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**A BILL**

To amend sections 319.202, 5301.256, and 5323.02 of 1  
the Revised Code to modify the law that 2  
prohibits certain governments, businesses, and 3  
individuals from acquiring certain real property 4  
and to name this act the Ohio Property 5  
Protection Act. 6

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

**Section 1.** That sections 319.202, 5301.256, and 5323.02 of 7  
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 319.202.** Before the county auditor indorses any real 9  
property conveyance or manufactured or mobile home conveyance 10  
presented to the auditor pursuant to section 319.20 of the 11  
Revised Code or registers any manufactured or mobile home 12  
conveyance pursuant to section 4503.061 of the Revised Code, the 13  
grantee or the grantee's representative shall submit, either 14

electronically or three written copies of, a statement, in the 15  
form prescribed by the tax commissioner, and other information 16  
as the county auditor may require, declaring the value of real 17  
property or manufactured or mobile home conveyed, except that, 18  
subject to division (C) of this section, when the transfer is 19  
exempt under division (G) (3) of section 319.54 of the Revised 20  
Code only a statement of the reason for the exemption shall be 21  
required. Each statement submitted under this section shall 22  
contain the information required under divisions (A) and (B) of 23  
this section and, if the statement involves the transfer of 24  
protected property, the affirmations required by division (C) of 25  
this section. 26

(A) Each statement submitted under this section shall 27  
either: 28

(1) Contain an affirmation by the grantee that the grantor 29  
has been asked by the grantee or the grantee's representative 30  
whether to the best of the grantor's knowledge either the 31  
preceding or the current year's taxes on the real property or 32  
the current or following year's taxes on the manufactured or 33  
mobile home conveyed will be reduced under division (A) of 34  
section 323.152 or under section 4503.065 of the Revised Code 35  
and that the grantor indicated that to the best of the grantor's 36  
knowledge the taxes will not be so reduced; or 37

(2) Be accompanied by a sworn or affirmed instrument 38  
stating: 39

(a) To the best of the grantor's knowledge the real 40  
property or the manufactured or mobile home that is the subject 41  
of the conveyance is eligible for and will receive a reduction 42  
in taxes for or payable in the current year under division (A) 43  
of section 323.152 or under section 4503.065 of the Revised Code 44

and that the reduction or reductions will be reflected in the 45  
grantee's taxes; 46

(b) The estimated amount of such reductions that will be 47  
reflected in the grantee's taxes; 48

(c) That the grantor and the grantee have considered and 49  
accounted for the total estimated amount of such reductions to 50  
the satisfaction of both the grantee and the grantor. The 51  
auditor shall indorse the instrument, return it to the grantee 52  
or the grantee's representative, and provide a copy of the 53  
indorsed instrument to the grantor or the grantor's 54  
representative. 55

(B) Each statement submitted under this section shall 56  
either: 57

(1) Contain an affirmation by the grantee that the grantor 58  
has been asked by the grantee or the grantee's representative 59  
whether to the best of the grantor's knowledge the real property 60  
conveyed qualified for the current agricultural use valuation 61  
under section 5713.30 of the Revised Code either for the 62  
preceding or the current year and that the grantor indicated 63  
that to the best of the grantor's knowledge the property 64  
conveyed was not so qualified; or 65

(2) Be accompanied by a sworn or affirmed instrument 66  
stating: 67

(a) To the best of the grantor's knowledge the real 68  
property conveyed was qualified for the current agricultural use 69  
valuation under section 5713.30 of the Revised Code either for 70  
the preceding or the current year; 71

(b) To the extent that the property will not continue to 72  
qualify for the current agricultural use valuation either for 73

the current or the succeeding year, that the property will be 74  
subject to a recoupment charge equal to the tax savings in 75  
accordance with section 5713.34 of the Revised Code; 76

