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A BILL

To amend sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of the
Revised Code to redefine "hybrid motor vehicle"
under the motor vehicle law for purposes of the
additional registration fee applicable to those
vehicles and to delay the effect of those
changes until January 1, 2024.

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

Section 1. That sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of the
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4501.01. As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503.,
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of
the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise
provided:

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners,
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric
personal assistive mobility devices, low-speed micromobility
devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively on rails or
tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and vehicles
that belong to any police department, municipal fire department,
or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such a

department in the discharge of its functions. 20

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 21
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 22
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 23
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 24
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 25
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 26
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 27
motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction 28
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 29
in construction work and not designed for or employed in general 30
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 31
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 32
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 33
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 34
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 35
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 36

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 37
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 38
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 39
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 40
used principally for agricultural purposes. 41

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 42
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 43
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 44
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 45
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 46
its load, or both. 47

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 48
designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 49

includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 50
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 51
arrangement. 52

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 53
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 54
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 55
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 56
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 57
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 58
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 59
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 60
agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 61
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 62
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 63
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 64
provisions in the laws of other states. 65

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 66
that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a 67
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 68
exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 69
event is used for general transportation. 70

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 71
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 72
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 73
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 74
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 75

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 76
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 77
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 78
not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 79

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 80
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 81
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 82

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 83
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 84
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 85
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 86
fourteen inches in diameter. 87

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 88
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 89
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 90
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 91
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 92
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 93
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 94
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 95
bicycle. 96

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 97
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 98
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 99
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 100
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 101
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 102
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 103
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 104
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 105
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 106
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 107
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 108
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 109

more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 110
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 111
travel trailer. 112

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 113
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 114
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 115
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 116
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 117
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 118
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 119
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 120
personal or recreational purposes. 121

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 122
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 123
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 124
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 125
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 126
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 127
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 128
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 129
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 130

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 131
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 132
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 133
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 134
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 135
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 136
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 137
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 138
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 139

semitrailer into a trailer. 140

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 141
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 142

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 143
travel. 144

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 145
for profit. 146

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in 147
intrastate commerce. 148

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined 149
in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 150

(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission 151
pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code. 152

(6) It is classed as one of the following: 153

(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself- 154
propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall 155
length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or 156
coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping 157
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 158

(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational 159
vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with 160
permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and 161
consuming of food, and for sleeping. 162

(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational 163
vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed 164
to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck 165
camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and 166

a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to 167
be used as a dwelling. 168

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 169
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 170
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 171
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 172
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 173
installed in the bed of a truck. 174

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 175
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 176
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 177
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 178
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 179
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 180
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 181
appliances. 182

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 183
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 184

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 185
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 186
the load. 187

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 188
equipped with two or more solid tires. 189

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 190
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, 191
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural 192
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 193
place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 194
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 195

hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 196
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 197

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 198
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 199
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 200
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 201

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 202
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 203
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 204
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 205
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 206
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 207
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 208
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 209
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 210
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 211
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 212
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 213
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 214
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 215
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 216
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 217
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 218
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 219
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 220
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 221
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 222
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 223
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 224
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 225
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or 226

dealing in motor vehicles. 227

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates 228
a motor vehicle upon the public highways. 229

(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor 230
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any 231
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than 232
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, 233
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by 234
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily 235
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an 236
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, 237
compensation, or profit. 238

(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts 239
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada. 240

(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all 241
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts. 242

(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's 243
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the 244
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle. 245

(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original 246
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor 247
of the vehicle. 248

(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a 249
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to 250
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of 251
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of 252
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle 253
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle 254
dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the 255

location of the distributor's licensed dealership. 256

(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 257
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is 258
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 259
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 260
buspools. 261

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is 262
used or intended for use in two or more international 263
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or 264
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the 265
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 266
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and 267
that meets any of the following qualifications: 268

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in 269
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; 270

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless 271
of the gross vehicle weight; 272

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 273
in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 274

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 275
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up 276
and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the 277
United States, this state, or any political subdivisions 278
thereof. 279

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who 280
contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger- 281
carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in 282
accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 283
United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 284

group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 285
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 286
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 287

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 288
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 289
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 290
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 291
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 292
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 293
member jurisdictions. 294

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 295
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 296
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 297
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 298

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 299
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 300
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 301
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 302
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 303
vehicle. 304

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 305
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 306
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 307
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 308
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 309
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 310
vehicles. 311

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 312
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 313

hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation 314
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under 315
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 316
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 317
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 318
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 319
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 320
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 321

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 322
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 323

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 324
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 325
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 326
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 327
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 328
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 329
mobile homes. 330

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 331
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 332
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 333

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 334
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 335
an information system or for transmission from one information 336
system to another. 337

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 338
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 339
electronic record. 340

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 341
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 342

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 343
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 344
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 345
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 346
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 347
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 348

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 349
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 350
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 351
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 352
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 353
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 354
hour. 355

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 356
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 357
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 358
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 359
privilege has been suspended. 360

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 361
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 362
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 363
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 364
handling, or similar activities. 365

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 366
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 367
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 368
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 369
rating less than three thousand pounds. 370

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 371

vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 372
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 373
twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 374
less than three thousand pounds. 375

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 376
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 377
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 378
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 379
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic 380
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 381
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 382
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 383

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 384
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 385
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 386
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 387
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 388

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 389
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 390
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 391
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 392
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 393

