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To amend sections 4503.10 and 4507.09 of the  
Revised Code to modify the law governing motor  
vehicle driver's license expiration  
notifications.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4503.10 and 4507.09 of the  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

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**Sec. 4503.10.** (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off-  
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be  
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file  
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the  
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a  
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that  
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for  
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this  
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to  
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief  
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with  
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner  
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in sections

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4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner of every 20  
other motor vehicle not previously described in this section and 21  
every person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title 22  
of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public 23  
roads or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 24  
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 25  
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 26  
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 27  
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 28  
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 29  
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 30  
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 31  
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 32  
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 33  
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 34  
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 35  
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 36  
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 37  
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 38  
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 39  
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 40  
information: 41

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 42  
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 43  
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 44  
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 45  
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 46

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 47  
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 48

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 49

determined as follows: 50

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 51  
hire or principally in connection with any established business 52  
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 53  
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 54  
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 55  
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 56  
located. 57

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 58  
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 59  
owner resides at the time of making the application. 60

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 61  
vehicle; 62

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 63

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 64  
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 65  
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 66  
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 67  
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 68  
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 69  
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 70  
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 71  
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 72  
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 73  
is not required. 74

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 75  
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 76  
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 77  
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 78

taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 79  
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 80  
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 81  
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 82

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 83  
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 84  
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 85  
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 86  
approve the application for registration. 87

(9) A reminder that the applicant should check the 88  
expiration date of the applicant's driver's license or 89  
identification card. 90

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 91  
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 92  
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 93  
any of the following: 94

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 95  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 96  
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 97

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 98  
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 99  
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 100

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 101  
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 102

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 103  
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 104  
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 105  
the registrar. 106

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 107  
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 108  
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 109  
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 110  
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate or 111  
alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle issued 112  
in accordance with that section. 113

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 114  
any of the following applies: 115

(a) The application is not in proper form. 116

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 117  
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 118  
4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of 119  
section 4503.234, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or 120  
division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 121

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 122  
confirmed in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section. 123

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 124  
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 125  
current registration year, have not been paid. 126

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 127  
certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the motor 128  
vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, and 129  
rules adopted under it, if that section is applicable. 130

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 131  
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 132  
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 133  
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 134  
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 135

of the Revised Code. 136

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 137  
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 138  
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 139  
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 140  
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 141  
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 142  
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 143  
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 144  
the motor vehicle, if any. 145

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 146  
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 147  
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 148  
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 149  
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 150  
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 151  
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 152  
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 153  
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 154  
certificate of registration. 155

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 156  
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 157  
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 158  
certificate number from the inspection certificate or the 159  
alternative emissions certificate number from the alternative 160  
emissions certificate that is presented at the time of 161  
registration of the vehicle as required under this division. 162

(C) (1) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall 163  
collect the following additional fees for each application for 164  
registration and registration renewal received: 165

(a) Except as provided in division (C) (1) (b) of this 166  
section, a fee of eleven dollars on or before December 31, 2025, 167  
and a fee of sixteen dollars on and after January 1, 2026; 168

(b) For vehicles specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of 169  
section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, a fee of thirty dollars on 170  
or before December 31, 2025, and a fee of thirty-five dollars on 171  
and after January 1, 2026. 172

No additional fee shall be charged for vehicles registered 173  
under section 4503.65 of the Revised Code. Each additional fee 174  
is for the purpose of defraying the department of public 175  
safety's costs associated with the administration and 176  
enforcement of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each 177  
deputy registrar shall transmit the fees collected under 178  
divisions (C) (1) and (3) of this section in the time and manner 179  
provided in this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys 180  
received under division (C) (1) of this section into the public 181  
safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of 182  
the Revised Code. 183

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 184  
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 185  
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 186  
identification sticker or each set of county identification 187  
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 188  
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 189  
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 190  
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 191  
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 192  
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 193  
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 194  
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 195

section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 196  
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 197  
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 198  
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 199  
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 200  
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 201  
Code. 202

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 203  
the following additional fee, as applicable, for each 204  
application for registration or registration renewal received 205  
for any hybrid motor vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric motor 206  
vehicle, or battery electric motor vehicle: 207

(a) One hundred dollars for a hybrid motor vehicle; 208

(b) One hundred fifty dollars for a plug-in hybrid 209  
electric motor vehicle; 210

(c) Two hundred dollars for a battery electric motor 211  
vehicle. 212

Each fee imposed under this division shall be prorated 213  
based on the number of months for which the vehicle is 214  
registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from 215  
each fee to the treasurer of state for distribution in 216  
accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised 217  
Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised 218  
Code. 219