(c) That the grantor and the grantee have considered and 77  
accounted for the total estimated amount of such recoupment, if 78  
any, to the satisfaction of both the grantee and the grantor. 79  
The auditor shall indorse the instrument, forward it to the 80  
grantee or the grantee's representative, and provide a copy of 81  
the indorsed instrument to the grantor or the grantor's 82  
representative. 83

(C) Each statement submitted under this section involving 84  
the transfer of protected property shall contain both of the 85  
following: 86

(1) An affirmation by the grantee as to whether the 87  
grantee is prohibited from purchasing or otherwise acquiring 88  
protected property under section 5301.256 of the Revised Code; 89

(2) An affirmation by the grantor as to whether the 90  
grantor is prohibited from purchasing or otherwise acquiring 91  
protected property under section 5301.256 of the Revised Code 92  
and, if so, whether the protected property that is the subject 93  
of the transfer was acquired before the effective date of this 94  
amendment, before the date the grantor became subject to 95  
division (B) of section 5301.256 of the Revised Code, or 96  
pursuant to an exemption under division (D) of that section. 97

(D) (1) The grantor shall pay the ~~fee~~ following: 98

(a) The fee required by division (G) (3) of section 319.54 99  
of the Revised Code; ~~and, in~~ 100

(b) In the event the board of county commissioners of the 101  
county has levied a real property or a manufactured home 102

transfer tax pursuant to Chapter 322. of the Revised Code, the 103  
amount required by the real property or manufactured home 104  
transfer tax so levied. ~~If~~ 105

(2) ~~If~~ the conveyance is exempt from the fee provided for 106  
in division (G) (3) of section 319.54 of the Revised Code and the 107  
tax, if any, levied pursuant to Chapter 322. of the Revised 108  
Code, the reason for such exemption shall be shown on the 109  
statement. "Value" means, ~~in the case of any deed or certificate~~ 110  
~~of title not a gift in whole or part, the amount of the full-~~ 111  
~~consideration therefor, paid or to be paid for the real estate-~~ 112  
~~or manufactured or mobile home described in the deed or title,~~ 113  
~~including the amount of any mortgage or vendor's lien thereon.~~ 114  
~~If property sold under a land installment contract is conveyed-~~ 115  
~~by the seller under such contract to a third party and the-~~ 116  
~~contract has been of record at least twelve months prior to the-~~ 117  
~~date of conveyance, "value" means the unpaid balance owed to the~~ 118  
~~seller under the contract at the time of the conveyance, but the~~ 119  
~~statement shall set forth the amount paid under such contract-~~ 120  
~~prior to the date of conveyance. In the case of a gift in whole-~~ 121  
~~or part, "value" means the estimated price the real estate or~~ 122  
~~manufactured or mobile home described in the deed or certificate~~ 123  
~~of title would bring in the open market and under the then-~~ 124  
~~existing and prevailing market conditions in a sale between a-~~ 125  
~~willing seller and a willing buyer, both conversant with the-~~ 126  
~~property and with prevailing general price levels.~~ 127

(3) No person shall willfully falsify the value of 128  
property conveyed. 129

~~(D)~~ (E) The auditor shall indorse each conveyance on its 130  
face to indicate the amount of the conveyance fee and compliance 131  
with this section and if the property is residential rental 132

property include a statement that the grantee shall file with 133  
the county auditor the information required under division (A) 134  
or (C) of section 5323.02 of the Revised Code. The auditor shall 135  
retain the original copy of the statement of value, forward to 136  
the tax commissioner one copy on which shall be noted the most 137  
recent assessed value of the property, and furnish one copy to 138  
the grantee or the grantee's representative. 139

~~(E)~~ (F) (1) The auditor shall not indorse a conveyance of 140  
protected property if the statement submitted under this section 141  
does not include both of the affirmations required by division 142  
(C) of this section. 143

(2) The auditor shall refer information about a conveyance 144  
of protected property to the county sheriff for investigation 145  
and enforcement under division (G) of section 5301.256 of the 146  
Revised Code if either of the following apply: 147

