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**A BILL**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 1  
4503.86 of the Revised Code to create the 2  
"Lincoln Highway" license plate. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 4501.21 be amended and section 4  
4503.86 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4501.21.** (A) There is hereby created in the state 6  
treasury the license plate contribution fund. The fund shall 7  
consist of all contributions paid by motor vehicle registrants 8  
and collected by the registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to 9  
sections 4503.491, 4503.492, 4503.493, 4503.494, 4503.496, 10  
4503.498, 4503.499, 4503.50, 4503.501, 4503.502, 4503.505, 11  
4503.51, 4503.522, 4503.523, 4503.524, 4503.525, 4503.526, 12  
4503.531, 4503.534, 4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 4503.552, 13  
4503.553, 4503.554, 4503.561, 4503.562, 4503.564, 4503.591, 14  
4503.67, 4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.701, 4503.71, 4503.711, 15  
4503.712, 4503.713, 4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.732, 4503.74, 16  
4503.75, 4503.751, 4503.85, 4503.86, 4503.89, 4503.90, 4503.92, 17

and 4503.94 of the Revised Code. 18

(B) The registrar shall pay the contributions the 19  
registrar collects in the fund as follows: 20

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 21  
pursuant to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast 22  
cancer fund of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for 23  
programs that provide assistance and education to Ohio breast 24  
cancer patients and that improve access for such patients to 25  
quality health care and clinical trials and shall not use any of 26  
the money for abortion information, counseling, services, or 27  
other abortion-related activities. 28

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 29  
receives pursuant to section 4503.492 of the Revised Code to the 30  
organization cancer support community central Ohio, which shall 31  
deposit the money into the Sheryl L. Kraner Fund of that 32  
organization. Cancer support community central Ohio shall expend 33  
the money it receives pursuant to this division only in the same 34  
manner and for the same purposes as that organization expends 35  
other money in that fund. 36

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 37  
pursuant to section 4503.493 of the Revised Code to the autism 38  
society of Ohio, which shall use the contributions for programs 39  
and autism awareness efforts throughout the state. 40

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 41  
receives pursuant to section 4503.494 of the Revised Code to the 42  
national multiple sclerosis society for distribution in equal 43  
amounts to the northwestern Ohio, Ohio buckeye, and Ohio valley 44  
chapters of the national multiple sclerosis society. These 45  
chapters shall use the money they receive under this section to 46

assist in paying the expenses they incur in providing services 47  
directly to their clients. 48

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 49  
receives pursuant to section 4503.496 of the Revised Code to the 50  
Ohio sickle cell and health association, which shall use the 51  
contributions to help support educational, clinical, and social 52  
support services for adults who have sickle cell disease. 53

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 54  
receives pursuant to section 4503.498 of the Revised Code to 55  
special olympics Ohio, inc., which shall use the contributions 56  
for its programs, charitable efforts, and other activities. 57

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 58  
receives pursuant to section 4503.499 of the Revised Code to the 59  
children's glioma cancer foundation, which shall use the 60  
contributions for its research and other programs. 61

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 62  
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 63  
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 64  
contributions into its general account to be used for 65  
educational and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of 66  
America foundation. 67

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 68  
receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised Code to the 69  
4-H youth development program of the Ohio state university 70  
extension program, which shall use those contributions to pay 71  
the expenses it incurs in conducting its educational activities. 72

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 73  
pursuant to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio 74  
cattlemen's foundation, which shall use those contributions for 75

scholarships and other educational activities. 76

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 77  
pursuant to section 4503.505 of the Revised Code to the 78  
organization Ohio region phi theta kappa, which shall use those 79  
contributions for scholarships for students who are members of 80  
that organization. 81

The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar 82  
receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the 83  
university or college whose name or marking or design appears on 84  
collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that 85  
section. A university or college that receives contributions 86  
from the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general 87  
scholarship fund. 88

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 89  
receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised Code to the 90  
"friends of Perry's victory and international peace memorial, 91  
incorporated," a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws 92  
of this state, to assist that organization in paying the 93  
expenses it incurs in sponsoring or holding charitable, 94  
educational, and cultural events at the monument. 95

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 96  
receives pursuant to section 4503.523 of the Revised Code to the 97  
fairport lights foundation, which shall use the money to pay for 98  
the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of the 99  
lighthouses of fairport harbor. 100

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 101  
receives pursuant to section 4503.524 of the Revised Code to the 102  
Massillon tiger football booster club, which shall use the 103  
contributions only to promote and support the football team of 104

Washington high school of the Massillon city school district. 105

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 106  
receives pursuant to section 4503.525 of the Revised Code to the 107  
United States power squadron districts seven, eleven, twenty- 108  
four, and twenty-nine in equal amounts. Each power squadron 109  
district shall use the money it receives under this section to 110  
pay for the educational boating programs each district holds or 111  
sponsors within this state. 112

