

S.B. 170
As Re-Referred by the House
Rules and Reference
Committee

Topic: Universal validation sticker

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, after "To" insert "amend sections 1
4503.19, 4503.191, and 4503.83 of the Revised Code to require the 2
universal validation sticker available to owners of passenger 3
vehicle fleets to be issued without an expiration date beginning 4
January 1, 2019, and to" 5

In line 8, after "1." insert "That sections 4503.19, 6
4503.191, and 4503.83 of the Revised Code be amended to read as 7
follows: 8

"**Sec. 4503.19.** (A)(1) Upon the filing of an application for 9
registration and the payment of the tax for registration, the 10
registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall determine 11
whether the owner previously has been issued license plates for 12
the motor vehicle described in the application. If no license 13
plates previously have been issued to the owner for that motor 14
vehicle, the registrar or deputy registrar shall assign to the 15
motor vehicle a distinctive number and issue and deliver to the 16
owner in the manner that the registrar may select a certificate of 17
registration, in the form that the registrar shall prescribe. The 18

registrar or deputy registrar also shall charge the owner any fees 19
 required under division (C) of section 4503.10 of the Revised 20
 Code. 21

(2) The registrar or deputy registrar then shall deliver the 22
 following: 23

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 24
division (A)(2) of section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, two 25
 license plates, duplicates of each other, and a validation 26
 sticker, or a validation sticker alone, to be attached to the 27
 number plates as provided in section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 28

(b) For trailers, manufactured homes, mobile homes, and 29
 semitrailers, one license plate only and one validation sticker, 30
 or a validation sticker alone. The manufacturer thereof, the 31
 dealer, or in transit companies therein, shall display the license 32
 plate and validation sticker only on the rear of such vehicles. 33

(c) For a commercial tractor that does not receive an 34
 apportioned license plate under the international registration 35
 plan, two license plates and one validation sticker. The 36
 validation sticker shall be displayed on the front of the 37
 commercial tractor. 38

(d) For an apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned 39
 license plate under the international registration plan, one 40
 license plate only and one validation sticker, or a validation 41
 sticker alone. The license plate shall be displayed only on the 42
 front of a semitractor and on the rear of all other vehicles. 43

(e) For a chauffeured limousine, two license plates and 44
 validation stickers, or validation stickers alone, and a livery 45
 sticker as provided in section 4503.24 of the Revised Code. 46

(3) The registrar or deputy registrar shall not issue license 47

plates for a school bus. A school bus shall bear identifying 48
 numbers in the manner prescribed by section 4511.764 of the 49
 Revised Code. 50

(4) The certificate of registration and license plates and 51
 validation stickers, or validation stickers alone, shall be issued 52
 and delivered to the owner in person or by mail. 53

(5) In the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of 54
 any certificate of registration, or of any license plates or 55
 validation stickers, or if the owner chooses to replace license 56
 plates previously issued for a motor vehicle, or if the 57
 registration certificate and license plates have been impounded as 58
 provided by division (B)(1) of section 4507.02 and section 4507.16 59
 of the Revised Code, the owner of a motor vehicle, or manufacturer 60
 or dealer, may obtain from the registrar, or from a deputy 61
 registrar if authorized by the registrar, a duplicate thereof or 62
 new license plates bearing a different number, if the registrar 63
 considers it advisable, upon filing an application prescribed by 64
 the registrar, and upon paying a fee of one dollar for such 65
 certificate of registration. The registrar shall deposit the one 66
 dollar fee into the state treasury to the credit of the public 67
 safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the 68
 Revised Code. The registrar or deputy registrar shall charge a fee 69
 of seven dollars and fifty cents for each set of two license 70
 plates or six dollars and fifty cents for each single license 71
 plate or validation sticker issued, which the registrar shall 72
 deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the public safety 73
 - highway purposes fund. 74

(6) Each applicant for a replacement certificate of 75
 registration, license plate, or validation sticker also shall pay 76
 the fees provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 4503.10 of 77

the Revised Code and any applicable fee under section 4503.192 of 78
the Revised Code. 79

Additionally, the registrar and each deputy registrar who 80
either issues license plates and a validation sticker for use on 81
any vehicle other than a commercial tractor, semitrailer, or 82
apportioned vehicle, or who issues a validation sticker alone for 83
use on such a vehicle and the owner has changed the owner's county 84
of residence since the owner last was issued county identification 85
stickers, also shall issue and deliver to the owner either one or 86
two county identification stickers, as appropriate, which shall be 87
attached to the license plates in a manner prescribed by the 88
director of public safety. The county identification stickers 89
shall identify prominently by name the county in which the owner 90
of the vehicle resides at the time of registration, except that 91
the county identification sticker for a nonstandard license plate, 92
as defined in section 4503.77 of the Revised Code, shall identify 93
prominently by name or number the county in which the owner of the 94
vehicle resides at the time of registration. 95