(a) The grantee affirms, or the auditor has reason to 148  
believe, that the grantee is prohibited from purchasing or 149  
otherwise acquiring protected property under section 5301.256 of 150  
the Revised Code. 151

(b) The grantor affirms, or the auditor has reason to 152  
believe, that the grantor has acquired protected property in 153  
violation of section 5301.256 of the Revised Code. 154

(G) The auditor shall not refuse to indorse a conveyance 155  
for either of the reasons specified in division (F) (2) of this 156  
section. 157

(H) In order to achieve uniform administration and 158  
collection of the transfer fee required by division (G) (3) of 159  
section 319.54 of the Revised Code, the tax commissioner shall 160  
adopt and promulgate rules for the administration and 161

enforcement of the levy and collection of such fee. 162

~~(F)~~ (I) As used in this section, ~~"residential~~ : 163

(1) "Agricultural land" and "protected property" have the 164  
same meanings as in section 5301.256 of the Revised Code. 165

(2) "Residential rental property" has the same meaning as 166  
in section 5323.01 of the Revised Code. 167

(3) (a) "Value" means, in the case of any deed or 168  
certificate of title not a gift in whole or part, the amount of 169  
the full consideration therefor, paid or to be paid for the real 170  
estate or manufactured or mobile home described in the deed or 171  
title, including the amount of any mortgage or vendor's lien 172  
thereon. 173

(b) If property sold under a land installment contract is 174  
conveyed by the seller under such contract to a third party and 175  
the contract has been of record at least twelve months prior to 176  
the date of conveyance, "value" means the unpaid balance owed to 177  
the seller under the contract at the time of the conveyance, but 178  
the statement shall set forth the amount paid under such 179  
contract prior to the date of conveyance. 180

(c) In the case of a gift in whole or part, "value" means 181  
the estimated price the real estate or manufactured or mobile 182  
home described in the deed or certificate of title would bring 183  
in the open market and under the then existing and prevailing 184  
market conditions in a sale between a willing seller and a 185  
willing buyer, both conversant with the property and with 186  
prevailing general price levels. 187

**Sec. 5301.256.** (A) As used in this section: 188

(1) "Agriculture" has the same meaning as in section 1.61 189

of the Revised Code.	190
(2) "Agricultural land" means land suitable for use in agriculture and includes water on and upon and air space over and above the land and natural products and deposits that are unsevered from the land.	191 192 193 194
(3) "Person" includes <del>all of the following:</del>	195
<del>(a) Individuals;</del>	196
<del>(b) Firms</del> <u>individuals, businesses, countries, criminal enterprises, gangs, cartels, organizations, and governments.</u>	197 198
(4) <u>"Business" includes firms, companies, business trusts, estates, trusts, sole proprietorships, partnerships, general partnerships, limited liability companies, associations, corporations, and any other legal, business, or commercial entities;</u>	199 200 201 202 203
<del>(c) Governments.</del>	204
(5) <u>"Government" means a government other than the government of the United States, its states, subdivisions, territories, or possessions;</u>	205 206 207
<del>(d) Legal or commercial entities, organizations, joint ventures, and nonprofits.</del>	208 209
(6) <u>"Real property" means land and improvements to land and includes water on and upon and air space over and above the land and natural products and deposits that are unsevered from the land.</u>	210 211 212 213
(7) <u>"Protected property" means real property in this state that is any of the following:</u>	214 215
<u>(a) Agricultural land;</u>	216



(b) Located within a twenty-five mile radius of any 217  
installation under the jurisdiction of the armed forces, as 218  
defined in section 5903.01 of the Revised Code, such as a 219  
military base, a camp, or an airport; 220

(c) Located within a twenty-five mile radius of a critical 221  
infrastructure facility, as defined in section 2911.21 of the 222  
Revised Code. 223

