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A BILL

To enact section 4510.101 of the Revised Code to
establish a permanent Driver's License
Reinstatement Fee Debt Reduction and Amnesty
Program.

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

Section 1. That section 4510.101 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 4510.101. (A) As used in this section:

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(1) "Eligible offense" means an offense under any of the
following Revised Code sections if the offense, an essential
element of the offense, the basis of the charge, or any
underlying offense did not involve alcohol, a drug of abuse,
combination thereof, or a deadly weapon: 2151.354, 2152.19,
2152.21, 2907.24, 2913.02, 4507.20, 4509.101, 4509.17, 4509.24,
4509.40, 4510.037, 4510.05, 4510.06, 4510.15, 4510.22, 4510.23,
4510.31, 4510.32, 4511.203, 4511.205, 4511.251, 4511.75,
4549.02, 4549.021, and 5743.99.

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(2) "Deadly weapon" has the same meaning as in section
2923.11 of the Revised Code.

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<u>(3) "Drug of abuse" has the same meaning as in section</u>	19
<u>4511.181 of the Revised Code.</u>	20
<u>(4) "Complete amnesty" means a waiver of reinstatement</u>	21
<u>fees.</u>	22
<u>(5) "Driver's license or permit" does not include a</u>	23
<u>commercial driver's license or permit.</u>	24
<u>(6) "Indigent" means a person who is a participant in any</u>	25
<u>of the following programs:</u>	26
<u>(a) The supplemental nutrition assistance program</u>	27
<u>administered by the department of job and family services</u>	28
<u>pursuant to section 5101.54 of the Revised Code;</u>	29
<u>(b) The medicaid program pursuant to Chapter 5163. of the</u>	30
<u>Revised Code;</u>	31
<u>(c) The Ohio works first program administered by the</u>	32
<u>department of job and family services pursuant to section</u>	33
<u>5107.10 of the Revised Code;</u>	34
<u>(d) The supplemental security income program pursuant to</u>	35
<u>20 C.F.R. 416.1100;</u>	36
<u>(e) The United States department of veterans affairs</u>	37
<u>pension benefit program pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1521.</u>	38
<u>(B) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of</u>	39
<u>this section, the registrar of motor vehicles shall establish a</u>	40
<u>permanent driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction and</u>	41
<u>amnesty program.</u>	42
<u>(C) Under the program, both of the following apply:</u>	43
<u>(1) A person whose driver's license or permit has been</u>	44
<u>suspended as a result of an eligible offense may apply to the</u>	45

registrar for driver's license reinstatement fee debt reduction 46
if the person has completed all court-ordered sanctions related 47
to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement 48
fees and at least eighteen months have expired since the end of 49
the period of suspension ordered by the court. 50

(2) A person whose driver's license or permit has been 51
suspended as a result of an eligible offense may apply to the 52
registrar for complete amnesty if the person has completed all 53
court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other 54
than the payment of reinstatement fees, and the person is 55
indigent and can demonstrate proof of indigence by providing 56
documentation in a form approved by the registrar. 57

(D) (1) The registrar shall grant reinstatement fee debt 58
reduction to a person who is eligible under division (C) (1) of 59
this section as follows: 60

(a) If the person owes reinstatement fees for multiple 61
eligible offenses, the person shall be required to pay either 62
the lowest reinstatement fee owed for those offenses or ten per 63
cent of the total amount owed for those offenses, whichever 64
amount is greater. 65

(b) If the person owes reinstatement fees for one eligible 66
offense, the person shall be required to pay one-half of the 67
reinstatement fee owed for that offense. 68

(2) The registrar shall grant complete amnesty to a person 69
eligible under division (C) (2) of this section. 70

(E) (1) If the registrar denies an application under the 71
program, the registrar shall provide an explanation in writing 72
to the applicant that states the reason the application was 73
denied. 74

(2) If an application is denied, the applicant may request 75
an administrative hearing to appeal the denial or may reapply 76
for the program. Any decision made by the registrar on appeal is 77
final. An applicant shall not reapply for the program more than 78
once a year. The registrar shall establish the parameters for 79
the administrative appeals process by rule. 80

(F) The registrar shall conduct public service 81
announcements regarding the permanent driver's license 82
reinstatement fee debt reduction and amnesty program that 83
includes a description of the program and its requirements. In 84
addition, the registrar shall make such information available on 85
the bureau of motor vehicle's web site. 86

(G) The registrar shall adopt rules in accordance with 87
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code in order to establish any 88
requirements and procedures necessary to administer and 89
implement this section. 90