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A BILL

To amend sections 4503.10, 4503.103, 4503.11, and 1
4503.191 and to enact section 4503.107 of the 2
Revised Code to provide for a permanent 3
registration option for noncommercial trailers. 4

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

Section 1. That sections 4503.10, 4503.103, 4503.11, and 5
4503.191 be amended and section 4503.107 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 8
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 9
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 10
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 11
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 12
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 13
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 14
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 15
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 16
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 17
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 18
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 19

of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in ~~section~~ 20
sections 4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner 21
of every other motor vehicle not previously described in this 22
section and every person mentioned as owner in the last 23
certificate of title of a motor vehicle that is operated or 24
driven upon the public roads or highways shall cause to be filed 25
each year, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the registrar 26
of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar, a written or electronic 27
application or a preprinted registration renewal notice issued 28
under section 4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which 29
shall be prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the 30
following registration year, which shall begin on the first day 31
of January of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first 32
day of December in the same year. Applications for registration 33
and registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 34
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 35
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 36
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 37
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 38
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 39
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 40
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 41
information: 42

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 43
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 44
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 45
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 46
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 47

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 48
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 49

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 50
determined as follows: 51

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 52
hire or principally in connection with any established business 53
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 54
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 55
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 56
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 57
located. 58

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 59
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 60
owner resides at the time of making the application. 61

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 62
vehicle; 63

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 64

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 65
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 66
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 67
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 68
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 69
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 70
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 71
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 72
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 73
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 74
is not required. 75

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 76
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 77
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 78

connection with any established business, the owner's federal 79
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 80
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 81
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 82
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 83

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, each 84
time an applicant first registers a motor vehicle in the 85
applicant's name, the applicant shall present for inspection a 86
physical certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing 87
title to the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the 88
applicant if a physical certificate of title or memorandum 89
certificate has been issued by a clerk of a court of common 90
pleas. If, under sections 4505.021, 4505.06, and 4505.08 of the 91
Revised Code, a clerk instead has issued an electronic 92
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle, that 93
certificate may be presented for inspection at the time of first 94
registration in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the 95
registrar. An applicant is not required to present a certificate 96
of title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a 97
limited authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules 98
adopted by the registrar. When a motor vehicle inspection and 99
maintenance program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the 100
Revised Code and rules adopted under it, each application for 101
registration for a vehicle required to be inspected under that 102
section and those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection 103
certificate for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that 104
section. The application shall be refused if any of the 105
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 109
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of 110
section 4510.22, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 of the 111
Revised Code. 112

(3) A certificate of title or memorandum certificate of 113
title is required but does not accompany the application or, in 114
the case of an electronic certificate of title, is required but 115
is not presented in a manner prescribed by the registrar's 116
rules. 117

(4) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 118
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 119
current registration year, have not been paid. 120

(5) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 121
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 122
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 123
is applicable. 124

This section does not require the payment of license or 125
registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or 126
for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not 127
taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 128
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 129
of the Revised Code. When a certificate of registration is 130
issued upon the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on 131
behalf of the owner, the official issuing the certificate shall 132
indicate the issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title 133
or memorandum certificate or, in the case of an electronic 134
certificate of title, an electronic stamp or other notation as 135
specified in rules adopted by the registrar, and with a stamp on 136
the inspection certificate for the motor vehicle, if any. The 137
official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by other means the 138

registrar prescribes, on the registration certificate issued 139
upon the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf 140
of the owner the odometer reading of the motor vehicle as shown 141
in the odometer statement included in or attached to the 142
certificate of title. Upon each subsequent registration of the 143
motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same owner, the official 144
also shall so indicate the odometer reading of the motor vehicle 145
as shown on the immediately preceding certificate of 146
registration. 147

The registrar shall include in the permanent registration 148
record of any vehicle required to be inspected under section 149
3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection certificate number 150
from the inspection certificate that is presented at the time of 151
registration of the vehicle as required under this division. 152

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 153
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 154
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 155
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 156
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 157
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 158
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 159
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 160
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 161
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 162
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 163
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 164
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 165
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) 166
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 167
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 168
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 169

fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 170

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 171
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 172
single 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 180
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 181
the 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 187
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 188
Code. 189