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 113  
receives pursuant to section 4503.526 of the Revised Code to the 114  
Ohio district Kiwanis foundation of the Ohio district of Kiwanis 115  
international, which shall use the money it receives under this 116  
section to pay the costs of its educational and humanitarian 117  
activities. 118

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 119  
receives pursuant to section 4503.531 of the Revised Code to the 120  
thank you foundation, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation 121  
organized under the laws of this state, to assist that 122  
organization in paying for the charitable activities and 123  
programs it sponsors in support of United States military 124  
personnel, veterans, and their families. 125

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 126  
receives pursuant to section 4503.534 of the Revised Code to the 127  
disabled American veterans department of Ohio, to be used for 128  
programs that serve disabled American veterans and their 129  
families. 130

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 131  
receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the 132  
pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions 133

into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall 134  
be separate and distinct from any other account the pro football 135  
hall of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose 136  
of promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel 137  
destination. 138

The registrar shall pay the contributions that are paid to 139  
the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised Code 140  
to the national rifle association foundation, which shall use 141  
the money to pay the costs of the educational activities and 142  
programs the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 143

The registrar shall pay to the Ohio pet fund the 144  
contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 145  
4503.551 of the Revised Code and any other money from any other 146  
source, including donations, gifts, and grants, that is 147  
designated by the source to be paid to the Ohio pet fund. The 148  
Ohio pet fund shall use the moneys it receives under this 149  
section to support programs for the sterilization of dogs and 150  
cats and for educational programs concerning the proper 151  
veterinary care of those animals, and for expenses of the Ohio 152  
pet fund that are reasonably necessary for it to obtain and 153  
maintain its tax-exempt status and to perform its duties. 154

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 155  
receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the 156  
rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 157

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 158  
receives pursuant to section 4503.553 of the Revised Code to the 159  
Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated, a nonprofit 160  
corporation. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 161  
the coalition shall distribute the money to its members, and the 162  
members shall use the money only to pay for educational, 163

charitable, and other programs of each coalition member that 164  
provide care for unwanted, abused, and neglected horses. The 165  
Ohio coalition for animals may use a portion of the money to pay 166  
for reasonable marketing costs incurred in the design and 167  
promotion of the license plate and for administrative costs 168  
incurred in the disbursement and management of funds received 169  
under this section. 170

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 171  
receives pursuant to section 4503.554 of the Revised Code to the 172  
Ohio state council of the knights of Columbus, which shall use 173  
the contributions to pay for its charitable activities and 174  
programs. 175

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 176  
receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the 177  
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall 178  
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it 179  
establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 180  
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of 181  
ducks unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively 182  
for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and 183  
managing wetlands and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of 184  
Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the 185  
registrar in writing of the name, address, and account to which 186  
such payments are to be made. 187

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 188  
receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised Code to the 189  
Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money to pay the 190  
expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the Mahoning 191  
river watershed. 192

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 193

receives pursuant to section 4503.564 of the Revised Code to 194  
Antioch college for the use of the Glen Helen ecology institute 195  
to pay expenses related to the Glen Helen nature preserve. 196

The registrar shall pay to a sports commission created 197  
pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each 198  
contribution the registrar receives under that section that an 199  
applicant pays to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a 200  
professional sports team located in the county of that sports 201  
commission and that is participating in the license plate 202  
program pursuant to division (E) of that section, irrespective 203  
of the county of residence of an applicant. 204

The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 205  
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of 206  
the Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates 207  
that bear the logo of a professional sports team that is 208  
participating in the license plate program pursuant to division 209  
(G) of that section. 210

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 211  
receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code to the 212  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 213  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 214  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 215

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 216  
receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code to the 217  
great river council of the girl scouts of the United States of 218  
America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 219  
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of 220  
the girl scouts. 221

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 222

receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code to the 223  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 224  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 225  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 226

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 227  
receives pursuant to section 4503.701 of the Revised Code to the 228  
Prince Hall grand lodge of free and accepted masons of Ohio, 229  
which shall use the contributions for scholarship purposes. 230

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 231  
receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code to the 232  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 233  
deposit the fees into its general account to be used for 234  
purposes of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 235

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 236  
receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised Code to the 237  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 238  
deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to be 239  
used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 240  
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 241  
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 242

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 243  
pursuant to section 4503.712 of the Revised Code to Ohio 244  
concerns of police survivors, which shall use those 245  
contributions to provide whatever assistance may be appropriate 246  
to the families of Ohio law enforcement officers who are killed 247  
in the line of duty. 248

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 249  
pursuant to section 4503.713 of the Revised Code to the greater 250  
Cleveland peace officers memorial society, which shall use those 251

contributions to honor law enforcement officers who have died in 252  
the line of duty and support its charitable purposes. 253

