 636

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 637
determined as follows: 638

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 639
hire or principally in connection with any established business 640
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 641
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 642
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 643
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 644
located. 645

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 646
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 647
owner resides at the time of making the application. 648

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 649
vehicle; 650

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 651

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 652
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 653
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 654
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 655
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 656
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 657
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 658
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 659
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 660
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 661
is not required. 662

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 663
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 664
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 665
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 666
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 667
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 668
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 669
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 670

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 671
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 672
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 673
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 674

approve the application for registration. 675

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 676
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 677
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 678
any of the following: 679

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 680
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 681
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 682

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 683
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 684
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 685

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 686
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 687

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 688
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 689
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 690
the registrar. 691

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 692
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 693
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 694
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 695
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate 696
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. 697

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 698
any of the following applies: 699

(a) The application is not in proper form. 700

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 701
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 702

2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of 703
section 4510.22, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 of the 704
Revised Code. 705

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 706
confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section. 707

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 708
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 709
current registration year, have not been paid. 710

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 711
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 712
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 713
is applicable. 714

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 715
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 716
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 717
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 718
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 719
of the Revised Code. 720

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 721
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 722
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 723
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 724
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 725
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 726
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 727
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 728
the motor vehicle, if any. 729

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 730
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 731

certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 732
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 733
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 734
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 735
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 736
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 737
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 738
certificate of registration. 739

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 740
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 741
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 742
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 743
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 744
under this division. 745

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 746
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 747
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 748
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 749
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 750
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 751
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 752
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 753
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 754
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 755
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 756
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 757
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 758
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) 759
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 760
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 761
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 762

fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 763

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 764
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 765
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 766
identification sticker or each set of county identification 767
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 768
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 769
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 770
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 771
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 772
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 773
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 774
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 775
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 776
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 777
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 778
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 779
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 780
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 781
Code. 782

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 783
an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application 784
for registration or registration renewal received for any plug- 785
in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery electric motor 786
vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months 787
for which the plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery 788
electric motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall 789
transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) 790
(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution 791
in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the 792
Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the 793

Revised Code. 794

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 795
an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application 796
for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid 797
motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of 798
months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The 799
registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed 800
by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for 801
distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 802
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 803
of the Revised Code. 804

(5) The fees established under divisions (C) (3) and (4) of 805
this section shall not be collected beginning January 1, 2023, 806
through December 31, 2027. 807

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 808
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 809
Code for each application for registration and registration 810
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 811
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 812
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 813
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 814
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 815
notices and the issuing of registrations. 816

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 817
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 818
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 819

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 820
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 821
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 822

pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 823
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 824
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 825
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 826
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 827
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 828
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 829
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 830
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 831
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 832
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 833
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 834
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 835
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 836
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 837
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 838
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 839
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 840
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 841
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 842
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 843
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 844
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 845
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 846
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 847
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 848
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 849
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 850
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 851
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 852

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 853

an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 854
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 855
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 856
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 857
Code for each application. 858

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 859
district of registration in an application required by division 860
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 861
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 862
specified in that section. 863

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 864
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 865
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 866
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 867
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 868
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 869
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 870
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 871
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 872
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 873
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 874
Code. 875

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 876
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 877
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 878
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 879
receives information about the requirements established in that 880
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 881
present an inspection certificate with an application for 882
registration or preregistration. 883

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line
computer data link to registration information for all passenger
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape
containing registration information regarding passenger cars,
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a
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 913
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 914
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 915
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 916
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 917
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 918
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 919
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 920
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 921

If international registration plan guidelines and 922
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 923
registrations under the international registration plan to be 924
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 925
division shall permit such action. 926

Section 4. That the existing version of section 4503.10 of 927
the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on October 1, 928
2022, is hereby repealed. 929

Section 5. Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect 930
October 1, 2022. 931