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A BILL

To amend sections 4503.19, 4503.191, and 4503.83 of 1
the Revised Code to require the universal 2
validation sticker available to owners of 3
passenger vehicle fleets to be issued without an 4
expiration date beginning January 1, 2019, and 5
to require the Director of Public Safety to seek 6
approval from the United States Federal Motor 7
Carrier Safety Administration to implement a 8
temporary pilot program regarding the waiver of 9
the skills test for a commercial driver's 10
license that applies to present and former 11
military personnel. 12

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

Section 1. That sections 4503.19, 4503.191, and 4503.83 of 13
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 14

Sec. 4503.19. (A) (1) Upon the filing of an application for 15

registration and the payment of the tax for registration, the 16
registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 17
determine whether the owner previously has been issued license 18
plates for the motor vehicle described in the application. If no 19
license plates previously have been issued to the owner for that 20
motor vehicle, the registrar or deputy registrar shall assign to 21
the motor vehicle a distinctive number and issue and deliver to 22
the owner in the manner that the registrar may select a 23
certificate of registration, in the form that the registrar 24
shall prescribe. The registrar or deputy registrar also shall 25
charge the owner any fees required under division (C) of section 26
4503.10 of the Revised Code. 27

(2) The registrar or deputy registrar then shall deliver 28
the following: 29

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in 30
division (A) (2) of section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, two 31
license plates, duplicates of each other, and a validation 32
sticker, or a validation sticker alone, to be attached to the 33
number plates as provided in section 4503.191 of the Revised 34
Code. 35

(b) For trailers, manufactured homes, mobile homes, and 36
semitrailers, one license plate only and one validation sticker, 37
or a validation sticker alone. The manufacturer thereof, the 38
dealer, or in transit companies therein, shall display the 39
license plate and validation sticker only on the rear of such 40
vehicles. 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 44
validation sticker shall be displayed on the front of the 45

commercial tractor. 46

(d) For an apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned 47
license plate under the international registration plan, one 48
license plate only and one validation sticker, or a validation 49
sticker alone. The license plate shall be displayed only on the 50
front of a semitractor and on the rear of all other vehicles. 51

(e) For a chauffeured limousine, two license plates and 52
validation stickers, or validation stickers alone, and a livery 53
sticker as provided in section 4503.24 of the Revised Code. 54

(3) The registrar or deputy registrar shall not issue 55
license plates for a school bus. A school bus shall bear 56
identifying numbers in the manner prescribed by section 4511.764 57
of the Revised Code. 58

(4) The certificate of registration and license plates and 59
validation stickers, or validation stickers alone, shall be 60
issued and delivered to the owner in person or by mail. 61

(5) In the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction 62
of any certificate of registration, or of any license plates or 63
validation stickers, or if the owner chooses to replace license 64
plates previously issued for a motor vehicle, or if the 65
registration certificate and license plates have been impounded 66
as provided by division (B) (1) of section 4507.02 and section 67
4507.16 of the Revised Code, the owner of a motor vehicle, or 68
manufacturer or dealer, may obtain from the registrar, or from a 69
deputy registrar if authorized by the registrar, a duplicate 70
thereof or new license plates bearing a different number, if the 71
registrar considers it advisable, upon filing an application 72
prescribed by the registrar, and upon paying a fee of one dollar 73
for such certificate of registration. The registrar shall 74

deposit the one dollar fee into the state treasury to the credit 75
of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 76
4501.06 of the Revised Code. The registrar or deputy registrar 77
shall charge a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents for each set 78
of two license plates or six dollars and fifty cents for each 79
single license plate or validation sticker issued, which the 80
registrar shall deposit into the state treasury to the credit of 81
the public safety - highway purposes fund. 82

(6) Each applicant for a replacement certificate of 83
registration, license plate, or validation sticker also shall 84
pay the fees provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 85
4503.10 of the Revised Code and any applicable fee under section 86
4503.192 of the Revised Code. 87

Additionally, the registrar and each deputy registrar who 88
either issues license plates and a validation sticker for use on 89
any vehicle other than a commercial tractor, semitrailer, or 90
apportioned vehicle, or who issues a validation sticker alone 91
for use on such a vehicle and the owner has changed the owner's 92
county of residence since the owner last was issued county 93
identification stickers, also shall issue and deliver to the 94
owner either one or two county identification stickers, as 95
appropriate, which shall be attached to the license plates in a 96
manner prescribed by the director of public safety. The county 97
identification stickers shall identify prominently by name the 98
county in which the owner of the vehicle resides at the time of 99
registration, except that the county identification sticker for 100
a nonstandard license plate, as defined in section 4503.77 of 101
the Revised Code, shall identify prominently by name or number 102
the county in which the owner of the vehicle resides at the time 103
of registration. 104

(B) A certificate of registration issued under this 105
section shall have a portion that contains all the information 106
contained in the main portion of the certificate except for the 107
address of the person to whom the certificate is issued. Except 108
as provided in this division, whenever a reference is made in 109
the Revised Code to a motor vehicle certificate of registration 110
that is issued under this section, the reference shall be deemed 111
to refer to either the main portion of the certificate or the 112
portion containing all information in the main portion except 113
the address of the person to whom the certificate is issued. If 114
a reference is made in the Revised Code to the seizure or 115
surrender of a motor vehicle certificate of registration that is 116
issued under this section, the reference shall be deemed to 117
refer to both the main portion of the certificate and the 118
portion containing all information in the main portion except 119
the address of the person to whom the certificate is issued. 120