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 394
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 395
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 396
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 397
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 398
hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed 399
cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup 400
truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 401

vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 402
motor vehicle safety standards. 403

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 404
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 405
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 406
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 407
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 408

~~(DDD) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a~~ 409
~~passenger car powered in part by a battery cell energy system~~ 410
~~that can be recharged via an external source of electricity.~~ 411

~~(EEE)~~ "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered 412
by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the 413
following: 414

(1) A combustion engine; 415

(2) A battery cell energy system that ~~cannot be~~ is 416
recharged ~~via both by an external source of electricity but can~~ 417
~~be recharged by and~~ other vehicle mechanisms that capture and 418
store electric energy. 419

~~(FFF)~~ (EEE) "Low-speed micromobility device" means a 420
device weighing less than one hundred pounds that has 421
handlebars, is propelled by an electric motor or human power, 422
and has an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more 423
than twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor. 424

~~(GGG)~~ (FFF) "Specialty license plate" means a license 425
plate, authorized by the general assembly, that displays a 426
combination of words, markings, logos, or other graphic artwork 427
that is in addition to the words, images, and distinctive 428
numbers and letters required by section 4503.22 of the Revised 429
Code. 430

~~(HHH)~~ (GGG) "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a 431
passenger car powered wholly by a battery cell energy system 432
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 433

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 434
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 435
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 436
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 437
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 438
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 439
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 440
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 441
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 442
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 443
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 444
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 445
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in section 446
4503.103 of the Revised Code, every owner of every other motor 447
vehicle not previously described in this section and every 448
person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title of a 449
motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public roads 450
or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 451
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 452
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 453
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 454
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 455
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 456
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 457
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 458
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 459
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 460
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 461

Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 462
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 463
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 464
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 465
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 466
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 467
information: 468

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 469
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 470
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 471
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 472
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 473

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 474
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 475

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 476
determined as follows: 477

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 478
hire or principally in connection with any established business 479
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 480
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 481
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 482
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 483
located. 484

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 485
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 486
owner resides at the time of making the application. 487

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 488
vehicle; 489

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 490

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 491
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 492
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 493
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 494
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 495
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 496
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 497
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 498
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 499
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 500
is not required. 501

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 502
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 503
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 504
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 505
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 506
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 507
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 508
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 509

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 510
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 511
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 512
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 513
approve the application for registration. 514

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 515
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 516
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 517
any of the following: 518

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 519
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 520

the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 521

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 522
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 523
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 524

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 525
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 526

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 527
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 528
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 529
the registrar. 530

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 531
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 532
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 533
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 534
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate 535
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. 536

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 537
any of the following applies: 538

(a) The application is not in proper form. 539

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 540
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 541
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of 542
section 4510.22, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or division 543
(B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 544

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 545
confirmed in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section. 546

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 547
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 548

current registration year, have not been paid. 549

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 550
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 551
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 552
is applicable. 553

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 554
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 555
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 556
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 557
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 558
of the Revised Code. 559

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 560
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 561
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 562
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 563
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 564
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 565
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 566
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 567
the motor vehicle, if any. 568

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 569
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 570
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 571
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 572
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 573
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 574
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 575
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 576
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 577
certificate of registration. 578

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 579
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 580
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 581
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 582
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 583
under this division. 584

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 585
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 586
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 587
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 588
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 589
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 590
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 591
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 592
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 593
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 594
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 595
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 596
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 597
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) 598
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 599
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 600
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 601
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 602

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 603
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 604
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 605
identification sticker or each set of county identification 606
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 607
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 608
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 609

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

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

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect
an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application
for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid
motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of
months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The
registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed
by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for

distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 641
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 642
of the Revised Code. 643

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 644
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 645
Code for each application for registration and registration 646
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 647
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 648
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 649
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 650
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 651
notices and the issuing of registrations. 652

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 653
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 654
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 655

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 656
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 657
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 658
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 659
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 660
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 661
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 662
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 663
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 664
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 665
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 666
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 667
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 668
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 669
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 670

other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 671
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 672
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 673
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 674
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 675
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 676
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 677
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 678
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 679
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 680
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 681
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 682
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 683
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 684
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 685
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 686
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 687
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 688

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 689
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 690
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 691
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 692
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 693
Code for each application. 694

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 695
district of registration in an application required by division 696
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 697
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 698
specified in that section. 699

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 700

of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 701
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 702
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 703
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 704
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 705
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 706
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 707
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 708
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 709
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 710
Code. 711

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 712
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 713
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 714
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 715
receives information about the requirements established in that 716
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 717
present an inspection certificate with an application for 718
registration or preregistration. 719

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 720
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 721
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 722
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 723
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 724
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 725
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 726
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 727
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 728
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 729
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 730
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 731

the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 732
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 733
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 734
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 735
registration. 736

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 737
for registration under the international registration plan, as 738
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 739
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 740
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 741
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 742
forms shall include the following: 743

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 744

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 745
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 746
the registrant; 747

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 748

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 749
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 750
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 751
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 752
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 753
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 754
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 755
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 756
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 757

If international registration plan guidelines and 758
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 759
registrations under the international registration plan to be 760

made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 761
division shall permit such action. 762

Section 2. That existing sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of 763
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 764

Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect on 765
January 1, 2024. 766

Section 4. Section 4503.10 of the Revised Code is 767
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 768
by H.B. 21, H.B. 74 and S.B. 162, all of the 134th General 769
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 770
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 771
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 772
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 773
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 774
as presented in this act. 775