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A BILL

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 1
4503.901 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio 2
Pupil Transportation...Safety First!!!" license 3
plate. 4

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

Section 1. That section 4501.21 be amended and section 5
4503.901 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 4501.21. (A) There is hereby created in the state 7
treasury the license plate contribution fund. The fund shall 8
consist of all contributions paid by motor vehicle registrants 9
and collected by the registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to 10
sections 4503.491, 4503.492, 4503.493, 4503.494, 4503.496, 11
4503.498, 4503.499, 4503.50, 4503.501, 4503.502, 4503.505, 12
4503.51, 4503.522, 4503.523, 4503.524, 4503.525, 4503.526, 13
4503.531, 4503.534, 4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 4503.552, 14
4503.553, 4503.554, 4503.561, 4503.562, 4503.564, 4503.576, 15
4503.591, 4503.67, 4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.701, 4503.71, 16
4503.711, 4503.712, 4503.713, 4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.732, 17
4503.74, 4503.75, 4503.751, 4503.85, 4503.86, 4503.89, 4503.90, 18

4503.901, 4503.92, and 4503.94 of the Revised Code. 19

(B) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 20
registrar collects in the fund as follows: 21

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 22
pursuant to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast 23
cancer fund of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for 24
programs that provide assistance and education to Ohio breast 25
cancer patients and that improve access for such patients to 26
quality health care and clinical trials and shall not use any of 27
the money for abortion information, counseling, services, or 28
other abortion-related activities. 29

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 30
receives pursuant to section 4503.492 of the Revised Code to the 31
organization cancer support community central Ohio, which shall 32
deposit the money into the Sheryl L. Kraner Fund of that 33
organization. Cancer support community central Ohio shall expend 34
the money it receives pursuant to this division only in the same 35
manner and for the same purposes as that organization expends 36
other money in that fund. 37

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 38
pursuant to section 4503.493 of the Revised Code to the autism 39
society of Ohio, which shall use the contributions for programs 40
and autism awareness efforts throughout the state. 41

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 42
receives pursuant to section 4503.494 of the Revised Code to the 43
national multiple sclerosis society for distribution in equal 44
amounts to the northwestern Ohio, Ohio buckeye, and Ohio valley 45
chapters of the national multiple sclerosis society. These 46
chapters shall use the money they receive under this section to 47

assist in paying the expenses they incur in providing services 48
directly to their clients. 49

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 50
receives pursuant to section 4503.496 of the Revised Code to the 51
Ohio sickle cell and health association, which shall use the 52
contributions to help support educational, clinical, and social 53
support services for adults who have sickle cell disease. 54

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 55
receives pursuant to section 4503.498 of the Revised Code to 56
special olympics Ohio, inc., which shall use the contributions 57
for its programs, charitable efforts, and other activities. 58

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 59
receives pursuant to section 4503.499 of the Revised Code to the 60
children's glioma cancer foundation, which shall use the 61
contributions for its research and other programs. 62

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 63
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 64
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 65
contributions into its general account to be used for 66
educational and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of 67
America foundation. 68

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 69
receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised Code to the 70
4-H youth development program of the Ohio state university 71
extension program, which shall use those contributions to pay 72
the expenses it incurs in conducting its educational activities. 73

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 74
pursuant to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio 75
cattlemen's foundation, which shall use those contributions for 76

scholarships and other educational activities. 77

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 78
pursuant to section 4503.505 of the Revised Code to the 79
organization Ohio region phi theta kappa, which shall use those 80
contributions for scholarships for students who are members of 81
that organization. 82

The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar 83
receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the 84
university or college whose name or marking or design appears on 85
collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that 86
section. A university or college that receives contributions 87
from the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general 88
scholarship fund. 89

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 90
receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised Code to the 91
"friends of Perry's victory and international peace memorial, 92
incorporated," a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws 93
of this state, to assist that organization in paying the 94
expenses it incurs in sponsoring or holding charitable, 95
educational, and cultural events at the monument. 96

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 97
receives pursuant to section 4503.523 of the Revised Code to the 98
fairport lights foundation, which shall use the money to pay for 99
the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of the 100
lighthouses of fairport harbor. 101

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 102
receives pursuant to section 4503.524 of the Revised Code to the 103
Massillon tiger football booster club, which shall use the 104
contributions only to promote and support the football team of 105

Washington high school of the Massillon city school district. 106

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 107
receives pursuant to section 4503.525 of the Revised Code to the 108
United States power squadron districts seven, eleven, twenty- 109
four, and twenty-nine in equal amounts. Each power squadron 110
district shall use the money it receives under this section to 111
pay for the educational boating programs each district holds or 112
sponsors within this state. 113

