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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4503.10, 4503.11, 4503.191, and 1  
4503.29 of the Revised Code to authorize a 2  
permanent motor vehicle registration option with 3  
a waiver of specified fees and taxes for retired 4  
military veterans under the Military License 5  
Plate Program. 6

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4503.10, 4503.11, 4503.191, and 7  
4503.29 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

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

jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 20  
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in ~~section~~ 21  
sections 4503.103 and 4503.29 of the Revised Code, every owner 22  
of every other motor vehicle not previously described in this 23  
section and every person mentioned as owner in the last 24  
certificate of title of a motor vehicle that is operated or 25  
driven upon the public roads or highways shall cause to be filed 26  
each year, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the registrar 27  
of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar, a written or electronic 28  
application or a preprinted registration renewal notice issued 29  
under section 4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which 30  
shall be prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the 31  
following registration year, which shall begin on the first day 32  
of January of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first 33  
day of December in the same year. Applications for registration 34  
and registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 35  
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 36  
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 37  
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 38  
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 39  
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 40  
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 41  
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 42  
information: 43

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 44  
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 45  
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 46  
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 47  
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 48

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 49  
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 50

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 51  
determined as follows: 52

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 53  
hire or principally in connection with any established business 54  
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 55  
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 56  
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 57  
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 58  
located. 59

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 60  
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 61  
owner resides at the time of making the application. 62

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 63  
vehicle; 64

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 65

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 66  
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 67  
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 68  
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 69  
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 70  
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 71  
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 72  
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 73  
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 74  
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 75  
is not required. 76

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 77  
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 78  
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 79

connection with any established business, the owner's federal 80  
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 81  
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 82  
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 83  
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 84

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 85  
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 86  
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 87  
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 88  
approve the application for registration. 89

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 90  
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 91  
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 92  
any of the following: 93

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 94  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 95  
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 96

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 97  
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 98  
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 99

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 100  
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 101

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 102  
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 103  
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 104  
the registrar. 105

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 106  
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 107  
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 108

for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 109  
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate 110  
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. 111

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 112  
any of the following applies: 113

(a) The application is not in proper form. 114

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 115  
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 116  
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of 117  
section 4510.22, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or division 118  
(B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 119

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 120  
confirmed in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section. 121

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 122  
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 123  
current registration year, have not been paid. 124

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 125  
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 126  
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 127  
is applicable. 128

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 129  
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 130  
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 131  
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 132  
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 133  
of the Revised Code. 134

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 135  
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 136

owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 137  
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 138  
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 139  
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 140  
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 141  
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 142  
the motor vehicle, if any. 143

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 144  
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 145  
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 146  
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 147  
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 148  
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 149  
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 150  
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 151  
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 152  
certificate of registration. 153

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 154  
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 155  
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 156  
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 157  
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 158  
under this division. 159

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 160  
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 161  
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 162  
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 163  
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 164  
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 165  
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 166

registration and registration renewal received. No additional 167  
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 168  
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 169  
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 170  
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 171  
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 172  
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C)(1), (3), and (4) 173  
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 174  
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 175  
(C)(1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 176  
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 177

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 178  
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 179  
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 180  
identification sticker or each set of county identification 181  
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 182  
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 183  
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 184  
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 185  
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 186  
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 187  
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 188  
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 189  
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 190  
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 191  
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 192  
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 193  
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 194  
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 195  
Code. 196

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 197

an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application 198  
for registration or registration renewal received for any plug- 199  
in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery electric motor 200  
vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months 201  
for which the plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery 202  
electric motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall 203  
transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) 204  
(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution 205  
in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the 206  
Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the 207  
Revised Code. 208

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 209  
an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application 210  
for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid 211  
motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of 212  
months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The 213  
registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed 214  
by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for 215  
distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 216  
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 217  
of the Revised Code. 218

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 219  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 220  
Code for each application for registration and registration 221  
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 222  
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 223  
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 224  
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 225  
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 226  
notices and the issuing of registrations. 227

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 228  
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 229  
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 230

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 231  
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 232  
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 233  
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 234  
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 235  
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 236  
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 237  
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 238  
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 239  
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 240  
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 241  
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 242  
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 243  
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 244  
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 245  
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 246  
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 247  
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 248  
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 249  
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 250  
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 251  
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 252  
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 253  
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 254  
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 255  
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 256  
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 257  
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 258

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

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 264  
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 265  
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 266  
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 267  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 268  
Code for each application. 269

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 270  
district of registration in an application required by division 271  
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 272  
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 273  
specified in that section. 274

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 275  
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 276  
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 277  
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 278  
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 279  
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 280  
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 281  
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 282  
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 283  
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 284  
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 285  
Code. 286