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 121
misdemeanor. 122

Sec. 4503.191. (A) (1) The identification license plate 123
shall be issued for a multi-year period as determined by the 124
director of public safety, and shall be accompanied by a 125
validation sticker, to be attached to the license plate. Except 126
as provided in division (A) (2) of this section, the validation 127
sticker shall indicate the expiration of the registration period 128
to which the motor vehicle for which the license plate is issued 129
is assigned, in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar 130
of motor vehicles. During each succeeding year of the multi-year 131
period following the issuance of the plate and validation 132
sticker, upon the filing of an application for registration and 133
the payment of the tax therefor, a validation sticker alone 134
shall be issued. The validation stickers required under this 135

section shall be of different colors or shades each year, the 136
new colors or shades to be selected by the director. 137

(2) (a) The director shall develop a universal validation 138
sticker that may be issued to any owner of ~~two hundred fifty~~ 139
five hundred or more passenger vehicles, so that a sticker 140
issued to the owner may be placed on any passenger vehicle in 141
that owner's fleet. Beginning January 1, 2019, the universal 142
validation sticker shall not have an expiration date on it and 143
shall not need replaced at the time of registration, except in 144
the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of the 145
validation sticker. The director may establish and charge an 146
additional fee of not more than one dollar per registration to 147
compensate for necessary costs of the universal validation 148
sticker program. The additional fee shall be credited to the 149
public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 150
of the Revised Code. The director shall select the color or 151
shade of the universal validation sticker. 152

(b) A validation sticker issued for an all-purpose vehicle 153
that is registered under Chapter 4519. of the Revised Code or 154
for a trailer or semitrailer that is permanently registered 155
under division (A) (2) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or 156
is registered for any number of succeeding registration years 157
may indicate the expiration of the registration period, if any, 158
by any manner determined by the registrar by rule. 159

(B) Identification license plates shall be produced by 160
Ohio penal industries. Validation stickers and county 161
identification stickers shall be produced by Ohio penal 162
industries unless the registrar adopts rules that permit the 163
registrar or deputy registrars to print or otherwise produce 164
them in house. 165

Sec. 4503.83. (A) ~~Commencing January 1, 2014, the~~ The 166
owner or lessee of a fleet of apportioned vehicles may apply to 167
the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 168
apportioned vehicle, commercial trailer, or other vehicle of a 169
class approved by the registrar and issuance of company logo 170
license plates. The initial application shall be for not less 171
than fifty eligible vehicles. The applicant shall provide the 172
registrar the artwork for the company logo plate in a format 173
designated by the registrar. The registrar shall approve the 174
artwork or return the artwork for modification in accordance 175
with any design requirements reasonably imposed by the 176
registrar. 177

Upon approval of the artwork and receipt of the completed 178
application and compliance with divisions (B) and (C) of this 179
section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 180
appropriate vehicle registration and the appropriate number of 181
company logo license plates with a validation sticker or a 182
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 183
the Revised Code, except that no validation sticker shall be 184
issued under this section for ~~a~~ either of the following: 185

(1) A motor vehicle for which the registration tax is 186
specified in section 4503.042 of the Revised Code; 187

(2) A motor vehicle that is issued a universal validation 188
sticker under division (A)(2) of section 4503.191 of the Revised 189
Code, except as provided by that section. 190

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 191
inscribed on license plates, company logo license plates shall 192
be inscribed with words and markings requested by the applicant 193
and approved by the registrar. 194

(B) A company logo license plate and a validation sticker 195
or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued 196
upon payment of the applicable regular license tax prescribed in 197
section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised Code for the 198
registration of a vehicle in this state, any applicable fees 199
prescribed in section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, any 200
applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 201
Revised Code, a bureau of motor vehicles fee of six dollars when 202
a company logo license plate actually is issued, and compliance 203
with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of 204
motor vehicles. If a company logo plate is issued to replace an 205
existing license plate for the same vehicle, the replacement 206
license plate fees prescribed in division (A) of section 4503.19 207
of the Revised Code shall not apply. 208

(C) The registrar shall deposit the bureau of motor 209
vehicles fee specified in division (B) of this section, the 210
purpose of which is to compensate the bureau for the additional 211
services required in issuing company logo license plates, in the 212
public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 213
of the Revised Code. 214

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.19, 4503.191, and 215
4503.83 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 216

Section 3. (A) The Director of Public Safety shall submit 217
a proposal to the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety 218
Administration requesting permission to do both of the 219
following: 220

(1) Temporarily suspend the requirement for the waiver of 221
the skills test for an applicant for a commercial driver's 222
license that is specified in division (D)(1)(c)(iii) of section 223
4506.09 of the Revised Code; 224

(2) Temporarily replace the requirement of division (D) (1) 225
(c) (iii) of section 4506.09 of the Revised Code with a 226
requirement that allows the applicant to certify and provide 227
evidence that for at least two years during the applicant's 228
military service or employment, the applicant operated a vehicle 229
representative of the commercial motor vehicle type that the 230
applicant operates or expects to operate. 231

(B) (1) If the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety 232
Administration approves the proposal submitted under division 233
(A) of this section, the Director shall implement the waiver of 234
the skills test in a manner that incorporates the requirement 235
specified in division (A) (2) of this section as a temporary 236
pilot program. The duration of the pilot program is four years 237
beginning not later than thirty days after the Director receives 238
approval from the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety 239
Administration. 240

(2) During the four-year term of the pilot program, the 241
operation of division (D) (1) (c) (iii) of section 4506.09 of the 242
Revised Code is suspended. Upon termination of the pilot 243
program, the operation of division (D) (1) (c) (iii) of that 244
section is reinstated. 245

(C) Throughout the duration of the temporary pilot program 246
established under division (B) of this section, the Director 247
shall collect data regarding its implementation. Not later than 248
thirty days after the program ends, the Director shall submit a 249
report summarizing that data to the Speaker of the House of 250
Representatives and the President of the Senate. 251