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**Senator Hughes**

**Cosponsors: Senators Gardner, Brown, Schiavoni, Patton, Yuko, Oelslager,  
Gentile, LaRose, Uecker**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 1  
4503.529 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio 2  
Nurses Association" 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  
4503.529 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  
4503.529, 4503.531, 4503.534, 4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 13  
4503.552, 4503.553, 4503.554, 4503.561, 4503.562, 4503.564, 14  
4503.576, 4503.591, 4503.67, 4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.701, 15  
4503.71, 4503.711, 4503.712, 4503.713, 4503.72, 4503.73, 16  
4503.732, 4503.74, 4503.75, 4503.751, 4503.85, 4503.86, 4503.89, 17

4503.90, 4503.92, 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 4503.529 of the Revised Code to the 120  
Ohio nurses foundation. The foundation shall use the money it 121  
receives under this section to provide educational scholarships 122  
to assist individuals who aspire to join the nursing profession, 123  
to assist nurses in the nursing profession who seek to advance 124  
their education, and to support persons conducting nursing 125  
research concerning the evidence-based practice of nursing and 126  
the improvement of patient outcomes. 127

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 128  
receives pursuant to section 4503.531 of the Revised Code to the 129  
thank you foundation, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation 130  
organized under the laws of this state, to assist that 131  
organization in paying for the charitable activities and 132  
programs it sponsors in support of United States military 133  
personnel, veterans, and their families. 134

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

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall be separate and distinct from any other account the pro football hall of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel destination.

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

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

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar

receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the 165  
rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 166

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 167  
receives pursuant to section 4503.553 of the Revised Code to the 168  
Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated, a nonprofit 169  
corporation. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 170  
the coalition shall distribute the money to its members, and the 171  
members shall use the money only to pay for educational, 172  
charitable, and other programs of each coalition member that 173  
provide care for unwanted, abused, and neglected horses. The 174  
Ohio coalition for animals may use a portion of the money to pay 175  
for reasonable marketing costs incurred in the design and 176  
promotion of the license plate and for administrative costs 177  
incurred in the disbursement and management of funds received 178  
under this section. 179

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 180  
receives pursuant to section 4503.554 of the Revised Code to the 181  
Ohio state council of the knights of Columbus, which shall use 182  
the contributions to pay for its charitable activities and 183  
programs. 184

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 185  
receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the 186  
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall 187  
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it 188  
establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 189  
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of 190  
ducks unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively 191  
for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and 192  
managing wetlands and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of 193  
Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the 194

registrar in writing of the name, address, and account to which 195  
such payments are to be made. 196

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 197  
receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised Code to the 198  
Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money to pay the 199  
expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the Mahoning 200  
river watershed. 201

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 202  
receives pursuant to section 4503.564 of the Revised Code to 203  
Antioch college for the use of the Glen Helen ecology institute 204  
to pay expenses related to the Glen Helen nature preserve. 205

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 206  
receives pursuant to section 4503.576 of the Revised Code to the 207  
Ohio state beekeepers association, which shall use those 208  
contributions to promote beekeeping, provide educational 209  
information about beekeeping, and to support other state and 210  
local beekeeping programs. 211

The registrar shall pay to a sports commission created 212  
pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each 213  
contribution the registrar receives under that section that an 214  
applicant pays to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a 215  
professional sports team located in the county of that sports 216  
commission and that is participating in the license plate 217  
program pursuant to division (E) of that section, irrespective 218  
of the county of residence of an applicant. 219

The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 220  
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of 221  
the Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates 222  
that bear the logo of a professional sports team that is 223



participating in the license plate program pursuant to division 224  
(G) of that section. 225

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 226  
receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code to the 227  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 228  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 229  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 230

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 231  
receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code to the 232  
great river council of the girl scouts of the United States of 233  
America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 234  
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of 235  
the girl scouts. 236

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 237  
receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code to the 238  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 239  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 240  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 241

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 242  
receives pursuant to section 4503.701 of the Revised Code to the 243  
Prince Hall grand lodge of free and accepted masons of Ohio, 244  
which shall use the contributions for scholarship purposes. 245

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 246  
receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code to the 247  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 248  
deposit the fees into its general account to be used for 249  
purposes of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 250

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 251  
receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised Code to the 252

fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 253  
deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to be 254  
used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 255  
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 256  
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 257

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 258  
pursuant to section 4503.712 of the Revised Code to Ohio 259  
concerns of police survivors, which shall use those 260  
contributions to provide whatever assistance may be appropriate 261  
to the families of Ohio law enforcement officers who are killed 262  
in the line of duty. 263

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 264  
pursuant to section 4503.713 of the Revised Code to the greater 265  
Cleveland peace officers memorial society, which shall use those 266  
contributions to honor law enforcement officers who have died in 267  
the line of duty and support its charitable purposes. 268

