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A BILL

To amend sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of the 1
Revised Code to alter the definitions of "plug- 2
in electric motor vehicle" and "hybrid motor 3
vehicle" under the motor vehicle law and to 4
halve the additional registration fees for those 5
two types of motor vehicles. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of the 7
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

Sec. 4501.01. As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 9
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of 10
the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise 11
provided: 12

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 13
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric 14
personal assistive mobility devices, vehicles that are operated 15
exclusively on rails or tracks or from overhead electric trolley 16
wires, and vehicles that belong to any police department, 17

municipal fire department, or volunteer fire department, or that 18
are used by such a department in the discharge of its functions. 19

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 20
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 21
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 22
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 23
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 24
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 25
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 26
motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction 27
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 28
in construction work and not designed for or employed in general 29
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 30
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 31
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 32
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 33
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 34
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 35

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 36
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 37
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 38
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 39
used principally for agricultural purposes. 40

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 41
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 42
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 43
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 44
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 45
its load, or both. 46

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 47

designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 48
includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 49
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 50
arrangement. 51

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 52
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 53
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 54
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 55
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 56
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 57
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 58
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 59
agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 60
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 61
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 62
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 63
provisions in the laws of other states. 64

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 65
that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a 66
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 67
exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 68
event is used for general transportation. 69

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 70
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 71
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 72
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 73
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 74

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 75
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 76
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 77

not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 78

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 79
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 80
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 81

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 82
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 83
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 84
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 85
fourteen inches in diameter. 86

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 87
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 88
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 89
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 90
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 91
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 92
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 93
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 94
bicycle. 95

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 96
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 97
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 98
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 99
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 100
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 101
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 102
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 103
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 104
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 105
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 106
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 107

drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 108
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 109
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 110
travel trailer. 111

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 112
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 113
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 114
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 115
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 116
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 117
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 118
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 119
personal or recreational purposes. 120

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 121
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 122
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 123
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 124
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 125
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 126
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 127
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 128
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 129

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 130
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 131
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 132
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 133
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 134
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 135
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 136
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 137

trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a	138
semitrailer into a trailer.	139
(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable	140
structure that meets all of the following conditions:	141
(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational	142
travel.	143
(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business	144
for profit.	145
(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in	146
intrastate commerce.	147
(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined	148
in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended.	149
(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission	150
pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code.	151
(6) It is classed as one of the following:	152
(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself-	153
propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall	154
length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or	155
coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping	156
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.	157
(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational	158
vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with	159
permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and	160
consuming of food, and for sleeping.	161
(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational	162
vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed	163
to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck	164

camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and 165
a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to 166
be used as a dwelling. 167

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 168
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 169
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 170
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 171
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 172
installed in the bed of a truck. 173

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 174
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 175
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 176
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 177
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 178
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 179
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 180
appliances. 181

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 182
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 183

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 184
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 185
the load. 186

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 187
equipped with two or more solid tires. 188

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 189
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, 190
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural 191
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 192
place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 193

threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 194
hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 195
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 196

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 197
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 198
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 199
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 200

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 201
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 202
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 203
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 204
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 205
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 206
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 207
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 208
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 209
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 210
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 211
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 212
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 213
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 214
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 215
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 216
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 217
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 218
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 219
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 220
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 221
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 222
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 223
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 224

manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or	225
dealing in motor vehicles.	226
(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates	227
a motor vehicle upon the public highways.	228
(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor	229
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any	230
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than	231
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain,	232
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by	233
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily	234
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an	235
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain,	236
compensation, or profit.	237
(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts	238
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada.	239
(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all	240
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts.	241
(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's	242
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the	243
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle.	244
(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original	245
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor	246
of the vehicle.	247
(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a	248
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to	249
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of	250
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of	251
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle	252
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle	253

dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the 254
location of the distributor's licensed dealership. 255

(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 256
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is 257
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 258
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 259
buspools. 260