(B) A certificate of registration issued under this section 96
shall have a portion that contains all the information contained 97
in the main portion of the certificate except for the address of 98
the person to whom the certificate is issued. Except as provided 99
in this division, whenever a reference is made in the Revised Code 100
to a motor vehicle certificate of registration that is issued 101
under this section, the reference shall be deemed to refer to 102
either the main portion of the certificate or the portion 103
containing all information in the main portion except the address 104
of the person to whom the certificate is issued. If a reference is 105
made in the Revised Code to the seizure or surrender of a motor 106
vehicle certificate of registration that is issued under this 107
section, the reference shall be deemed to refer to both the main 108

portion of the certificate and the portion containing all 109
 information in the main portion except the address of the person 110
 to whom the certificate is issued. 111

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 112
 misdemeanor. 113

Sec. 4503.191. (A)(1) The identification license plate shall 114
 be issued for a multi-year period as determined by the director of 115
 public safety, and shall be accompanied by a validation sticker, 116
 to be attached to the license plate. Except as provided in 117
 division (A)(2) of this section, the validation sticker shall 118
 indicate the expiration of the registration period to which the 119
 motor vehicle for which the license plate is issued is assigned, 120
 in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar of motor 121
 vehicles. During each succeeding year of the multi-year period 122
 following the issuance of the plate and validation sticker, upon 123
 the filing of an application for registration and the payment of 124
 the tax therefor, a validation sticker alone shall be issued. The 125
 validation stickers required under this section shall be of 126
 different colors or shades each year, the new colors or shades to 127
 be selected by the director. 128

(2)(a) The director shall develop a universal validation 129
 sticker that may be issued to any owner of ~~two hundred fifty~~ five 130
hundred or more passenger vehicles, so that a sticker issued to 131
 the owner may be placed on any passenger vehicle in that owner's 132
 fleet. Beginning January 1, 2019, the universal validation sticker 133
shall not have an expiration date on it and shall not need 134
replaced at the time of registration, except in the event of the 135
loss, mutilation, or destruction of the validation sticker. The 136
 director may establish and charge an additional fee of not more 137
 than one dollar per registration to compensate for necessary costs 138

of the universal validation sticker program. The additional fee 139
 shall be credited to the public safety - highway purposes fund 140
 created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The director shall 141
select the color or shade of the universal validation sticker. 142

(b) A validation sticker issued for an all-purpose vehicle 143
 that is registered under Chapter 4519. of the Revised Code or for 144
 a trailer or semitrailer that is permanently registered under 145
 division (A)(2) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or is 146
 registered for any number of succeeding registration years may 147
 indicate the expiration of the registration period, if any, by any 148
 manner determined by the registrar by rule. 149

(B) Identification license plates shall be produced by Ohio 150
 penal industries. Validation stickers and county identification 151
 stickers shall be produced by Ohio penal industries unless the 152
 registrar adopts rules that permit the registrar or deputy 153
 registrars to print or otherwise produce them in house. 154

Sec. 4503.83. (A) ~~Commencing January 1, 2014, the~~ The owner 155
 or lessee of a fleet of apportioned vehicles may apply to the 156
 registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 157
 apportioned vehicle, commercial trailer, or other vehicle of a 158
 class approved by the registrar and issuance of company logo 159
 license plates. The initial application shall be for not less than 160
 fifty eligible vehicles. The applicant shall provide the registrar 161
 the artwork for the company logo plate in a format designated by 162
 the registrar. The registrar shall approve the artwork or return 163
 the artwork for modification in accordance with any design 164
 requirements reasonably imposed by the registrar. 165

Upon approval of the artwork and receipt of the completed 166
 application and compliance with divisions (B) and (C) of this 167
 section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 168

appropriate vehicle registration and the appropriate number of 169
 company logo license plates with a validation sticker or a 170
 validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 171
 Revised Code, except that no validation sticker shall be issued 172
 under this section for a either of the following: 173

(1) A motor vehicle for which the registration tax is 174
 specified in section 4503.042 of the Revised Code; 175

(2) A motor vehicle that is issued a universal validation 176
 sticker under division (A)(2) of section 4503.191 of the Revised 177
 Code, except as provided by that section. 178

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 179
 on license plates, company logo license plates shall be inscribed 180
 with words and markings requested by the applicant and approved by 181
 the registrar. 182

(B) A company logo license plate and a validation sticker or, 183
 when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon 184
 payment of the applicable regular license tax prescribed in 185
 section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised Code for the 186
 registration of a vehicle in this state, any applicable fees 187
 prescribed in section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, any applicable 188
 motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, 189
 a bureau of motor vehicles fee of six dollars when a company logo 190
 license plate actually is issued, and compliance with all other 191
 applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If 192
 a company logo plate is issued to replace an existing license 193
 plate for the same vehicle, the replacement license plate fees 194
 prescribed in division (A) of section 4503.19 of the Revised Code 195
 shall not apply. 196

(C) The registrar shall deposit the bureau of motor vehicles 197
 fee specified in division (B) of this section, the purpose of 198

which is to compensate the bureau for the additional services 199
required in issuing company logo license plates, in the public 200
safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the 201
Revised Code. 202

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.19, 4503.191, and 203
4503.83 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 204

Section 3." 205

The motion was _____ agreed to.