(8) "Control" means the authority, by contract or by law, 224  
to direct the affairs and day-to-day operations of a business 225  
without the consent of any other person. 226

(9) "Own" means possession of more than fifty per cent of 227  
the stock, equity, or other ownership interest of a business. 228

(10) "Foreign adversary" means a country listed on the 229  
registry published by the secretary of state under division (H) 230  
of this section. 231

~~(B)(1)~~ (B) On or after the effective date of this section, 232  
~~no person listed in the registry published by the secretary of~~ 233  
~~state under division (G) of this section, and no agent, trustee,~~ 234  
~~or fiduciary of such a person~~ amendment, none of the following 235  
persons shall, directly or indirectly, purchase or otherwise 236  
acquire agricultural land in this state protected property: 237

(1) A person listed on the registry published by the 238  
secretary of state under division (H) of this section; 239

(2) A government of a foreign adversary; 240

(3) An individual who is a citizen of a foreign adversary, 241  
regardless of whether that same individual is also a citizen or 242  
national of one or more other countries, other than the United 243  
States, that are not foreign adversaries; 244

<u>(4) A business that is headquartered in a foreign</u>	245
<u>adversary;</u>	246
<u>(5) A business that is directly or indirectly owned or</u>	247
<u>controlled by one or more persons described in divisions (B) (1)</u>	248
<u>to (4) of this section, or an agent, fiduciary, or trustee of</u>	249
<u>such persons;</u>	250
<u>(6) Except as otherwise provided in division (D) (3) of</u>	251
<u>this section, an agent, fiduciary, or trustee of a person</u>	252
<u>described in divisions (B) (1) to (5) of this section.</u>	253
<del>(2) (C) A person, agent, trustee or fiduciary</del> subject to	254
division <del>(B) (1)</del> <u>(B)</u> of this section that <u>directly or indirectly</u>	255
owns or holds <del>agricultural land in this state as described in</del>	256
<del>division (B) (1) of this section</del> <u>protected property</u> before the	257
effective date of this <del>section amendment,</del> <u>may continue to own or</u>	258
hold the <del>agricultural land</del> <u>protected property,</u> but shall not	259
purchase or otherwise acquire, <u>directly or indirectly,</u>	260
<del>additional agricultural land in this state that is subject to</del>	261
<del>the restriction in division (B) (1) of this section</del> <u>protected</u>	262
<u>property,</u> unless an exception described in division <del>(C)</del> <u>(D)</u> of	263
this section applies.	264
<del>(C) (D) The restriction on acquiring agricultural land</del>	265
<del>restrictions</del> set forth in division <del>(B) (1)</del> <u>(B)</u> of this section	266
<del>does do</del> not apply to any of the following:	267
<u>(1) Agricultural land</u> <u>Protected property</u> acquired by	268
devise or descent. <del>However</del> <u>Except as otherwise provided in</u>	269
<u>division (C) of this section,</u> a person <del>listed in the registry</del>	270
<del>published by the secretary of state under division (C)</del> <u>subject</u>	271
<u>to division (B) of this section,</u> <del>or an agent, trustee, or</del>	272
<del>fiduciary thereof,</del> that <u>directly or indirectly</u> acquires <del>the</del>	273

~~agricultural land~~protected property, or ~~an~~a direct or indirect 274  
interest in ~~agricultural land~~protected property by devise or 275  
descent ~~on or after the effective date of this section~~ shall 276  
divest ~~itself~~ of all right, title, and interest in the 277  
~~agricultural land~~protected property, whether direct or 278  
indirect, within two years ~~from~~after the date of acquisition. 279

