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**A BILL**

To amend section 4503.71 and to enact section 5.292 1  
of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive 2  
Ohio Byways Month" and to incrementally increase 3  
the required contribution for Fraternal Order of 4  
Police license plates. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.71 be amended and section 6  
5.292 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 5.292.** The month of May is designated as "Drive Ohio 8  
Byways Month" because May is the start of tourism season in 9  
Ohio. 10

**Sec. 4503.71.** (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger 11  
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 12  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles 13

who also is a member in good standing of the fraternal order of 14  
police may apply to the registrar for the registration of the 15  
vehicle and issuance of fraternal order of police license 16  
plates. The application for fraternal order of police license 17  
plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved 18  
license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised 19  
Code. Upon receipt of the completed application, presentation by 20  
the applicant of the required evidence that the applicant is a 21  
member in good standing of the fraternal order of police, and 22  
compliance by the applicant with this section, the registrar 23  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 24  
registration and a set of fraternal order of police license 25  
plates with a validation sticker or a validation sticker alone 26  
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 27

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 28  
inscribed thereon, fraternal order of police license plates 29  
shall be inscribed with identifying words and a symbol or logo 30  
designed by the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, 31  
and approved by the registrar. Fraternal order of police license 32  
plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify 33  
the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of 34  
the Revised Code. 35

Fraternal order of police license plates and validation 36  
stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular license fee 37  
required by section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, payment of any 38  
local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of 39  
the Revised Code, payment of a fee of ten dollars, and 40  
compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the 41  
registration of motor vehicles. If the application for fraternal 42  
order of police license plates is combined with a request for a 43  
special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 44

of the Revised Code, the license plates and validation sticker 45  
shall be issued upon payment of the fees and taxes contained in 46  
this section and the additional fee prescribed under section 47  
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. The fee of ten dollars 48  
shall be for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor 49  
vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of 50  
fraternal order of police license plates, and shall be 51  
transmitted by the registrar to the treasurer of state for 52  
deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the public 53  
safety - highway purposes fund created by section 4501.06 of the 54  
Revised Code. 55

(B) ~~For~~ Beginning on the effective date of this amendment 56  
until two years after that date, for each application for 57  
registration and registration renewal the registrar receives 58  
under this section, the registrar shall collect an additional 59  
fee of ~~two~~ five dollars. Beginning two years after the effective 60  
date of this amendment, for each application for registration 61  
and registration renewal the registrar receives under this 62  
section, the registrar shall collect an additional fee of eight 63  
dollars. The registrar shall transmit this additional fee to the 64  
treasurer of state for deposit in the license plate contribution 65  
fund created in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 66

**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.71 of the Revised 67  
Code is hereby repealed. 68