

Am. Sub. H.B. 62
As Passed by the Senate
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_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 5 of the title, after "4503.103," insert "4503.19,
4503.21, 4503.23," 1
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In line 11 of the title, after "4513.69," insert "4549.10," 3

In line 15 of the title, after "306.353," insert "4503.193," 4

In line 35, after "4503.103," insert "4503.19, 4503.21,
4503.23," 5
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In line 39, after "4513.69," insert "4549.10," 7

In line 41, after "306.353," insert "4503.193," 8

After line 3965, insert: 9

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

certificate of registration, in the form that the registrar shall 19
 prescribe. The registrar or deputy registrar also shall charge the 20
 owner any fees required under division (C) of section 4503.10 of 21
 the Revised Code. 22

(2) The registrar or deputy registrar then shall deliver ~~the~~ 23
~~following:~~ 24

~~(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in~~ 25
~~division (A)(2) of section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, two a~~ 26
~~license plates, duplicates of each other, plate and a validation~~ 27
~~sticker, or a validation sticker alone, to be attached to the~~ 28
~~number ~~plates~~ plate as provided in section 4503.191 of the Revised~~ 29
~~Code.~~ 30

~~(b) For trailers, manufactured homes, mobile homes, and~~ 31
~~semitrailers, one license plate only and one validation sticker,~~ 32
~~or a validation sticker alone. The manufacturer thereof, the~~ 33
~~dealer, or in transit companies therein, If an owner wishes to~~ 34
~~have two license plates, the registrar or deputy registrar shall~~ 35
~~deliver two license plates, duplicates of each other, and a~~ 36
~~validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone, to be attached~~ 37
~~to the number plates as provided in section 4503.191 of the~~ 38
~~Revised Code. The owner shall display the license plate and~~ 39
~~validation sticker ~~only~~ on the rear of ~~such vehicles~~ the vehicle.~~ 40
~~However,~~ 41

~~(c) For a commercial tractor that does not receive an~~ 42
~~apportioned license plate under the international registration~~ 43
~~plan, two license plates and one validation sticker. The shall~~ 44
~~display the license plate and validation sticker shall be~~ 45
~~displayed on the front of the commercial tractor.~~ 46

~~(d) For an apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned~~ 47

~~license plate under the international registration plan, one
license plate only and one validation sticker, or a validation
sticker alone. The license plate shall be displayed only on the
front of a semitractor and on the rear of all other vehicles.~~

~~(e) For and a chauffeured limousine, two license plates and
validation stickers, or validation stickers alone, and shall
display a livery sticker along with a validation sticker as
provided in section 4503.24 of the Revised Code.~~

(3) The registrar or deputy registrar shall not issue a
license ~~plates~~ plate for a school bus. A school bus shall ~~bear~~
display identifying numbers in the manner prescribed by section
4511.764 of the Revised Code.

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

(5) In the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of
any certificate of registration, or of any license ~~plates~~ plate or
validation ~~stickers~~ sticker, or if the owner chooses to replace a
license ~~plates~~ plate previously issued for a motor vehicle, or if
the registration certificate and license ~~plates~~ plate have been
impounded as provided by division (B)(1) of section 4507.02 and
section 4507.16 of the Revised Code, the owner of a motor vehicle,
or manufacturer or dealer, may obtain from the registrar, or from
a deputy registrar if authorized by the registrar, a duplicate
thereof or a new license ~~plates~~ plate bearing a different number,
if the registrar considers it advisable, upon filing an
application prescribed by the registrar, and upon paying a fee of
one dollar for such certificate of registration. The registrar
shall deposit the one dollar fee into the state treasury to the

credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in 78
 section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The registrar or deputy 79
 registrar shall charge a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents for 80
 each set of two license plates or six dollars and fifty cents for 81
 each single license plate or validation sticker issued, which the 82
 registrar shall deposit into the state treasury to the credit of 83
 the public safety - highway purposes fund. 84

(6) Each applicant for a replacement certificate of 85
 registration, license plate, or validation sticker also shall pay 86
 the fees provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 4503.10 of 87
 the Revised Code and any applicable fee under section 4503.192 of 88
 the Revised Code. 89

Additionally, the registrar and each deputy registrar who 90
 either issues a license plate and a validation sticker for 91
 use on any vehicle other than a commercial tractor, semitrailer, 92
 or apportioned vehicle, or who issues a validation sticker alone 93
 for use on such a vehicle and the owner has changed the owner's 94
 county of residence since the owner last was issued a county 95
 identification ~~stickers~~ sticker, also shall issue and deliver to 96
 the owner ~~either one or two a county identification stickers, as~~ 97
~~appropriate~~ sticker, which shall be attached to the license ~~plates~~ 98
plate in a manner prescribed by the director of public safety. The 99
 county identification ~~stickers~~ sticker shall identify prominently 100
 by name the county in which the owner of the vehicle resides at 101
 the time of registration, except that the county identification 102
 sticker for a nonstandard license plate, as defined in section 103
 4503.77 of the Revised Code, shall identify prominently by name or 104
 number the county in which the owner of the vehicle resides at the 105
 time of registration. 106

(B) A certificate of registration issued under this section 107
 shall have a portion that contains all the information contained 108

in the main portion of the certificate except for the address of
the person to whom the certificate is issued. Except as provided
in this division, whenever a reference is made in the Revised Code
to a motor vehicle certificate of registration that is issued
under this section, the reference shall be deemed to refer to
either the main portion of the certificate or the portion
containing all information in the main portion except the address
of the person to whom the certificate is issued. If a reference is
made in the Revised Code to the seizure or surrender of a motor
vehicle certificate of registration that is issued under this
section, the reference shall be deemed to refer to both the main
portion of the certificate and the portion containing all
information in the main portion except the address of the person
to whom the certificate is issued.