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is 261
used or intended for use in two or more international 262
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or 263
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the 264
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 265
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and 266
that meets any of the following qualifications: 267

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in 268
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; 269

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless 270
of the gross vehicle weight; 271

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 272
in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 273

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 274
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up 275
and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the 276
United States, this state, or any political subdivisions 277
thereof. 278

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who 279
contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger- 280
carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in 281
accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 282

United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 283
group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 284
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 285
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 286

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 287
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 288
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 289
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 290
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 291
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 292
member jurisdictions. 293

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 294
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 295
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 296
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 297

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 298
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 299
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 300
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 301
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 302
vehicle. 303

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 304
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 305
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 306
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 307
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 308
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 309
vehicles. 310

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 311

designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 312
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation 313
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under 314
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 315
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 316
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 317
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 318
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 319
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 320

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 321
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 322

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 323
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 324
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 325
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 326
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 327
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 328
mobile homes. 329

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 330
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 331
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 332

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 333
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 334
an information system or for transmission from one information 335
system to another. 336

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 337
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 338
electronic record. 339

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 340

as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 341

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 342
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 343
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 344
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 345
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 346
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 347

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 348
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 349
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 350
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 351
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 352
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 353
hour. 354

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 355
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 356
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 357
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 358
privilege has been suspended. 359

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 360
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 361
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 362
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 363
handling, or similar activities. 364

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 365
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 366
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 367
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 368
rating less than three thousand pounds. 369

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds.

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface.

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment top that can be installed or removed by the user.

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top or an occupant compartment top that is installed.

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup

truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 400
vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 401
motor vehicle safety standards. 402

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 403
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 404
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 405
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 406
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 407

(DDD) "Plug-in electric motor vehicle" means a passenger 408
car powered wholly ~~or in part~~ by a battery cell energy system 409
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 410

(EEE) "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered 411
by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the 412
following: 413

(1) A combustion engine; 414

(2) Either of the following: 415

(a) A battery cell energy system that cannot be recharged 416
via an external source of electricity but can be recharged by 417
other vehicle mechanisms that capture and store electric energy; 418

(b) A battery cell energy system that can be recharged 419
both by an external source of electricity and other vehicle 420
mechanisms that capture and store electric energy. 421

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 422
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 423
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 424
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 425
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 426
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 427

is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 428
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 429
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 430
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 431
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 432
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 433
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in section 434
4503.103 of the Revised Code, every owner of every other motor 435
vehicle not previously described in this section and every 436
person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title of a 437
motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public roads 438
or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 439
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 440
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 441
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 442
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 443
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 444
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 445
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 446
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 447
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 448
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 449
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 450
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 451
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 452
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 453
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 454
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 455
information: 456

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 457
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 458

identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 459
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 460
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 461

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 462
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 463

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 464
determined as follows: 465

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 466
hire or principally in connection with any established business 467
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 468
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 469
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 470
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 471
located. 472

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 473
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 474
owner resides at the time of making the application. 475

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 476
vehicle; 477

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 478

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 479
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 480
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 481
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 482
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 483
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 484
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 485
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 486
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 487

the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 488
is not required. 489

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 490
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 491
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 492
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 493
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 494
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 495
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 496
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 497

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, each 498
time an applicant first registers a motor vehicle in the 499
applicant's name, the applicant shall present for inspection a 500
physical certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing 501
title to the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the 502
applicant if a physical certificate of title or memorandum 503
certificate has been issued by a clerk of a court of common 504
pleas. If, under sections 4505.021, 4505.06, and 4505.08 of the 505
Revised Code, a clerk instead has issued an electronic 506
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle, that 507
certificate may be presented for inspection at the time of first 508
registration in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the 509
registrar. An applicant is not required to present a certificate 510
of title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a 511
limited authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules 512
adopted by the registrar. When a motor vehicle inspection and 513
maintenance program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the 514
Revised Code and rules adopted under it, each application for 515
registration for a vehicle required to be inspected under that 516
section and those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection 517
certificate for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that 518

section. The application shall be refused if any of the 519
following applies: 520

