

AN ACT

To amend sections 4503.19, 4503.191, and 4503.83 of the Revised Code to require the universal validation sticker available to owners of passenger vehicle fleets to be issued without an expiration date beginning January 1, 2019, and to require the Director of Public Safety to seek approval from the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to implement a temporary pilot program regarding the waiver of the skills test for a commercial driver's license that applies to present and former military personnel.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 4503.19, 4503.191, and 4503.83 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4503.19. (A)(1) Upon the filing of an application for registration and the payment of the tax for registration, the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall determine whether the owner previously has been issued license plates for the motor vehicle described in the application. If no license plates previously have been issued to the owner for that motor vehicle, the registrar or deputy registrar shall assign to the motor vehicle a distinctive number and issue and deliver to the owner in the manner that the registrar may select a certificate of registration, in the form that the registrar shall prescribe. The registrar or deputy registrar also shall charge the owner any fees required under division (C) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code.

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

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

(b) For trailers, manufactured homes, mobile homes, and semitrailers, one license plate only and one validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone. The manufacturer thereof, the dealer, or in transit companies therein, shall display the license plate and validation sticker only on the rear of such vehicles.

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

(d) For an apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned 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 a chauffeured limousine, two license plates and validation stickers, or validation

stickers alone, and a livery sticker as provided in section 4503.24 of the Revised Code.

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

(4) The certificate of registration and license plates and validation stickers, or validation stickers 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 or validation stickers, or if the owner chooses to replace license plates previously issued for a motor vehicle, or if the registration certificate and license plates 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 new license plates 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 section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The registrar or deputy registrar shall charge a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents for each set of two license plates or six dollars and fifty cents for each single license plate or validation sticker issued, which the registrar shall deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund.

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

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

(B) A certificate of registration issued under this section shall have a portion that contains all the information contained 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. 4503.191. (A)(1) The identification license plate shall be issued for a multi-year period as determined by the director of public safety, and shall be accompanied by a validation sticker, to be attached to the license plate. Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the validation sticker shall indicate the expiration of the registration period to which the motor vehicle for which the license plate is issued is assigned, in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar of motor vehicles. During each succeeding year of the multi-year period following the issuance of the plate and validation sticker, upon the filing of an application for registration and the payment of the tax therefor, a validation sticker alone shall be issued. The validation stickers required under this section shall be of different colors or shades each year, the new colors or shades to be selected by the director.

(2)(a) The director shall develop a universal validation sticker that may be issued to any owner of ~~two hundred fifty~~ five hundred or more passenger vehicles, so that a sticker issued to the owner may be placed on any passenger vehicle in that owner's fleet. Beginning January 1, 2019, the universal validation sticker shall not have an expiration date on it and shall not need replaced at the time of registration, except in the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of the validation sticker. The director may establish and charge an additional fee of not more than one dollar per registration to compensate for necessary costs of the universal validation sticker program. The additional fee shall be credited to the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The director shall select the color or shade of the universal validation sticker.

(b) A validation sticker issued for an all-purpose vehicle that is registered under Chapter 4519. of the Revised Code or for a trailer or semitrailer that is permanently registered under division (A)(2) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or is registered for any number of succeeding registration years may indicate the expiration of the registration period, if any, by any manner determined by the registrar by rule.

(B) Identification license plates shall be produced by Ohio penal industries. Validation stickers and county identification stickers shall be produced by Ohio penal industries unless the registrar adopts rules that permit the registrar or deputy registrars to print or otherwise produce them in house.

Sec. 4503.83. (A) ~~Commencing January 1, 2014, the~~ The owner or lessee of a fleet of apportioned vehicles may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any apportioned vehicle, commercial trailer, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar and issuance of company logo license plates. The initial application shall be for not less than fifty eligible vehicles. The applicant shall provide the registrar the artwork for the company logo plate in a format designated by the registrar. The registrar shall approve the artwork or return the artwork for modification in accordance with any design requirements reasonably imposed by the registrar.

Upon approval of the artwork and receipt of the completed application and compliance with divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and the appropriate number of company logo license plates with a validation sticker or a 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 Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 4503.19, 4503.191, and 4503.83 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. (A) The Director of Public Safety shall submit a proposal to the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requesting permission to do both of the following:

(1) Temporarily suspend the requirement for the waiver of the skills test for an applicant for a commercial driver's license that is specified in division (D)(1)(c)(iii) of section 4506.09 of the Revised Code;

(2) Temporarily replace the requirement of division (D)(1)(c)(iii) of section 4506.09 of the Revised Code with a requirement that allows the applicant to certify and provide evidence that for at least two years during the applicant's military service or employment, the applicant operated a vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle type that the applicant operates or expects to operate.

(B)(1) If the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration approves the proposal submitted under division (A) of this section, the Director shall implement the waiver of the skills test in a manner that incorporates the requirement specified in division (A)(2) of this section as a temporary pilot program. The duration of the pilot program is four years beginning not later than thirty days after the Director receives approval from the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

(2) During the four-year term of the pilot program, the operation of division (D)(1)(c)(iii) of

section 4506.09 of the Revised Code is suspended. Upon termination of the pilot program, the operation of division (D)(1)(c)(iii) of that section is reinstated.

(C) Throughout the duration of the temporary pilot program established under division (B) of this section, the Director shall collect data regarding its implementation. Not later than thirty days after the program ends, the Director shall submit a report summarizing that data to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

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Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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