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 114
receives pursuant to section 4503.526 of the Revised Code to the 115
Ohio district Kiwanis foundation of the Ohio district of Kiwanis 116
international, which shall use the money it receives under this 117
section to pay the costs of its educational and humanitarian 118
activities. 119

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 120
receives pursuant to section 4503.531 of the Revised Code to the 121
thank you foundation, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation 122
organized under the laws of this state, to assist that 123
organization in paying for the charitable activities and 124
programs it sponsors in support of United States military 125
personnel, veterans, and their families. 126

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 127
receives pursuant to section 4503.534 of the Revised Code to the 128
disabled American veterans department of Ohio, to be used for 129
programs that serve disabled American veterans and their 130
families. 131

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 132
receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the 133
pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions 134

into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall 135
be separate and distinct from any other account the pro football 136
hall of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose 137
of promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel 138
destination. 139

The registrar shall pay the contributions that are paid to 140
the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised Code 141
to the national rifle association foundation, which shall use 142
the money to pay the costs of the educational activities and 143
programs the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 144

The registrar shall pay to the Ohio pet fund the 145
contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 146
4503.551 of the Revised Code and any other money from any other 147
source, including donations, gifts, and grants, that is 148
designated by the source to be paid to the Ohio pet fund. The 149
Ohio pet fund shall use the moneys it receives under this 150
section to support programs for the sterilization of dogs and 151
cats and for educational programs concerning the proper 152
veterinary care of those animals, and for expenses of the Ohio 153
pet fund that are reasonably necessary for it to obtain and 154
maintain its tax-exempt status and to perform its duties. 155

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 156
receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the 157
rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 158

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 159
receives pursuant to section 4503.553 of the Revised Code to the 160
Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated, a nonprofit 161
corporation. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 162
the coalition shall distribute the money to its members, and the 163
members shall use the money only to pay for educational, 164

charitable, and other programs of each coalition member that 165
provide care for unwanted, abused, and neglected horses. The 166
Ohio coalition for animals may use a portion of the money to pay 167
for reasonable marketing costs incurred in the design and 168
promotion of the license plate and for administrative costs 169
incurred in the disbursement and management of funds received 170
under this section. 171

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 172
receives pursuant to section 4503.554 of the Revised Code to the 173
Ohio state council of the knights of Columbus, which shall use 174
the contributions to pay for its charitable activities and 175
programs. 176

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 177
receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the 178
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall 179
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it 180
establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 181
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of 182
ducks unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively 183
for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and 184
managing wetlands and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of 185
Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the 186
registrar in writing of the name, address, and account to which 187
such payments are to be made. 188

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 189
receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised Code to the 190
Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money to pay the 191
expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the Mahoning 192
river watershed. 193

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 194

receives pursuant to section 4503.564 of the Revised Code to 195
Antioch college for the use of the Glen Helen ecology institute 196
to pay expenses related to the Glen Helen nature preserve. 197

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 198
receives pursuant to section 4503.576 of the Revised Code to the 199
Ohio state beekeepers association, which shall use those 200
contributions to promote beekeeping, provide educational 201
information about beekeeping, and to support other state and 202
local beekeeping programs. 203

The registrar shall pay to a sports commission created 204
pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each 205
contribution the registrar receives under that section that an 206
applicant pays to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a 207
professional sports team located in the county of that sports 208
commission and that is participating in the license plate 209
program pursuant to division (E) of that section, irrespective 210
of the county of residence of an applicant. 211

The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 212
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of 213
the Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates 214
that bear the logo of a professional sports team that is 215
participating in the license plate program pursuant to division 216
(G) of that section. 217

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 218
receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code to the 219
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 220
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 221
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 222

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 223

receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code to the 224
great river council of the girl scouts of the United States of 225
America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 226
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of 227
the girl scouts. 228

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 229
receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code to the 230
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 231
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 232
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 233

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 234
receives pursuant to section 4503.701 of the Revised Code to the 235
Prince Hall grand lodge of free and accepted masons of Ohio, 236
which shall use the contributions for scholarship purposes. 237

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 238
receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code to the 239
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 240
deposit the fees into its general account to be used for 241
purposes of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 242

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 243
receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised Code to the 244
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 245
deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to be 246
used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 247
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 248
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 249

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 250
pursuant to section 4503.712 of the Revised Code to Ohio 251
concerns of police survivors, which shall use those 252

contributions to provide whatever assistance may be appropriate 253
to the families of Ohio law enforcement officers who are killed 254
in the line of duty. 255

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 256
pursuant to section 4503.713 of the Revised Code to the greater 257
Cleveland peace officers memorial society, which shall use those 258
contributions to honor law enforcement officers who have died in 259
the line of duty and support its charitable purposes. 260

