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A BILL

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

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

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

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 8
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 9
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 10
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 11
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 12
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 13
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 14
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 15
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 16
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 17
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 18
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 19
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in ~~section~~ 20

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

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

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

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 50

determined as follows: 51

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

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

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

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

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

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 76
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 77
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 78
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 79

taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 80
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 81
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 82
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 83

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 84
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 85
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 86
any of the following: 87

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 88
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 89
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 90

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 91
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 92
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 93

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 94
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 95

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 96
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 97
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 98
the registrar. 99

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 100
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 101
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 102
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 103
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate 104
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. 105

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 106
any of the following applies: 107

(a) The application is not in proper form.	108
(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by	109
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section	110
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of	111
section 4510.22, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 of the	112
Revised Code.	113
(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or	114
confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section.	115
(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor	116
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the	117
current registration year, have not been paid.	118
(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection	119
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14	120
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section	121
is applicable.	122
(4) This section does not require the payment of license	123
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year,	124
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was	125
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections	126
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504.	127
of the Revised Code.	128
(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the	129
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the	130
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the	131
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum	132
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of	133
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic	134
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the	135
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for	136

the motor vehicle, if any. 137

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 138
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 139
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 140
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 141
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 142
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 143
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 144
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 145
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 146
certificate of registration. 147

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 148
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 149
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 150
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 151
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 152
under this division. 153

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

transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) 167
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 168
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 169
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 170
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 171

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 172
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 173
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 174
identification sticker or each set of county identification 175
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 176
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 177
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 178
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 179
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 180
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 181
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 182
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 183
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 184
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 185
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 186
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 187
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 188
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 189
Code. 190

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 191
an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application 192
for registration or registration renewal received for any plug- 193
in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery electric motor 194
vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months 195
for which the plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery 196
electric motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall 197

transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) 198
(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution 199
in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the 200
Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the 201
Revised Code. 202

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 203
an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application 204
for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid 205
motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of 206
months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The 207
registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed 208
by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for 209
distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 210
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 211
of the Revised Code. 212

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 213
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 214
Code for each application for registration and registration 215
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 216
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 217
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 218
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 219
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 220
notices and the issuing of registrations. 221

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 222
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 223
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 224

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 225
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 226
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 227

pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 228
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 229
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 230
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 231
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 232
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 233
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 234
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 235
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 236
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 237
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 238
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 239
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 240
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 241
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 242
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 243
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 244
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 245
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 246
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 247
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 248
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 249
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 250
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 251
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 252
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 253
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 254
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 255
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 256
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 257

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 258

an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 259
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 260
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 261
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 262
Code for each application. 263

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 264
district of registration in an application required by division 265
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 266
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 267
specified in that section. 268

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 269
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 270
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 271
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 272
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 273
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 274
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 275
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 276
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 277
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 278
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 279
Code. 280

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 281
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 282
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 283
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 284
receives information about the requirements established in that 285
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 286
present an inspection certificate with an application for 287
registration or preregistration. 288

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

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

- (1) A uniform mileage schedule;
- (2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by
the registrant;
- (3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule.

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 318
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 319
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 320
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 321
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 322
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 323
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 324
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 325
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 326

If international registration plan guidelines and 327
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 328
registrations under the international registration plan to be 329
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 330
division shall permit such action. 331

Sec. 4503.103. (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may 332
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee, other than a person 333
receiving an apportioned license plate under the international 334
registration plan, who owns or leases one or more motor vehicles 335
to file a written application for registration for no more than 336
five succeeding registration years. The rules adopted by the 337
registrar may designate the classes of motor vehicles that are 338
eligible for such registration. At the time of application, all 339
annual taxes and fees shall be paid for each year for which the 340
person is registering. 341

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit any 342
person or lessee who owns or leases a trailer or semitrailer 343
that is subject to the tax rate prescribed in either division 344
(C) (1) or, beginning January 1, 2022, (C) (2) of section 4503.042 345
of the Revised Code to file a written application for 346
registration for any number of succeeding registration years, 347

including a permanent registration, for such trailers or 348
semitrailers. 349

At the time of application, the applicant shall pay all of 350
the following: 351

(i) As applicable, either the annual tax prescribed in 352
division (C) (1) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code for each 353
year for which the applicant is registering or the annual tax 354
prescribed in division (C) (2) of section 4503.042 of the Revised 355
Code, unless the applicant previously paid the tax specified in 356
division (C) (2) of that section for the trailer or semitrailer 357
being registered. However, an applicant paying the annual tax 358
under division (C) (1) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code 359
shall not pay more than eight times the annual taxes due, 360
regardless of the number of years for which the applicant is 361
registering. 362

(ii) The additional fee established under division (C) (1) 363
of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code for each year of 364
registration, provided that not more than eight times the 365
additional fee due shall be paid, regardless of the number of 366
years for which the applicant is registering. 367