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 190
an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application 191
for registration or registration renewal received for any plug- 192
in electric motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on 193
the number of months for which the plug-in electric motor 194
vehicle is registered. The registrar shall transmit all money 195
arising from the fee imposed by division (C) (3) of this section 196
to the treasurer of state for distribution in accordance with 197
division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised Code, subject to 198
division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised Code. 199

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 200
an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application 201
for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid 202
motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of 203
months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The 204
registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed 205
by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for 206
distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 207
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 208
of the Revised Code. 209

The fees established under divisions (C) (3) and (4) of 210
this section shall not be imposed until January 1, 2020. 211

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 212
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 213
Code for each application for registration and registration 214
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 215
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 216
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 217
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 218
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 219
notices and the issuing of registrations. 220

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 221
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 222
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 223

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 224
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 225
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 226
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 227
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 228
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 229

application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 230
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 231
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 232
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 233
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 234
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 235
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 236
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 237
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 238
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 239
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 240
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 241
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 242
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 243
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 244
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 245
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 246
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 247
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 248
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 249
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 250
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 251
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 252
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 253
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 254
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 255
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 256

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 257
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 258
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 259
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 260

the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 261
Code for each application. 262

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 263
district of registration in an application required by division 264
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 265
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 266
specified in that section. 267

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 268
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 269
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 270
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 271
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 272
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 273
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 274
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 275
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 276
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 277
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 278
Code. 279

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 280
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 281
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 282
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 283
receives information about the requirements established in that 284
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 285
present an inspection certificate with an application for 286
registration or preregistration. 287

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 288
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 289
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 290

computer data link to registration information for all passenger 291
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 292
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 293
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 294
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 295
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 296
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 297
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 298
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 299
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 300
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 301
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 302
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 303
registration. 304

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 305
for registration under the international registration plan, as 306
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 307
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 308
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 309
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 310
forms shall include the following: 311

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 312

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 313
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 314
the registrant; 315

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 316

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 317
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 318
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 319

tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 320
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 321
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 322
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 323
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 324
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 325

If international registration plan guidelines and 326
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 327
registrations under the international registration plan to be 328
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 329
division shall permit such action. 330

Sec. 4503.103. (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may 331
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee, other than a person 332
receiving an apportioned license plate under the international 333
registration plan, who owns or leases one or more motor vehicles 334
to file a written application for registration for no more than 335
five succeeding registration years. The rules adopted by the 336
registrar may designate the classes of motor vehicles that are 337
eligible for such registration. At the time of application, all 338
annual taxes and fees shall be paid for each year for which the 339
person is registering. 340

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit any 341
person or lessee who owns or leases a trailer or semitrailer 342
that is subject to the tax rates prescribed in section 4503.042 343
of the Revised Code for such trailers or semitrailers to file a 344
written application for registration for any number of 345
succeeding registration years, including a permanent 346
registration. At the time of application, all annual taxes and 347
fees shall be paid for each year for which the person is 348
registering, provided that the annual taxes due, regardless of 349

the number of years for which the person is registering, shall 350
not exceed two hundred dollars. A person who registers a vehicle 351
under division (A) (2) of this section shall pay for each year of 352
registration the additional fee established under division (C) 353
(1) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, provided that the 354
additional fee due, regardless of the number of years for which 355
the person is registering, shall not exceed eighty-eight 356
dollars. The person also shall pay one single deputy registrar 357
service fee in the amount specified in division (D) of section 358
4503.10 of the Revised Code or one single bureau of motor 359
vehicles service fee in the amount specified in division (G) of 360
that section, as applicable, regardless of the number of years 361
for which the person is registering. 362

(b) In addition, each person registering a trailer or 363
semitrailer under division (A) (2) (a) of this section shall pay 364
any applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under 365
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code for each year for which the 366
person is registering, provided that not more than eight times 367
any such annual local taxes shall be due upon registration. 368

(c) The period of registration for a trailer or 369
semitrailer registered under division (A) (2) (a) of this section 370
is exclusive to the trailer or semitrailer for which that 371
certificate of registration is issued and is not transferable to 372
any other trailer or semitrailer if the registration is a 373
permanent registration. 374