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 261
receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code to the 262
organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL 263
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under 264
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association 265
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in 266
administering a program to secure the proper representation in 267
the courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent 268
children, and for the training and supervision of persons 269
participating in that program. 270

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 271
receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code to 272
Wright B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the 273
contributions into its general account to be used for purposes 274
of Wright B. Flyer, incorporated. 275

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 276
receives pursuant to section 4503.732 of the Revised Code to the 277
Siegel & Shuster society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to 278
commemorating and celebrating the creation of Superman in 279
Cleveland, Ohio. 280

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 281

receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code to the 282
Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse the 283
moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 284
4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 285
agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 286

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 287
receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code to the 288
rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston, 289
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and 290
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the 291
rotary foundation. 292

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 293
receives pursuant to section 4503.751 of the Revised Code to the 294
Ohio association of realtors, which shall deposit the 295
contributions into a property disaster relief fund maintained 296
under the Ohio realtors charitable and education foundation. 297

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 298
receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code to the 299
Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie area 300
research projects. 301

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 302
receives pursuant to section 4503.86 of the Revised Code to the 303
Ohio Lincoln highway historic byway, which shall use those 304
contributions solely to promote and support the historical 305
preservation and advertisement of the Lincoln highway in this 306
state. 307

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 308
receives pursuant to section 4503.89 of the Revised Code to the 309
American red cross of greater Columbus on behalf of the Ohio 310

chapters of the American red cross, which shall use the 311
contributions for disaster readiness, preparedness, and response 312
programs on a statewide basis. 313

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 314
receives pursuant to section 4503.90 of the Revised Code to the 315
nationwide children's hospital foundation. 316

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 317
receives pursuant to section 4503.901 of the Revised Code to the 318
Ohio association for pupil transportation, which shall use the 319
money to support transportation programs, provide training to 320
school transportation professionals, and support other 321
initiatives for school transportation safety. 322

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 323
pursuant to section 4503.92 of the Revised Code to support our 324
troops, incorporated, a national nonprofit corporation, which 325
shall use those contributions in accordance with its articles of 326
incorporation and for the benefit of servicemembers of the armed 327
forces of the United States and their families when they are in 328
financial need. 329

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 330
receives pursuant to section 4503.94 of the Revised Code to the 331
Michelle's leading star foundation, which shall use the money 332
solely to fund the rental, lease, or purchase of the simulated 333
driving curriculum of the Michelle's leading star foundation by 334
boards of education of city, exempted village, local, and joint 335
vocational school districts. 336

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate 337
contribution fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than 338
the first day of May of every year, the registrar shall 339

distribute to each entity described in division (B) of this 340
section the investment income the fund earned the previous 341
calendar year. The amount of such a distribution paid to an 342
entity shall be proportionate to the amount of money the entity 343
received from the fund during the previous calendar year. 344

Sec. 4503.901. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger 345
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 346
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles 347
may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle 348
and issuance of "Ohio Pupil Transportation...Safety First!!!" 349
license plates. The application may be combined with a request 350
for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 351
4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed 352
application and compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) 353
and (C) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the 354
applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of 355
"Ohio Pupil Transportation...Safety First!!!" license plates and 356
a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when 357
required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 358

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 359
inscribed on the license plates, "Ohio Pupil 360
Transportation...Safety First!!!" license plates shall be 361
inscribed with the words "Ohio Pupil Transportation...Safety 362
First!!!" and a design, logo, or marking designed by the Ohio 363
association for pupil transportation that is approved by the 364
registrar. "Ohio Pupil Transportation...Safety First!!!" license 365
plates shall display county identification stickers that 366
identify the county of registration by name or number. 367

(B) "Ohio Pupil Transportation...Safety First!!!" license 368
plates and a validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, 369

shall be issued upon receipt of an application for registration 370
of a motor vehicle under this section; payment of the regular 371
license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised 372
Code, any applicable motor vehicle license tax levied under 373
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee 374
prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a 375
bureau of motor vehicles administrative fee of ten dollars, and 376
a contribution as provided in division (C) of this section; and 377
compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the 378
registration of motor vehicles. 379

(C) For each application for registration and registration 380
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the 381
registrar shall collect a contribution of ten dollars. The 382
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 383
state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the 384
license plate contribution fund created by section 4501.21 of 385
the Revised Code. 386

The registrar shall transmit the bureau of motor vehicles 387
administrative fee of ten dollars, the purpose of which is to 388
compensate the bureau for the additional services required in 389
the issuing of "Ohio Pupil Transportation...Safety First!!!" 390
license plates, to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 391
state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor 392
vehicles fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 393

(D) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 394
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 395

Section 2. That existing section 4501.21 of the Revised 396
Code is hereby repealed. 397