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

Sec. 4503.193. The display of a single current license plate
and validation sticker on a motor vehicle as required under
section 4503.19 of the Revised Code sufficiently indicates that
the vehicle is registered in this state. Any reference in the
Revised Code to license plates, a set of license plates,
registration plates, or validation stickers is deemed to be a
reference to the single license plate and validation sticker
required by that section.

Sec. 4503.21. (A)(1) No person who is the owner or operator
of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the
~~front and~~ rear of the motor vehicle a license plate that ~~bears~~
~~displays~~ the distinctive number and registration mark assigned to
the motor vehicle by the director of public safety, including any

county identification sticker and any validation sticker issued 138
 under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of the Revised Code, ~~except as~~ 139
~~follows:~~ 140

~~(a) A manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, the 141
 holder of an in transit permit, and the owner or operator of a 142
 motorcycle, motorized bicycle or moped, motor driven cycle or 143
 motor scooter, autoeycle, cab enclosed motorcycle, manufactured 144
 home, mobile home, trailer, or semitrailer shall display a license 145
 plate on the rear only. 146~~

~~(b) A motor vehicle that is issued two license plates shall 147
 display the validation sticker only on the rear license plate, 148
 except that a commercial tractor that does not receive an 149
 apportioned license plate under the international registration 150
 plan shall display the license plate and validation sticker on the 151
 front of the commercial tractor. 152~~

~~(c) An apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned license 153
 plate under the international registration plan shall display the 154
 license plate only on the front of a commercial tractor and on the 155
 rear of all other vehicles. 156~~

(2) ~~All~~ The license ~~plates~~ plate shall be securely fastened 157
 so as not to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that 158
 obstructs ~~their~~ its visibility. 159

(3) No person to whom a temporary license placard or 160
 windshield sticker has been issued for the use of a motor vehicle 161
 under section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, and no operator of 162
 that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the temporary license 163
 placard in plain view from the rear of the vehicle either in the 164
 rear window or on an external rear surface of the motor vehicle, 165
 or fail to display the windshield sticker in plain view on the 166

rear window of the motor vehicle. No temporary license placard or
windshield sticker shall be covered by any material that obstructs
its visibility.

~~(B) A law enforcement officer shall only issue a ticket,
citation, or summons, or cause the arrest or commence a
prosecution, for the failure to display a license plate in plain
view on the front of a parked motor vehicle if the officer first
determines that another offense has occurred and either places the
operator or vehicle owner under arrest or issues a ticket,
citation, or summons to the operator or vehicle owner for the
other offense.~~

~~(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section,
whoever Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of
a minor misdemeanor.~~

~~(2) Whoever violates division (A) of this section by failing
to display a license plate in plain view on the front of a motor
vehicle as required under division (A) of this section while the
motor vehicle is otherwise legally parked is guilty of a minor
misdemeanor and may be fined not more than one hundred dollars.~~

~~A person who is subject to the penalty prescribed in division
(C)(2) of this section is not subject to the charging of points
under section 4510.036 of the Revised Code.~~

~~(3)(C) The offense established under division (A) of this
section is a strict liability offense and section 2901.20 of the
Revised Code does not apply. The designation of this offense as a
strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any
other offense, for which there is no specified degree of
culpability, is not a strict liability offense.~~

Sec. 4503.23. No motor vehicle designed to carry passengers,

owned or leased by the state, or any of its departments, bureaus, 196
 commissions, or institutions supported in whole or in part by 197
 funds provided by the state, shall be operated or driven by any 198
 person unless it has displayed, in a prominent position on ~~both~~ 199
 the ~~front and~~ rear of the vehicle, ~~identification plates which a~~ 200
license plate that shall be the same size, shape, and treated for 201
 increased visibility in the same manner as those issued by the 202
 registrar of motor vehicles for private vehicles. ~~Such~~ 203
~~identification plates~~ The license plate shall be attached to the 204
 vehicle in the same manner as provided by statute for the 205
 illumination and attachment of ~~a license plates~~ plate on private 206
 vehicles. The registrar shall designate the colors of the license 207
~~tags which~~ plate that shall be used on state-owned cars; ~~such the~~ 208
 colors shall be other than those used on privately owned motor 209
 vehicles, and shall apply only to license plates used on 210
 state-owned motor vehicles. ~~Said plates~~ The plate shall ~~bear~~ 211
display a special serial number, and the words "Ohio State Car." 212

After line 7586, insert: 213

"**Sec. 4549.10.** (A) No person shall operate or cause to be 214
 operated upon a public road or highway a motor vehicle of a 215
 manufacturer or dealer unless the vehicle carries and displays ~~two~~ 216
~~placards~~ a placard, except as provided in section 4503.21 of the 217
 Revised Code, issued by the director of public safety that ~~bear~~ 218
displays the registration number of its manufacturer or dealer. 219

(B) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty 220
 of illegal operation of a manufacturer's or dealer's motor 221
 vehicle, a minor misdemeanor." 222

In line 9356, after "4503.103," insert "4503.19, 4503.21, 223
 4503.23," 224

In line 9360, after "4513.69," insert "4549.10," 225

After line 10633, insert: 226

"Section 812.____. The amendment or enactment by this act of 227
sections 4503.19, 4503.193, 4503.21, 4503.23, and 4549.10 of the 228
Revised Code takes effect July 1, 2020." 229

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Single license plate requirement 230

R.C. 4503.19, 4503.193, 4503.21, 4503.23, and 4549.10; 231

Section 812.____ 232

Requires a motor vehicle to display only one license plate, 233
generally on the rear of the vehicle, rather than two license 234
plates as required under current law. 235

Permits owners to still purchase two license plates, if 236
desired. 237

Makes the new requirement effective on July 1, 2020. 238