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 287  
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 288

vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 289  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 290  
receives information about the requirements established in that 291  
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 292  
present an inspection certificate with an application for 293  
registration or preregistration. 294

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 295  
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 296  
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 297  
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 298  
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 299  
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 300  
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 301  
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 302  
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 303  
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 304  
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 305  
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 306  
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 307  
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 308  
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 309  
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 310  
registration. 311

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 312  
for registration under the international registration plan, as 313  
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 314  
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 315  
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 316  
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 317  
forms shall include the following: 318

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 319

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 320  
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 321  
the registrant; 322

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 323

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 324  
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 325  
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 326  
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 327  
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 328  
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 329  
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 330  
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 331  
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 332

If international registration plan guidelines and 333  
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 334  
registrations under the international registration plan to be 335  
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 336  
division shall permit such action. 337

**Sec. 4503.11.** (A) Except as provided by sections 4503.103, 338  
4503.173, 4503.29, 4503.41, 4503.43, and 4503.46 of the Revised 339  
Code, no person who is the owner or chauffeur of a motor vehicle 340  
operated or driven upon the public roads or highways shall fail 341  
to file annually the application for registration or to pay the 342  
tax therefor. 343

(B) Except as provided by sections 4503.12 and 4503.16 of 344  
the Revised Code, the taxes payable on all applications made 345  
under sections 4503.10 and 4503.102 of the Revised Code shall be 346  
the sum of the tax due under division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this 347

section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 348  
section: 349

(1) (a) If the application is made before the second month 350  
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 351  
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 352  
the tax due is the full amount of the tax provided in section 353  
4503.04 of the Revised Code; 354

(b) If the application is made during or after the second 355  
month of the current registration period to which the motor 356  
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 357  
Revised Code, and prior to the beginning of the next such 358  
registration period, the amount of the tax provided in section 359  
4503.04 of the Revised Code shall be reduced by one-twelfth of 360  
the amount of such tax, rounded upward to the nearest cent, 361  
multiplied by the number of full months that have elapsed in the 362  
current registration period. The resulting amount shall be 363  
rounded upward to the next highest dollar and shall be the 364  
amount of tax due. 365

(2) (a) If the application is made before the sixth month 366  
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 367  
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 368  
the amount of tax due is the full amount of local motor vehicle 369  
license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code; 370

(b) If the application is made during or after the sixth 371  
month of the current registration period to which the motor 372  
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 373  
Revised Code and prior to the beginning of the next such 374  
registration period, the amount of tax due is one-half of the 375  
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 376  
4504. of the Revised Code. 377

(C) The taxes payable on all applications made under 378  
division (A) (3) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code shall be 379  
the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 380  
section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 381  
section for the first year plus the full amount of the tax 382  
provided in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and the full 383  
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 384  
4504. of the Revised Code for each succeeding year. 385

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 386  
misdemeanor. 387

**Sec. 4503.191.** (A) (1) The identification license plate 388  
shall be issued for a multi-year period as determined by the 389  
director of public safety, and, except as provided in division 390  
(A) (3) of this section, shall be accompanied by a validation 391  
sticker, to be attached to the license plate. Except as provided 392  
in divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section, the validation 393  
sticker shall indicate the expiration of the registration period 394  
to which the motor vehicle for which the license plate is issued 395  
is assigned, in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar 396  
of motor vehicles. During each succeeding year of the multi-year 397  
period following the issuance of the plate and validation 398  
sticker, upon the filing of an application for registration and 399  
the payment of the tax therefor, a validation sticker alone 400  
shall be issued. The validation stickers required under this 401  
section shall be of different colors or shades each year, the 402  
new colors or shades to be selected by the director. 403

(2) (a) The director shall develop a universal validation 404  
sticker that may be issued to any owner of five hundred or more 405  
passenger vehicles, so that a sticker issued to the owner may be 406  
placed on any passenger vehicle in that owner's fleet. Beginning 407

January 1, 2019, the universal validation sticker shall not have 408  
an expiration date on it and shall not need replaced at the time 409  
of registration, except in the event of the loss, mutilation, or 410  
destruction of the validation sticker. The director may 411  
establish and charge an additional fee of not more than one 412  
dollar per registration to compensate for necessary costs of the 413  
universal validation sticker program. The additional fee shall 414  
be credited to the public safety - highway purposes fund created 415  
in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The director shall 416  
select the color or shade of the universal validation sticker. 417

