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A BILL

To amend sections 4503.042 and 4503.103 of the 1
Revised Code to alter the annual registration 2
tax for non-apportioned commercial trailers and 3
semitrailers. 4

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

Section 1. That sections 4503.042 and 4503.103 of the 5
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 4503.042. The rates established under this section 7
apply to commercial cars, buses, trailers, and semitrailers that 8
are not subject to apportioned rates under the international 9
registration plan. 10

(A) The rates of the annual registration taxes imposed by 11
section 4503.02 of the Revised Code, based on gross vehicle 12
weight or combined gross vehicle weight, for commercial cars 13
that are not apportionable are as follows: 14

(1) For not more than two thousand pounds, forty-five 15
dollars; 16

(2) For more than two thousand but not more than six thousand pounds, seventy dollars;	17 18
(3) For more than six thousand but not more than ten thousand pounds, eighty-five dollars;	19 20
(4) For more than ten thousand but not more than fourteen thousand pounds, one hundred five dollars;	21 22
(5) For more than fourteen thousand but not more than eighteen thousand pounds, one hundred twenty-five dollars;	23 24
(6) For more than eighteen thousand but not more than twenty-two thousand pounds, one hundred fifty dollars;	25 26
(7) For more than twenty-two thousand but not more than twenty-six thousand pounds, one hundred seventy-five dollars;	27 28
(8) For more than twenty-six thousand but not more than thirty thousand pounds, three hundred fifty-five dollars;	29 30
(9) For more than thirty thousand but not more than thirty-four thousand pounds, four hundred twenty dollars;	31 32
(10) For more than thirty-four thousand but not more than thirty-eight thousand pounds, four hundred eighty dollars;	33 34
(11) For more than thirty-eight thousand but not more than forty-two thousand pounds, five hundred forty dollars;	35 36
(12) For more than forty-two thousand but not more than forty-six thousand pounds, six hundred dollars;	37 38
(13) For more than forty-six thousand but not more than fifty thousand pounds, six hundred sixty dollars;	39 40
(14) For more than fifty thousand but not more than fifty-four thousand pounds, seven hundred twenty-five dollars;	41 42

(15) For more than fifty-four thousand but not more than	43
fifty-eight thousand pounds, seven hundred eighty-five dollars;	44
(16) For more than fifty-eight thousand but not more than	45
sixty-two thousand pounds, eight hundred fifty-five dollars;	46
(17) For more than sixty-two thousand but not more than	47
sixty-six thousand pounds, nine hundred twenty-five dollars;	48
(18) For more than sixty-six thousand but not more than	49
seventy thousand pounds, nine hundred ninety-five dollars;	50
(19) For more than seventy thousand but not more than	51
seventy-four thousand pounds, one thousand eighty dollars;	52
(20) For more than seventy-four thousand but not more than	53
seventy-eight thousand pounds, one thousand two hundred dollars;	54
(21) For more than seventy-eight thousand pounds, one	55
thousand three hundred forty dollars.	56
(B) The rates of the annual registration taxes imposed by	57
section 4503.02 of the Revised Code, based on gross vehicle	58
weight or combined gross vehicle weight, for buses that are not	59
apportionable are as follows:	60
(1) For not more than two thousand pounds, ten dollars;	61
(2) For more than two thousand but not more than six	62
thousand pounds, forty dollars;	63
(3) For more than six thousand but not more than ten	64
thousand pounds, one hundred dollars;	65
(4) For more than ten thousand but not more than fourteen	66
thousand pounds, one hundred eighty dollars;	67
(5) For more than fourteen thousand but not more than	68
eighteen thousand pounds, two hundred sixty dollars;	69