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 254  
receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code to the 255  
organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL 256  
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under 257  
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association 258  
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in 259  
administering a program to secure the proper representation in 260  
the courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent 261  
children, and for the training and supervision of persons 262  
participating in that program. 263

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 264  
receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code to 265  
Wright B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the 266  
contributions into its general account to be used for purposes 267  
of Wright B. Flyer, incorporated. 268

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 269  
receives pursuant to section 4503.732 of the Revised Code to the 270  
Siegel & Shuster society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to 271  
commemorating and celebrating the creation of Superman in 272  
Cleveland, Ohio. 273

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 274  
receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code to the 275  
Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse the 276  
moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 277  
4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 278  
agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 279

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 280

receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code to the 281  
rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston, 282  
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and 283  
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the 284  
rotary foundation. 285

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 286  
receives pursuant to section 4503.751 of the Revised Code to the 287  
Ohio association of realtors, which shall deposit the 288  
contributions into a property disaster relief fund maintained 289  
under the Ohio realtors charitable and education foundation. 290

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 291  
receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code to the 292  
Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie area 293  
research projects. 294

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 295  
receives pursuant to section 4503.86 of the Revised Code to the 296  
Ohio Lincoln highway historic byway, which shall use those 297  
contributions solely to promote and support the historical 298  
preservation and advertisement of the Lincoln highway in this 299  
state. 300

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 301  
receives pursuant to section 4503.89 of the Revised Code to the 302  
American red cross of greater Columbus on behalf of the Ohio 303  
chapters of the American red cross, which shall use the 304  
contributions for disaster readiness, preparedness, and response 305  
programs on a statewide basis. 306

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 307  
receives pursuant to section 4503.90 of the Revised Code to the 308  
nationwide children's hospital foundation. 309

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 310  
pursuant to section 4503.92 of the Revised Code to support our 311  
troops, incorporated, a national nonprofit corporation, which 312  
shall use those contributions in accordance with its articles of 313  
incorporation and for the benefit of servicemembers of the armed 314  
forces of the United States and their families when they are in 315  
financial need. 316

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 317  
receives pursuant to section 4503.94 of the Revised Code to the 318  
Michelle's leading star foundation, which shall use the money 319  
solely to fund the rental, lease, or purchase of the simulated 320  
driving curriculum of the Michelle's leading star foundation by 321  
boards of education of city, exempted village, local, and joint 322  
vocational school districts. 323

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate 324  
contribution fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than 325  
the first day of May of every year, the registrar shall 326  
distribute to each entity described in division (B) of this 327  
section the investment income the fund earned the previous 328  
calendar year. The amount of such a distribution paid to an 329  
entity shall be proportionate to the amount of money the entity 330  
received from the fund during the previous calendar year. 331

Sec. 4503.86. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger 332  
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 333  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles 334  
may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle 335  
and the issuance of "Lincoln highway" license plates. An 336  
application made under this section may be combined with a 337  
request for a special reserved license plate under section 338  
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the 339

completed application and compliance by the applicant with 340  
divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the registrar shall issue 341  
to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set 342  
of "Lincoln highway" license plates and a validation sticker, or 343  
a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 344  
the Revised Code. 345

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 346  
inscribed on the license plates, "Lincoln highway" license 347  
plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings 348  
that are designed by the Ohio Lincoln highway historic byway, 349  
and approved by the registrar. "Lincoln highway" license plates 350  
shall display county identification stickers that identify the 351  
county of registration by name or number. 352

(B) "Lincoln highway" license plates and a validation 353  
sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon 354  
receipt of a contribution as provided in division (C)(1) of this 355  
section and upon payment of the regular license tax as 356  
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 357  
applicable motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. 358  
of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by 359  
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a bureau of 360  
motor vehicles administrative fee of ten dollars, and compliance 361  
with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of 362  
motor vehicles. 363

(C)(1) For each application for registration and 364  
registration renewal notice the registrar receives under this 365  
section, the registrar shall collect a contribution of twenty 366  
dollars. The registrar shall deposit this contribution into the 367  
state treasury to the credit of the license plate contribution 368  
fund created in section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 369

(2) The registrar shall deposit the bureau administrative 370  
fee of ten dollars, the purpose of which is to compensate the 371  
bureau for additional services required in the issuing of 372  
"Lincoln highway" license plates, into the state treasury to the 373  
credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in 374  
section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 375

**Section 2.** That existing section 4501.21 of the Revised 376  
Code is hereby repealed. 377

**Section 3.** Section 4501.21 of the Revised Code is 378  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 379  
by Am. Sub. H.B. 23, Sub. H.B. 206, and Am. S.B. 186, all of the 380  
130th General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the 381  
principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised 382  
Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable 383  
of simultaneous operation, finds that the composite is the 384  
resulting version of the section in effect prior to the 385  
effective date of the section as presented in this act. 386