(b) A validation sticker issued for an all-purpose vehicle 418  
that is registered under Chapter 4519. of the Revised Code, or 419  
for a vehicle that is permanently registered under division (D) 420  
(2) (c) of section 4503.29 of the Revised Code, or for a trailer 421  
or semitrailer that is permanently registered under division (A) 422  
(2) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or is registered for 423  
any number of succeeding registration years may indicate the 424  
expiration of the registration period, if any, by any manner 425  
determined by the registrar ~~by rule~~. 426

(3) No validation sticker shall be issued, and a 427  
validation sticker is not required for display, on the license 428  
plate of a nonapportioned commercial tractor or any apportioned 429  
motor vehicle. 430

(B) Identification license plates shall be produced by 431  
Ohio penal industries. Validation stickers and county 432  
identification stickers shall be produced by Ohio penal 433  
industries unless the registrar adopts rules expressly 434  
permitting the registrar or deputy registrars to provide for the 435  
printing or production of the stickers. 436

**Sec. 4503.29.** (A) The director of veterans services in 437

conjunction with the registrar of motor vehicles shall develop 438  
and maintain a program to establish and issue specialty license 439  
plates recognizing military service and military honors 440  
pertaining to valor and service. 441

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt 442  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for 443  
purposes of establishing the program under this section. ~~The~~ 444  
~~director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible~~ 445  
~~after June 29, 2018, but not later than nine months after June~~ 446  
~~29, 2018.~~ The rules shall do all of the following: 447

(1) Establish specialty license plates recognizing 448  
military service; 449

(2) Establish specialty license plates recognizing 450  
military honors pertaining to valor and service; 451

(3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each 452  
specialty license plate issued under this section; 453

(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary 454  
documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant 455  
for a specialty license plate issued under this section; 456

(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and 457  
inscriptions on a specialty license plate established under this 458  
section; 459

(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, 460  
markings, or inscriptions on a specialty license plate 461  
established under this section; 462

(7) Prohibit specialty license plates established under 463  
this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards; 464

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that 465

are necessary for the implementation and administration of this 466  
section. 467

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 468  
shall provide for the establishment of the military specialty 469  
license plates created prior to June 29, 2018, that are no 470  
longer codified in the Revised Code. 471

(D) (1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications 472  
for the issuance of a specialty license plate established by 473  
rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the 474  
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 475  
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 476  
vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class 477  
approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with 478  
a request for a special reserved license plate under section 479  
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 480

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (D) (2) (b) or (c) of 481  
this section, upon receipt of an application for registration of 482  
a motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and 483  
fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the 484  
registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon 485  
presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar 486  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 487  
registration and a set of license plates and a validation 488  
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 489  
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 490

(b) Any disabled veteran who qualifies to apply to the 491  
registrar for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 492  
4503.41 of the Revised Code without the payment of any 493  
registration taxes or fees, may apply instead for registration 494  
of the motor vehicle under this section. The disabled veteran 495

applying for registration under this section is not required to 496  
pay any registration taxes or fees as required by sections 497  
4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the 498  
Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 499  
4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under section 500  
4503.19 of the Revised Code for up to two motor vehicles, 501  
including any motor vehicle registered under section 4503.41 of 502  
the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an application for 503  
registration of the motor vehicle and presentation of any 504  
documentation the registrar may require by rule, the registrar 505  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 506  
registration and a set of license plates authorized under this 507  
section and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 508  
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 509

(c) Any retired military veteran applying for registration 510  
under this section may apply for a permanent registration under 511  
this division. The retired military veteran shall pay the 512  
registration taxes or fees required by sections 4503.038, 513  
4503.04, 4503.10, and 4503.102 of the Revised Code, any local 514  
motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 515  
Code, and any fee charged under section 4503.19 of the Revised 516  
Code equal to one year of registration. Any retired military 517  
veteran is not required to pay the taxes and fees for any 518  
subsequent year of registration for that motor vehicle, unless 519  
the ownership of the motor vehicle is transferred. Upon receipt 520  
of an application for registration of the motor vehicle and 521  
presentation of any documentation the registrar may require, the 522  
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate permanent 523  
motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates 524  
authorized under this section and, if required by section 525  
4503.191 of the Revised Code, a validation sticker. 526

As used in this division, "retired military veteran" means 527  
an individual who is eligible for retired pay as a member of the 528  
armed forces or the uniformed services under Title 10 of the 529  
United States Code. 530

(3) The license plates shall display county identification 531  
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 532  
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 533

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4503.10, 4503.11, 534  
4503.191, and 4503.29 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 535

**Section 3.** Section 4503.10 of the Revised Code is 536  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 537  
by H.B. 21, H.B. 74, and S.B. 162, all of the 134th General 538  
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 539  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 540  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 541  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 542  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 543  
as presented in this act. 544