(3) Except as provided in division (A) (4) of this section, 375
the registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person who owns a 376
motor vehicle to file an application for registration for not 377
more than five succeeding registration years. At the time of 378
application, the person shall pay the annual taxes and fees for 379

each registration year, calculated in accordance with division 380
(C) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. A person who is 381
registering a vehicle under division (A) (3) of this section 382
shall pay for each year of registration the additional fee 383
established under division (C) (1), (3), or (4) of section 384
4503.10 of the Revised Code, as applicable. The person shall 385
also pay the deputy registrar service fee or the bureau of motor 386
vehicles service fee equal to the amount established under 387
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 388

(4) Division (A) (3) of this section does not apply to a 389
person receiving an apportioned license plate under the 390
international registration plan, or the owner of a commercial 391
car used solely in intrastate commerce, or the owner of a bus as 392
defined in section 4513.50 of the Revised Code. 393

(5) A person registering a noncommercial trailer 394
permanently shall register the trailer under section 4503.107 of 395
the Revised Code. 396

(B) No person applying for a multi-year registration under 397
division (A) of this section is entitled to a refund of any 398
taxes or fees paid. 399

(C) The registrar shall not issue to any applicant who has 400
been issued a final, nonappealable order under division (D) of 401
this section a multi-year registration or renewal thereof under 402
this division or rules adopted under it for any motor vehicle 403
that is required to be inspected under section 3704.14 of the 404
Revised Code the district of registration of which, as 405
determined under section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, is or is 406
located in the county named in the order. 407

(D) Upon receipt from the director of environmental 408

protection of a notice issued under rules adopted under section 409
3704.14 of the Revised Code indicating that an owner of a motor 410
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section who 411
obtained a multi-year registration for the vehicle under 412
division (A) of this section or rules adopted under that 413
division has not obtained a required inspection certificate for 414
the vehicle, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 415
the Revised Code shall issue an order to the owner impounding 416
the certificate of registration and identification license 417
plates for the vehicle. The order also shall prohibit the owner 418
from obtaining or renewing a multi-year registration for any 419
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section, the 420
district of registration of which is or is located in the same 421
county as the county named in the order during the number of 422
years after expiration of the current multi-year registration 423
that equals the number of years for which the current multi-year 424
registration was issued. 425

An order issued under this division shall require the 426
owner to surrender to the registrar the certificate of 427
registration and license plates for the vehicle named in the 428
order within five days after its issuance. If the owner fails to 429
do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to 430
the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover 431
the certificate of registration and license plates for the 432
vehicle. 433

(E) Upon the occurrence of either of the following 434
circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 435
the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order 436
rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (D) 437
of this section impounding the certificate of registration and 438
license plates for the vehicle named in that original order: 439

(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection 440
of a subsequent notice under rules adopted under section 3704.14 441
of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection 442
certificate for the vehicle as required under those rules; 443

(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the 444
required inspection certificate for the vehicle. 445

(F) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate 446
of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant 447
to an order issued under division (D) of this section, upon 448
issuance of a modified order under division (E) of this section, 449
may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two 450
dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the 451
certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle 452
named in the application. 453

Sec. 4503.107. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 454
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee who owns or leases a 455
noncommercial trailer that is subject to the tax rates 456
prescribed in division (E) of section 4503.04 of the Revised 457
Code to file a written application for permanent registration of 458
that noncommercial trailer. 459

(B)(1) At the time of application, the applicant shall pay 460
all of the following: 461

(a) The equivalent of eight times the standard tax 462
established for that noncommercial trailer by division (E) of 463
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code; 464

(b) The equivalent of eight times the additional fee 465
established by division (C)(1) of section 4503.10 of the Revised 466
Code; 467

(c) A single deputy registrar service fee or a single 468

bureau of motor vehicles service fee, as applicable, equal to 469
the amount established by section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 470

(2) In addition to any other prescribed tax or fee, if the 471
noncommercial trailer registered under this section is subject 472
to local motor vehicle taxes under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 473
Code, the applicant shall pay the equivalent of eight times any 474
applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under that 475
chapter for that noncommercial trailer. 476

(C) Upon submission of a completed application, payment of 477
all applicable taxes and fees, and compliance with all other 478
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles, 479
the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue the applicant a 480
permanent license plate and a validation sticker. 481

(D) The permanent registration of a noncommercial trailer 482
under this section is exclusive to the trailer for which that 483
certificate of registration is issued. The registration is not 484
transferable to any other trailer. 485

