

S.B. 170  
As Passed by the Senate

**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~~ 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 Revised Code, except that no validation sticker shall be issued under this section for a either of the following:

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

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

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

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

(C) The registrar shall deposit the bureau of motor vehicles fee specified in division (B) of this section, the purpose of which is to compensate the bureau for the additional services required in issuing company logo license plates, in the public

safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the	201
Revised Code.	202
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing sections 4503.19, 4503.191, and	203
4503.83 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.	204
<b>Section 3."</b>	205

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.