(6) For more than eighteen thousand but not more than	70
twenty-two thousand pounds, three hundred forty dollars;	71
(7) For more than twenty-two thousand but not more than	72
twenty-six thousand pounds, four hundred twenty dollars;	73
(8) For more than twenty-six thousand but not more than	74
thirty thousand pounds, five hundred dollars;	75
(9) For more than thirty thousand but not more than	76
thirty-four thousand pounds, five hundred eighty dollars;	77
(10) For more than thirty-four thousand but not more than	78
thirty-eight thousand pounds, six hundred sixty dollars;	79
(11) For more than thirty-eight thousand but not more than	80
forty-two thousand pounds, seven hundred forty dollars;	81
(12) For more than forty-two thousand but not more than	82
forty-six thousand pounds, eight hundred twenty dollars;	83
(13) For more than forty-six thousand but not more than	84
fifty thousand pounds, nine hundred forty dollars;	85
(14) For more than fifty thousand but not more than fifty-	86
four thousand pounds, one thousand dollars;	87
(15) For more than fifty-four thousand but not more than	88
fifty-eight thousand pounds, one thousand ninety dollars;	89
(16) For more than fifty-eight thousand but not more than	90
sixty-two thousand pounds, one thousand one hundred eighty	91
dollars;	92
(17) For more than sixty-two thousand but not more than	93
sixty-six thousand pounds, one thousand two hundred seventy	94
dollars;	95
(18) For more than sixty-six thousand but not more than	96

seventy thousand pounds, one thousand three hundred sixty 97
dollars; 98

(19) For more than seventy thousand but not more than 99
seventy-four thousand pounds, one thousand four hundred fifty 100
dollars; 101

(20) For more than seventy-four thousand but not more than 102
seventy-eight thousand pounds, one thousand five hundred forty 103
dollars; 104

(21) For more than seventy-eight thousand pounds, one 105
thousand six hundred thirty dollars. 106

(C) The rate of the tax for each trailer and semitrailer 107
is ~~twenty-five~~ fifty dollars for the first year of registration 108
by an applicant. No applicant is required to pay a tax for a 109
trailer or semitrailer under this division for any year after 110
the first year of registration. 111

(D) If an application for registration renewal is not 112
applied for prior to the expiration date of the registration or 113
within thirty days after that date, the registrar or deputy 114
registrar shall collect a fee of ten dollars for the issuance of 115
the vehicle registration, but may waive the fee for good cause 116
shown if the application is accompanied by supporting evidence 117
as the registrar may require. The fee shall be in addition to 118
all other fees established by this section. A deputy registrar 119
shall retain fifty cents of the fee and shall transmit the 120
remaining amount to the registrar at the time and in the manner 121
provided by section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. The registrar 122
shall deposit all moneys received under this division into the 123
public safety - highway purposes fund established in section 124
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 125

(E) The rates established by this section shall not apply 126
to any of the following: 127

(1) Vehicles equipped, owned, and used by a charitable or 128
nonprofit corporation exclusively for the purpose of 129
administering chest x-rays or receiving blood donations; 130

(2) Vans used principally for the transportation of 131
handicapped persons that have been modified by being equipped 132
with adaptive equipment to facilitate the movement of such 133
persons into and out of the vans; 134

(3) Buses used principally for the transportation of 135
handicapped persons or persons sixty-five years of age or older; 136

(4) Buses used principally for the transportation of 137
persons in a ridesharing arrangement; 138

(5) Transit buses having motor power; 139

(6) Noncommercial trailers, mobile homes, or manufactured 140
homes. 141

Sec. 4503.103. (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may 142
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee, other than a person 143
receiving an apportioned license plate under the international 144
registration plan, who owns or leases one or more motor vehicles 145
to file a written application for registration for no more than 146
five succeeding registration years. The rules adopted by the 147
registrar may designate the classes of motor vehicles that are 148
eligible for such registration. At the time of application, all 149
annual taxes and fees shall be paid for each year for which the 150
person is registering. 151