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 269  
receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code to the 270  
organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL 271  
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under 272  
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association 273  
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in 274  
administering a program to secure the proper representation in 275  
the courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent 276  
children, and for the training and supervision of persons 277  
participating in that program. 278

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 279  
receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code to 280  
Wright B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the 281  
contributions into its general account to be used for purposes 282

of Wright B. Flyer, incorporated. 283

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 284  
receives pursuant to section 4503.732 of the Revised Code to the 285  
Siegel & Shuster society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to 286  
commemorating and celebrating the creation of Superman in 287  
Cleveland, Ohio. 288

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 289  
receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code to the 290  
Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse the 291  
moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 292  
4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 293  
agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 294

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 295  
receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code to the 296  
rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston, 297  
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and 298  
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the 299  
rotary foundation. 300

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 301  
receives pursuant to section 4503.751 of the Revised Code to the 302  
Ohio association of realtors, which shall deposit the 303  
contributions into a property disaster relief fund maintained 304  
under the Ohio realtors charitable and education foundation. 305

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 306  
receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code to the 307  
Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie area 308  
research projects. 309

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 310  
receives pursuant to section 4503.86 of the Revised Code to the 311

Ohio Lincoln highway historic byway, which shall use those 312  
contributions solely to promote and support the historical 313  
preservation and advertisement of the Lincoln highway in this 314  
state. 315

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 316  
receives pursuant to section 4503.89 of the Revised Code to the 317  
American red cross of greater Columbus on behalf of the Ohio 318  
chapters of the American red cross, which shall use the 319  
contributions for disaster readiness, preparedness, and response 320  
programs on a statewide basis. 321

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 322  
receives pursuant to section 4503.90 of the Revised Code to the 323  
nationwide children's hospital foundation. 324

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 325  
pursuant to section 4503.92 of the Revised Code to support our 326  
troops, incorporated, a national nonprofit corporation, which 327  
shall use those contributions in accordance with its articles of 328  
incorporation and for the benefit of servicemembers of the armed 329  
forces of the United States and their families when they are in 330  
financial need. 331

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 332  
receives pursuant to section 4503.94 of the Revised Code to the 333  
Michelle's leading star foundation, which shall use the money 334  
solely to fund the rental, lease, or purchase of the simulated 335  
driving curriculum of the Michelle's leading star foundation by 336  
boards of education of city, exempted village, local, and joint 337  
vocational school districts. 338

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate 339  
contribution fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than 340

the first day of May of every year, the registrar shall 341  
distribute to each entity described in division (B) of this 342  
section the investment income the fund earned the previous 343  
calendar year. The amount of such a distribution paid to an 344  
entity shall be proportionate to the amount of money the entity 345  
received from the fund during the previous calendar year. 346

Sec. 4503.529. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger 347  
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 348  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles 349  
may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle 350  
and the issuance of "Ohio Nurses Association" license plates. An 351  
application made under this section may be combined with a 352  
request for a special reserved license plate under section 353  
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the 354  
completed application and compliance by the applicant with 355  
divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the registrar shall issue 356  
to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set 357  
of "Ohio Nurses Association" license plates and a validation 358  
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 359  
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 360

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 361  
inscribed on the license plates, "Ohio Nurses Association" 362  
license plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or 363  
markings that are designed by the Ohio nurses association, and 364  
approved by the registrar. "Ohio Nurses Association" license 365  
plates shall display county identification stickers that 366  
identify the county of registration by name or number. 367

(B) "Ohio Nurses Association" license plates and a 368  
validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued 369  
upon receipt of a contribution as provided in division (C) (1) of 370

this section and upon payment of the regular license tax as 371  
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 372  
applicable motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. 373  
of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by 374  
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a bureau of 375  
motor vehicles administrative fee of ten dollars, and compliance 376  
with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of 377  
motor vehicles. 378

(C) (1) For each initial application for registration the 379  
registrar receives under this section, the registrar shall 380  
collect a contribution of twenty-five dollars. For each 381  
registration renewal notice the registrar receives under this 382  
section, the registrar shall collect a contribution of eleven 383  
dollars and fifty cents. The registrar shall deposit all such 384  
contributions into the state treasury to the credit of the 385  
license plate contribution fund created in section 4501.21 of 386  
the Revised Code. 387

(2) The registrar shall deposit the bureau of motor 388  
vehicles administrative fee of ten dollars, the purpose of which 389  
is to compensate the bureau for additional services required in 390  
the issuing of "Ohio Nurses Association" license plates, into 391  
the state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor 392  
vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 393

**Section 2.** That existing section 4501.21 of the Revised 394  
Code is hereby repealed. 395