(1) The application is not in proper form. 521

(2) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 522
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 523
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of 524
section 4510.22, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 of the 525
Revised Code. 526

(3) A certificate of title or memorandum certificate of 527
title is required but does not accompany the application or, in 528
the case of an electronic certificate of title, is required but 529
is not presented in a manner prescribed by the registrar's 530
rules. 531

(4) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 532
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 533
current registration year, have not been paid. 534

(5) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 535
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 536
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 537
is applicable. 538

This section does not require the payment of license or 539
registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or 540
for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not 541
taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 542
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 543
of the Revised Code. When a certificate of registration is 544
issued upon the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on 545
behalf of the owner, the official issuing the certificate shall 546
indicate the issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title 547

or memorandum certificate or, in the case of an electronic 548
certificate of title, an electronic stamp or other notation as 549
specified in rules adopted by the registrar, and with a stamp on 550
the inspection certificate for the motor vehicle, if any. The 551
official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by other means the 552
registrar prescribes, on the registration certificate issued 553
upon the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf 554
of the owner the odometer reading of the motor vehicle as shown 555
in the odometer statement included in or attached to the 556
certificate of title. Upon each subsequent registration of the 557
motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same owner, the official 558
also shall so indicate the odometer reading of the motor vehicle 559
as shown on the immediately preceding certificate of 560
registration. 561

The registrar shall include in the permanent registration 562
record of any vehicle required to be inspected under section 563
3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection certificate number 564
from the inspection certificate that is presented at the time of 565
registration of the vehicle as required under this division. 566

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 567
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 568
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 569
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 570
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 571
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 572
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 573
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 574
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 575
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 576
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 577
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 578

vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 579
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) 580
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 581
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 582
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 583
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 584

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 585
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 586
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 587
identification sticker or each set of county identification 588
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 589
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 590
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 591
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 592
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 593
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 594
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 595
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 596
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 597
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 598
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 599
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 600
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 601
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 602
Code. 603

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 604
an additional fee of ~~two~~one hundred dollars for each 605
application for registration or registration renewal received 606
for any plug-in electric motor vehicle. The registrar shall 607
transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) 608
(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution 609

in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised Code.

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect an additional fee of ~~one hundred~~ fifty dollars for each application for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid motor vehicle. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised Code.

The fees established under divisions (C) (3) and (4) of this section shall not be imposed until January 1, 2020.

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each application for registration and registration renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal notices and the issuing of registrations.

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates erroneously or fraudulently issued.

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application for registration or registration renewal notice, together with the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit

that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 639
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 640
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 641
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 642
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 643
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 644
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 645
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 646
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 647
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 648
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 649
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 650
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 651
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 652
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 653
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 654
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 655
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 656
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 657
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 658
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 659
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 660
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 661
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 662
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 663
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 664
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 665
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 666
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 667

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 668
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 669

registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 670
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 671
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 672
Code for each application. 673

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 674
district of registration in an application required by division 675
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 676
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 677
specified in that section. 678

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 679
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 680
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 681
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 682
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 683
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 684
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 685
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 686
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 687
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 688
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 689
Code. 690

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 691
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 692
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 693
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 694
receives information about the requirements established in that 695
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 696
present an inspection certificate with an application for 697
registration or preregistration. 698

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 699

of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 700
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 701
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 702
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 703
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 704
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 705
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 706
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 707
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 708
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 709
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 710
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 711
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 712
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 713
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 714
registration. 715

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 716
for registration under the international registration plan, as 717
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 718
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 719
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 720
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 721
forms shall include the following: 722

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 723

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 724
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 725
the registrant; 726

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 727

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 728

implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 729
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 730
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 731
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 732
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 733
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 734
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 735
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 736

If international registration plan guidelines and 737
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 738
registrations under the international registration plan to be 739
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 740
division shall permit such action. 741

Section 2. That existing sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of 742
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 743