(iii) One single deputy registrar service fee in the 368
amount specified in division (D) of section 4503.10 of the 369
Revised Code or one single bureau of motor vehicles service fee 370
in the amount specified in division (G) of that section, as 371
applicable, regardless of the number of years for which the 372
applicant is registering. 373

(b) In addition, each applicant registering a trailer or 374
semitrailer under division (A) (2) (a) of this section shall pay 375
any applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under 376

Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code for each year for which the 377
applicant is registering, provided that not more than eight 378
times any such annual local taxes shall be due upon 379
registration. 380

(c) The period of registration for a trailer or 381
semitrailer registered under division (A) (2) (a) of this section 382
is exclusive to the trailer or semitrailer for which that 383
certificate of registration is issued and is not transferable to 384
any other trailer or semitrailer if the registration is a 385
permanent registration. 386

(3) Except as provided in division (A) (4) of this section, 387
the registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person who owns a 388
motor vehicle to file an application for registration for not 389
more than five succeeding registration years. At the time of 390
application, the person shall pay the annual taxes and fees for 391
each registration year, calculated in accordance with division 392
(C) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. A person who is 393
registering a vehicle under division (A) (3) of this section 394
shall pay for each year of registration the additional fee 395
established under division (C) (1), (3), or (4) of section 396
4503.10 of the Revised Code, as applicable. The person shall 397
also pay the deputy registrar service fee or the bureau of motor 398
vehicles service fee equal to the amount established under 399
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 400

(4) Division (A) (3) of this section does not apply to a 401
person receiving an apportioned license plate under the 402
international registration plan, or the owner of a commercial 403
car used solely in intrastate commerce, or the owner of a bus as 404
defined in section 4513.50 of the Revised Code. 405

(5) A person registering a noncommercial trailer 406

permanently shall register the trailer under section 4503.107 of 407
the Revised Code. 408

(B) No person applying for a multi-year registration under 409
division (A) of this section is entitled to a refund of any 410
taxes or fees paid. 411

(C) The registrar shall not issue to any applicant who has 412
been issued a final, nonappealable order under division (D) of 413
this section a multi-year registration or renewal thereof under 414
this division or rules adopted under it for any motor vehicle 415
that is required to be inspected under section 3704.14 of the 416
Revised Code the district of registration of which, as 417
determined under section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, is or is 418
located in the county named in the order. 419

(D) Upon receipt from the director of environmental 420
protection of a notice issued under rules adopted under section 421
3704.14 of the Revised Code indicating that an owner of a motor 422
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section who 423
obtained a multi-year registration for the vehicle under 424
division (A) of this section or rules adopted under that 425
division has not obtained a required inspection certificate for 426
the vehicle, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 427
the Revised Code shall issue an order to the owner impounding 428
the certificate of registration and identification license 429
plates for the vehicle. The order also shall prohibit the owner 430
from obtaining or renewing a multi-year registration for any 431
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section, the 432
district of registration of which is or is located in the same 433
county as the county named in the order during the number of 434
years after expiration of the current multi-year registration 435
that equals the number of years for which the current multi-year 436

registration was issued. 437

An order issued under this division shall require the 438
owner to surrender to the registrar the certificate of 439
registration and license plates for the vehicle named in the 440
order within five days after its issuance. If the owner fails to 441
do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to 442
the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover 443
the certificate of registration and license plates for the 444
vehicle. 445

(E) Upon the occurrence of either of the following 446
circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 447
the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order 448
rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (D) 449
of this section impounding the certificate of registration and 450
license plates for the vehicle named in that original order: 451

(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection 452
of a subsequent notice under rules adopted under section 3704.14 453
of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection 454
certificate for the vehicle as required under those rules; 455

(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the 456
required inspection certificate for the vehicle. 457

(F) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate 458
of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant 459
to an order issued under division (D) of this section, upon 460
issuance of a modified order under division (E) of this section, 461
may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two 462
dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the 463
certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle 464
named in the application. 465

Sec. 4503.107. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 466
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee who owns or leases a 467
noncommercial trailer that is subject to the tax rates 468
prescribed in division (E) of section 4503.04 of the Revised 469
Code to file a written application for permanent registration of 470
that noncommercial trailer. 471

(B) (1) At the time of application, the applicant shall pay 472
all of the following: 473

(a) The equivalent of eight times the standard tax 474
established for that noncommercial trailer by division (E) of 475
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code; 476

(b) The equivalent of eight times the additional fee 477
established by division (C) (1) of section 4503.10 of the Revised 478
Code; 479

(c) A single deputy registrar service fee or a single 480
bureau of motor vehicles service fee, as applicable, equal to 481
the amount established by section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 482

(2) In addition to any other prescribed tax or fee, if the 483
noncommercial trailer registered under this section is subject 484
to local motor vehicle taxes under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 485
Code, the applicant shall pay the equivalent of eight times any 486
applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under that 487
chapter for that noncommercial trailer. 488