(2) ~~Agricultural land~~Protected property that is acquired, 280  
directly or indirectly, by a process of law in the collection of 281  
debts, by a deed in lieu of foreclosure, pursuant to a 282  
forfeiture of a contract for deed, or by any procedure for the 283  
enforcement of a lien or claim on the ~~agricultural land~~protected 284  
property, whether created by mortgage or otherwise. ~~Agricultural~~ 285  
~~land~~Except as otherwise provided in division (C) of this 286  
section, protected property so acquired shall be sold or 287  
otherwise disposed of within two years after title is 288  
transferred. ~~Agricultural~~If the protected property is 289  
agricultural land, pending the sale or disposition, the land 290  
shall not be used for any purpose other than agriculture, and 291  
the land shall not be used for agriculture under lease to an 292  
individual, trust, corporation, partnership, or other business 293  
entity subject to the restrictions under division ~~(B) (1)~~(B) of 294  
this section. 295

~~(D)~~(3) Protected property directly or indirectly acquired 296  
by agent, fiduciary, or trustee of a person described in 297  
divisions (B) (1) to (5) of this section acting in the agent's, 298  
fiduciary's, or trustee's personal capacity, if both of the 299  
following apply: 300

(a) The agent, fiduciary, or trustee is not a person 301  
described in divisions (B) (1) to (5) of this section; 302

(b) The agent, fiduciary, or trustee is not purchasing or 303

otherwise acquiring the property to circumvent the restrictions 304  
prescribed by this section. 305

(4) Protected property directly or indirectly acquired by 306  
an individual who is a United States citizen or national, unless 307  
that individual is purchasing or otherwise acquiring the 308  
property as an agent, fiduciary, or trustee of a person 309  
described in divisions (B) (1) to (5) of this section. 310

(E) A person listed in the registry published by the 311  
secretary of state under subject to division (G) (B) of this 312  
section, or an agent, trustee, or fiduciary of such a person, 313  
shall not directly or indirectly transfer title to or an 314  
interest in agricultural land protected property to another 315  
person listed in that registry, or an agent, trustee, or 316  
fiduciary thereof subject to that division, except by devise or 317  
descent unless an exception described in division (D) of this 318  
section applies. 319

(E) (F) A person or an agent, trustee, or fiduciary that 320  
directly or indirectly purchases or otherwise acquires 321  
agricultural land in this state described in division (B) (1) of 322  
this section, other than by devise or descent, after the 323  
effective date of this section protected property, and that is 324  
subsequently added to the registry published by the secretary of 325  
state under becomes subject to division (G) (B) of this section, 326  
shall divest itself of all right, title, and interest in the 327  
agricultural land within two years from the date the person is 328  
added to the registry may continue to own or hold the protected 329  
property but shall not purchase or otherwise acquire, directly 330  
or indirectly, additional protected property unless an exception 331  
described in division (D) of this section applies. 332

(F) (1) (G) (1) If the secretary of state a county auditor 333

~~finds or has reason to believe that a person listed on the~~ 334  
~~registry published under division (C) of this section, or an~~ 335  
~~agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, subject to division (B) of~~ 336  
~~this section has acquired, or holds title to, or interest in,~~ 337  
~~agricultural land protected property in this state in violation~~ 338  
~~of this section, the secretary of state auditor shall report the~~ 339  
~~violation to the attorney general notify the county sheriff of~~ 340  
~~each county in which the protected property is located. The~~ 341  
~~county sheriff shall investigate the allegation. If the~~ 342  
~~protected property is located in more than one county, the~~ 343  
~~county sheriffs of those counties may investigate the allegation~~ 344  
~~collaboratively.~~ 345

