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**A BILL**

To amend section 4509.05 of the Revised Code to 1  
require the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to 2  
include information regarding who is at fault 3  
for a motor vehicle accident on a motor vehicle 4  
abstract, when such information is available. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 4509.05 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 4509.05.** (A) Upon request, the registrar of motor 8  
vehicles shall search and furnish a certified abstract of the 9  
following information with respect to any person: 10

(1) An enumeration of the motor vehicle accidents in which 11  
such person has been involved except accidents certified as 12  
described in division (D) of section 3937.41 of the Revised 13  
Code; 14

(2) Such person's record of convictions for violation of 15  
the motor vehicle laws. 16

(B) The registrar shall include with the enumeration of 17  
motor vehicle accidents, as listed on a person's abstract under 18  
division (A)(1) of this section, a specification of whether that 19  
person was found to be at fault or not at fault for each 20  
accident listed on the abstract, if that information is 21  
available. To determine fault and for purposes of providing the 22  
specification, the registrar may use motor vehicle accident 23  
reports, citations issued by law enforcement officers that are 24  
relevant to accidents listed on the abstract, and information 25  
given to the registrar by an insurance carrier regarding such 26  
accidents. 27

(C) The registrar shall collect for each abstract a fee of 28  
five dollars. 29

~~(C)~~-(D) The registrar may permit deputy registrars to 30  
perform a search and furnish a certified abstract under this 31  
section. A deputy registrar performing this function shall 32  
comply with section 4501.27 of the Revised Code concerning the 33  
disclosure of personal information, shall collect and transmit 34  
to the registrar the five-dollar fee established under division 35  
~~(B)~~-(C) of this section, and may collect and retain a service 36  
fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of 37  
the Revised Code. 38

The registrar shall pay each five-dollar fee collected 39  
under this section into the state treasury to the credit of the 40  
public safety - highway purposes fund established in section 41  
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 42

**Section 2.** That existing section 4509.05 of the Revised 43  
Code is hereby repealed. 44