(C) Upon submission of a completed application, payment of 489
all applicable taxes and fees, and compliance with all other 490
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles, 491
the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue the applicant a 492
permanent license plate and a validation sticker. 493

(D) The permanent registration of a noncommercial trailer 494

under this section is exclusive to the trailer for which that 495
certificate of registration is issued. The registration is not 496
transferable to any other trailer. 497

(E) No person applying for a permanent registration under 498
this section is entitled to a refund of any taxes or fees paid. 499

Sec. 4503.11. (A) Except as provided by sections 4503.103, 500
4503.107, 4503.173, 4503.41, 4503.43, and 4503.46 of the Revised 501
Code, no person who is the owner or chauffeur of a motor vehicle 502
operated or driven upon the public roads or highways shall fail 503
to file annually the application for registration or to pay the 504
tax therefor. 505

(B) Except as provided by sections 4503.12 and 4503.16 of 506
the Revised Code, the taxes payable on all applications made 507
under sections 4503.10 and 4503.102 of the Revised Code shall be 508
the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 509
section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 510
section: 511

(1) (a) If the application is made before the second month 512
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 513
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 514
the tax due is the full amount of the tax provided in section 515
4503.04 of the Revised Code; 516

(b) If the application is made during or after the second 517
month of the current registration period to which the motor 518
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 519
Revised Code, and prior to the beginning of the next such 520
registration period, the amount of the tax provided in section 521
4503.04 of the Revised Code shall be reduced by one-twelfth of 522
the amount of such tax, rounded upward to the nearest cent, 523

multiplied by the number of full months that have elapsed in the 524
current registration period. The resulting amount shall be 525
rounded upward to the next highest dollar and shall be the 526
amount of tax due. 527

(2) (a) If the application is made before the sixth month 528
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 529
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 530
the amount of tax due is the full amount of local motor vehicle 531
license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code; 532

(b) If the application is made during or after the sixth 533
month of the current registration period to which the motor 534
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 535
Revised Code and prior to the beginning of the next such 536
registration period, the amount of tax due is one-half of the 537
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 538
4504. of the Revised Code. 539

(C) The taxes payable on all applications made under 540
division (A) (3) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code shall be 541
the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 542
section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 543
section for the first year plus the full amount of the tax 544
provided in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and the full 545
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 546
4504. of the Revised Code for each succeeding year. 547

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 548
misdemeanor. 549

Sec. 4503.191. (A) (1) The identification license plate 550
shall be issued for a multi-year period as determined by the 551
director of public safety, and, except as provided in division 552

(A) (3) of this section, shall be accompanied by a validation 553
sticker, to be attached to the license plate. Except as provided 554
in divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section, the validation 555
sticker shall indicate the expiration of the registration period 556
to which the motor vehicle for which the license plate is issued 557
is assigned, in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar 558
of motor vehicles. During each succeeding year of the multi-year 559
period following the issuance of the plate and validation 560
sticker, upon the filing of an application for registration and 561
the payment of the tax therefor, a validation sticker alone 562
shall be issued. The validation stickers required under this 563
section shall be of different colors or shades each year, the 564
new colors or shades to be selected by the director. 565

(2) (a) The director shall develop a universal validation 566
sticker that may be issued to any owner of five hundred or more 567
passenger vehicles, so that a sticker issued to the owner may be 568
placed on any passenger vehicle in that owner's fleet. Beginning 569
January 1, 2019, the universal validation sticker shall not have 570
an expiration date on it and shall not need replaced at the time 571
of registration, except in the event of the loss, mutilation, or 572
destruction of the validation sticker. The director may 573
establish and charge an additional fee of not more than one 574
dollar per registration to compensate for necessary costs of the 575
universal validation sticker program. The additional fee shall 576
be credited to the public safety - highway purposes fund created 577
in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The director shall 578
select the color or shade of the universal validation sticker. 579

(b) A validation sticker issued for an all-purpose vehicle 580
that is registered under Chapter 4519. of the Revised Code, for 581
a noncommercial trailer that is permanently registered under 582
section 4503.107 of the Revised Code, or for a trailer or 583

semitrailer that is permanently registered under division (A) (2) 584
of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or is registered for any 585
number of succeeding registration years may indicate the 586
expiration of the registration period, if any, by any manner 587
determined by the registrar by rule. 588

(3) No validation sticker shall be issued, and a 589
validation sticker is not required for display, on the license 590
plate of a nonapportioned commercial tractor or any apportioned 591
motor vehicle. 592

(B) Identification license plates shall be produced by 593
Ohio penal industries. Validation stickers and county 594
identification stickers shall be produced by Ohio penal 595
industries unless the registrar adopts rules expressly 596
permitting the registrar or deputy registrars to provide for the 597
printing or production of the stickers. 598

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.10, 4503.103, 599
4503.11, and 4503.191 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 600