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit any 152
person or lessee who owns or leases a trailer or semitrailer 153

that is subject to the tax ~~rates~~ rate prescribed in section 154
4503.042 of the Revised Code for such trailers or semitrailers 155
to file a written application for registration for any number of 156
succeeding registration years, including a permanent 157
registration. At the time of application, the applicant shall 158
pay the tax required under section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, 159
unless the applicant previously paid the tax for the trailer or 160
semitrailer being registered, plus all annual ~~taxes and fees~~ 161
~~shall be paid for each year for which the person is registering,~~ 162
~~provided that the annual taxes due, regardless of the number of~~ 163
~~years for which the person is registering, shall not exceed two~~ 164
~~hundred dollars. A person who registers a vehicle under division~~ 165
~~(A) (2) of this section shall pay for each year of registration~~ 166
~~the additional fee established~~ required under division (C) (1) of 167
section 4503.10 of the Revised Code for each year of 168
registration, ~~provided that the additional fee due, regardless~~ 169
~~of the number of years for which the person is registering,~~ 170
~~shall not exceed eighty-eight dollars. However, the applicant~~ 171
shall pay not more than eight times the amount of that annual 172
fee regardless of the number of years for which the applicant is 173
registering. The person also shall pay one single deputy 174
registrar service fee in the amount specified in division (D) of 175
section 4503.10 of the Revised Code or one single bureau of 176
motor vehicles service fee in the amount specified in division 177
(G) of that section, as applicable, regardless of the number of 178
years for which the person is registering. 179

(b) In addition, each person registering a trailer or 180
semitrailer under division (A) (2) (a) of this section shall pay 181
any applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under 182
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code for each year for which the 183
person is registering, provided that not more than eight times 184

any such annual local taxes shall be due upon registration. 185

(c) The period of registration for a trailer or 186
semitrailer registered under division (A)(2)(a) of this section 187
is exclusive to the trailer or semitrailer for which that 188
certificate of registration is issued and is not transferable to 189
any other trailer or semitrailer if the registration is a 190
permanent registration. 191

(3) Except as provided in division (A)(4) of this section, 192
the registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person who owns a 193
motor vehicle to file an application for registration for not 194
more than five succeeding registration years. At the time of 195
application, the person shall pay the annual taxes and fees for 196
each registration year, calculated in accordance with division 197
(C) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. A person who is 198
registering a vehicle under division (A)(3) of this section 199
shall pay for each year of registration the additional fee 200
established under division (C)(1), (3), or (4) of section 201
4503.10 of the Revised Code, as applicable. The person shall 202
also pay the deputy registrar service fee or the bureau of motor 203
vehicles service fee equal to the amount established under 204
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 205

(4) Division (A)(3) of this section does not apply to a 206
person receiving an apportioned license plate under the 207
international registration plan, or the owner of a commercial 208
car used solely in intrastate commerce, or the owner of a bus as 209
defined in section 4513.50 of the Revised Code. 210

(B) No person applying for a multi-year registration under 211
division (A) of this section is entitled to a refund of any 212
taxes or fees paid. 213

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

(D) Upon receipt from the director of environmental
protection of a notice issued under rules adopted under section
3704.14 of the Revised Code indicating that an owner of a motor
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section who
obtained a multi-year registration for the vehicle under
division (A) of this section or rules adopted under that
division has not obtained a required inspection certificate for
the vehicle, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of
the Revised Code shall issue an order to the owner impounding
the certificate of registration and identification license
plates for the vehicle. The order also shall prohibit the owner
from obtaining or renewing a multi-year registration for any
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section, the
district of registration of which is or is located in the same
county as the county named in the order during the number of
years after expiration of the current multi-year registration
that equals the number of years for which the current multi-year
registration was issued.

An order issued under this division shall require the
owner to surrender to the registrar the certificate of
registration and license plates for the vehicle named in the
order within five days after its issuance. If the owner fails to
do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to

the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover 245
the certificate of registration and license plates for the 246
vehicle. 247

(E) Upon the occurrence of either of the following 248
circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 249
the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order 250
rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (D) 251
of this section impounding the certificate of registration and 252
license plates for the vehicle named in that original order: 253

(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection 254
of a subsequent notice under rules adopted under section 3704.14 255
of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection 256
certificate for the vehicle as required under those rules; 257

(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the 258
required inspection certificate for the vehicle. 259

(F) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate 260
of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant 261
to an order issued under division (D) of this section, upon 262
issuance of a modified order under division (E) of this section, 263
may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two 264
dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the 265
certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle 266
named in the application. 267

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.042 and 4503.103 of 268
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 269