(E) No person applying for a permanent registration under 486
this section is entitled to a refund of any taxes or fees paid. 487

Sec. 4503.11. (A) Except as provided by sections 4503.103, 488
4503.107, 4503.173, 4503.41, 4503.43, and 4503.46 of the Revised 489
Code, no person who is the owner or chauffeur of a motor vehicle 490
operated or driven upon the public roads or highways shall fail 491
to file annually the application for registration or to pay the 492
tax therefor. 493

(B) Except as provided by sections 4503.12 and 4503.16 of 494
the Revised Code, the taxes payable on all applications made 495
under sections 4503.10 and 4503.102 of the Revised Code shall be 496
the sum of the tax due under division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this 497

section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 498
section: 499

(1) (a) If the application is made before the second month 500
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 501
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 502
the tax due is the full amount of the tax provided in section 503
4503.04 of the Revised Code; 504

(b) If the application is made during or after the second 505
month of the current registration period to which the motor 506
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 507
Revised Code, and prior to the beginning of the next such 508
registration period, the amount of the tax provided in section 509
4503.04 of the Revised Code shall be reduced by one-twelfth of 510
the amount of such tax, rounded upward to the nearest cent, 511
multiplied by the number of full months that have elapsed in the 512
current registration period. The resulting amount shall be 513
rounded upward to the next highest dollar and shall be the 514
amount of tax due. 515

(2) (a) If the application is made before the sixth month 516
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 517
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 518
the amount of tax due is the full amount of local motor vehicle 519
license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code; 520

(b) If the application is made during or after the sixth 521
month of the current registration period to which the motor 522
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 523
Revised Code and prior to the beginning of the next such 524
registration period, the amount of tax due is one-half of the 525
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 526
4504. of the Revised Code. 527

(C) The taxes payable on all applications made under 528
division (A) (3) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code shall be 529
the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 530
section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 531
section for the first year plus the full amount of the tax 532
provided in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and the full 533
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 534
4504. of the Revised Code for each succeeding year. 535

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 536
misdemeanor. 537

Sec. 4503.191. (A) (1) The identification license plate 538
shall be issued for a multi-year period as determined by the 539
director of public safety, and shall be accompanied by a 540
validation sticker, to be attached to the license plate. Except 541
as provided in division (A) (2) of this section, the validation 542
sticker shall indicate the expiration of the registration period 543
to which the motor vehicle for which the license plate is issued 544
is assigned, in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar 545
of motor vehicles. During each succeeding year of the multi-year 546
period following the issuance of the plate and validation 547
sticker, upon the filing of an application for registration and 548
the payment of the tax therefor, a validation sticker alone 549
shall be issued. The validation stickers required under this 550
section shall be of different colors or shades each year, the 551
new colors or shades to be selected by the director. 552

(2) (a) The director shall develop a universal validation 553
sticker that may be issued to any owner of five hundred or more 554
passenger vehicles, so that a sticker issued to the owner may be 555
placed on any passenger vehicle in that owner's fleet. Beginning 556
January 1, 2019, the universal validation sticker shall not have 557

an expiration date on it and shall not need replaced at the time 558
of registration, except in the event of the loss, mutilation, or 559
destruction of the validation sticker. The director may 560
establish and charge an additional fee of not more than one 561
dollar per registration to compensate for necessary costs of the 562
universal validation sticker program. The additional fee shall 563
be credited to the public safety - highway purposes fund created 564
in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The director shall 565
select the color or shade of the universal validation sticker. 566

(b) A validation sticker issued for an all-purpose vehicle 567
that is registered under Chapter 4519. of the Revised Code, for 568
a noncommercial trailer that is permanently registered under 569
section 4503.107 of the Revised Code, or for a trailer or 570
semitrailer that is permanently registered under division (A) (2) 571
of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or is registered for any 572
number of succeeding registration years may indicate the 573
expiration of the registration period, if any, by any manner 574
determined by the registrar by rule. 575

(B) Identification license plates shall be produced by 576
Ohio penal industries. Validation stickers and county 577
identification stickers shall be produced by Ohio penal 578
industries unless the registrar adopts rules that permit the 579
registrar or deputy registrars to print or otherwise produce 580
them in house. 581

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.10, 4503.103, 582
4503.11, and 4503.191 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 583