(2) ~~Upon receipt of the report from the secretary of~~ 346  
~~state, the attorney general concluding the investigation, if the~~ 347  
~~county sheriff determines that a violation has occurred, the~~ 348  
~~county sheriff shall refer the violation to the county~~ 349  
~~prosecutor. Upon receiving such a referral, the county~~ 350  
~~prosecutor shall initiate commence an action in the court of~~ 351  
~~common pleas of any the county in which the agricultural land is~~ 352  
~~located seeking relief in accordance with this section. If the~~ 353  
~~agricultural land protected property is located in more than one~~ 354  
~~county, or adjoining tracts of agricultural land are located in~~ 355  
~~more than one county, rather than commencing a separate action~~ 356  
~~in each such county, the county prosecutors may commence one~~ 357  
~~consolidated action in the county in which the majority of the~~ 358  
~~agricultural land territory of the protected property is located~~ 359  
~~shall have. In a consolidated action, the court of common pleas~~ 360  
~~of the county in which the majority of the territory of the~~ 361  
~~protected property is located has territorial jurisdiction over~~ 362  
~~agricultural land all protected property that is the subject of~~ 363  
~~the action. The attorney general may initiate an action in the~~ 364

~~court of common pleas of more than one county, if necessary, in~~ 365  
~~which case, the court of common pleas in that county shall have~~ 366  
~~jurisdiction over the action in matters as it relates to the~~ 367  
~~portion of the agricultural land that is located in that county.~~ 368

(3) ~~The attorney general~~ Once the action is commenced, the 369  
county prosecutor shall file a notice of the pendency of the 370  
action with the county recorder of each county in which ~~any of~~ 371  
~~the agricultural land~~ protected property subject to the action 372  
is located. 373

(4) If the court finds that the ~~agricultural land~~ 374  
protected property in question has been acquired or held in 375  
violation of this section, it shall do all of the following: 376

(a) Enter an order so declaring; 377

(b) File a copy of the order with the county recorder of 378  
each county in which ~~any portion of the agricultural land~~ 379  
protected property is located; 380

(c) ~~Declare the agricultural land escheated to the state;~~ 381

~~(d) Order that the escheated agricultural land~~ protected 382  
property be sold pursuant to Chapter 2329. of the Revised Code 383  
in the same manner as a foreclosure on a mortgage, except that 384  
there shall be no opportunity for redemption under section 385  
2329.33 of the Revised Code. 386

(5) Upon receiving an order under division ~~(F)(4)~~ (G)(4) 387  
of this section, the clerk of the court shall notify the 388  
governor that the ~~title to the agricultural land~~ protected 389  
property is vested in the state to be sold by decree of the 390  
court. After the sale, the proceeds ~~of the sale~~ shall be paid as 391  
follows: 392

~~(a) The proceeds shall first be used~~ First, to pay court 393  
costs related to the action or actions ~~initiated pursuant to~~ 394  
~~division (F) (2) of this section;~~ 395

~~(b) The remaining proceeds, if any, shall be paid~~ Second, 396  
to bona fide lien holders, in their order of priority, except 397  
for liens that under the terms of the sale are to remain on the 398  
property; 399

~~(c) Third, to the person whose agricultural land~~ 400  
~~escheated, but only in an amount not exceeding the actual cost~~ 401  
~~paid by the person for that agricultural land;~~ 402

~~(c) The proceeds remaining after payments have been made~~ 403  
~~pursuant to divisions (F) (5) (a) and (b) of this section shall be~~ 404  
~~paid to the general fund of each county in which the~~ 405  
~~agricultural land protected property is located, proportionally,~~ 406  
~~based on the percentage of the territory located in each county.~~ 407

~~(G) (H) (1)~~ (H) (1) The secretary of state shall compile and 408  
~~periodically update~~ at least one time every six months a 409  
registry of foreign adversaries and other persons that, based on 410  
the best information available to the secretary of state, 411  
constitute a threat to the agricultural production, critical 412  
infrastructure, security, or military defense of this state, or 413  
the United States, ~~if permitted to acquire agricultural land~~ 414  
~~described in division (B) (1) of this section.~~ 415

(2) The registry shall be published on the secretary of 416  
state's web site. 417

(3) The secretary of state shall consult all of the 418  
following in compiling the registry: 419

~~(1) (a)~~ (a) The list of persons determined ~~to be foreign~~ 420  
~~adversaries~~ by the secretary of commerce of the United States 421

under 15 C.F.R. 7.4 to have engaged in a long-term pattern or 422  
serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the 423  
national security of the United States or the security and 424  
safety of United States persons and, therefore, to constitute 425  
foreign adversaries for the purposes of Executive Order 13873, 426  
issued by the president of the United States on May 15, 2019; 427

~~(2)~~ (b) The terrorist exclusion list compiled by the 428  
secretary of state of the United States in consultation with the 429  
attorney general of the United States under 8 U.S.C. 1182; 430

~~(3)~~ (c) The list of countries determined by the secretary 431  
of state of the United States that have repeatedly provided 432  
support for acts of international terrorism under 50 U.S.C. 433  
4813(c) and 22 U.S.C. 2780(d); 434

~~(4)~~ (d) The list of individual and entities designated by, 435  
or in accordance with Executive Order 13224, issued by the 436  
president of the United States on September 23, ~~2021~~2001, or 437  
Executive Order 13268, issued by the president of the United 438  
States on July 2, 2002. 439

~~(H)~~ (4) The secretary of state shall not include on the 440  
registry any person that does not appear on at least one of the 441  
federal lists described in division (H) (3) of this section. 442

(I) (1) No person is required to determine or inquire 443  
whether another person is or may be subject to division (B) of 444  
this section unless the person is either: 445

(a) Subject to division (B) of this section; 446

(b) A county auditor, county sheriff, county prosecutor, 447  
or trier of fact of a court of common pleas acting in the 448  
person's official capacity as provided in this section or 449  
section 319.302 of the Revised Code; 450



(2) A person that is not subject to division (B) of this section bears no liability under this section. 451  
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(3) No title to an interest in real property is invalid or subject to divestment by reason of a violation of this section by any former owner or other person holding or owning a former interest in such real property. 453  
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(J) The purpose of establishing the restrictions as set forth in this section is to recognize that the state has a substantial and compelling interest in protecting its agricultural production, critical infrastructure, security, and military defense. 457  
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**Sec. 5323.02.** (A) An owner of residential rental property shall file with the county auditor of the county in which the property is located the following information: 462  
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(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the owner; 465

(2) If the residential rental property is owned by a trust, business trust, estate, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, or any other business entity, the name, address, and telephone number of the following: 466  
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(a) A trustee, in the case of a trust or business trust; 471

(b) The executor or administrator, in the case of an estate; 472  
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(c) A general partner, in the case of a partnership or a limited partnership; 474  
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(d) A member, manager, or officer, in the case of a limited liability company; 476  
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(e) An associate, in the case of an association;	478
(f) An officer, in the case of a corporation;	479
(g) A member, manager, or officer, in the case of any other business entity.	480 481
(3) The street address and permanent parcel number of the residential rental property.	482 483
(B) The information required under division (A) of this section shall be filed and maintained on the tax list or the real property record.	484 485 486
(C) An owner of residential rental property shall update the information required under division (A) of this section within sixty days after any change in the information occurs.	487 488 489
(D) The county auditor shall provide an owner of residential rental property located in a county that has a population of more than two hundred thousand according to the most recent decennial census with notice pursuant to division (B) of section 323.131 of the Revised Code of the requirement to file the information required under division (A) of this section and the requirement to update that information under division (C) of this section.	490 491 492 493 494 495 496 497
(E) The owner of residential real property shall comply with the requirements under divisions (A) and (C) of this section within sixty days after receiving the notice provided under division (D) of this section, division <del>(D)</del> <u>(E)</u> of section 319.202, or division (B) of section 323.131 of the Revised Code.	498 499 500 501 502
(F) Any agent designated by the owner to manage the property on the owner's behalf may file or update any information, or do anything otherwise required by this section,	503 504 505

on the owner's behalf. 506

**Section 2.** That existing sections 319.202, 5301.256, and 507  
5323.02 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 508

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as the Ohio Property 509  
Protection Act. 510