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 220  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 221  
Code for each application for registration and registration 222  
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 223  
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 224



registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 225  
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 226  
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 227  
notices and the issuing of registrations. 228

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 229  
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 230  
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 231

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 232  
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 233  
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 234  
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 235  
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 236  
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 237  
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 238  
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 239  
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 240  
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 241  
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 242  
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 243  
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 244  
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 245  
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 246  
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 247  
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 248  
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 249  
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 250  
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 251  
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 252  
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 253  
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 254  
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 255

state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 256  
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 257  
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 258  
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 259  
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 260  
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 261  
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 262  
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 263  
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 264

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 265  
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 266  
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 267  
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 268  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 269  
Code for each application. 270

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 271  
district of registration in an application required by division 272  
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 273  
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 274  
specified in that section. 275

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 276  
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 277  
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 278  
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 279  
license for failure to present an inspection certificate or 280  
alternative emissions certificate, and the stamping of the 281  
inspection certificate or alternative emissions certificate by 282  
the official issuing the certificate of registration apply to 283  
the registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 284  
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 285

4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 286  
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 287  
Code. 288

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 289  
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 290  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 291  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 292  
receives information about the requirements established in that 293  
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 294  
present an inspection certificate or an alternative emissions 295  
certificate with an application for registration or 296  
preregistration. 297

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 298  
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 299  
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 300  
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 301  
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 302  
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 303  
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 304  
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 305  
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 306  
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 307  
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 308  
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 309  
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 310  
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 311  
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 312  
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 313  
registration. 314

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 315

for registration under the international registration plan, as 316  
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 317  
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 318  
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 319  
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 320  
forms shall include the following: 321

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 322

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 323  
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 324  
the registrant; 325

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 326

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 327  
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 328  
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 329  
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 330  
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 331  
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 332  
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 333  
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 334  
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 335

If international registration plan guidelines and 336  
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 337  
registrations under the international registration plan to be 338  
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 339  
division shall permit such action. 340

**Sec. 4507.09.** (A) (1) Except as provided in division (B) of 341  
this section, every driver's license issued to a resident of 342  
this state expires on the birthday of the applicant in the 343  
fourth or eighth year after the date it is issued, based on the 344

period of renewal requested by the applicant. A resident who is 345  
sixty-five years of age or older may only apply for a driver's 346  
license that expires on the birthday of the applicant in the 347  
fourth year after the date it is issued. In no event shall any 348  
license be issued for a period longer than eight years and 349  
ninety days. 350

Subject to the requirements of section 4507.12 of the 351  
Revised Code, every driver's license issued to a resident is 352  
renewable at any time prior to its expiration. 353

(2) A driver's license issued to a temporary resident 354  
shall expire in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar 355  
of motor vehicles. A driver's license issued to a temporary 356  
resident is a limited term license, but may be renewed within 357  
ninety days prior to its expiration in accordance with division 358  
(E) of this section. 359

(3) No refund shall be made or credit given for the 360  
unexpired portion of the driver's license that is renewed. 361

(a) If the records of the bureau of motor vehicles contain 362  
a person's last known electronic mail address or cellular 363  
telephone number, the registrar may send an electronic 364  
notification to the person not less than fifteen days prior to 365  
the date that the person's driver's license or identification 366  
card is scheduled to expire informing the person of the pending 367  
expiration. If a person does not renew the driver's license or 368  
identification card by the expiration date, the registrar may 369  
send an electronic notification of the expiration not more than 370  
fourteen days after the driver's license or identification card 371  
expired. The 372

(b) In addition to any notification sent under division 373

(A) (3) (a) of this section, the registrar shall ~~notify~~ send a 374  
notification of expiration to each person whose driver's license 375  
or identification card has expired within ~~forty-five~~ sixty days 376  
after the date of expiration. Notification shall be made by 377  
regular mail sent to the person's last known address as shown in 378  
the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. ~~Failure~~ 379

(c) Failure to provide ~~such~~ notification under division 380  
(A) (3) (a) or (b) of this section shall not be construed as a 381  
renewal or extension of any license. 382

(4) For the purposes of this section, the date of birth of 383  
any applicant born on the twenty-ninth day of February shall be 384  
deemed to be the first day of March in any year in which there 385  
is no twenty-ninth day of February. 386

(B) Every driver's license or renewal of a driver's 387  
license issued to a resident applicant who is sixteen years of 388  
age or older, but less than twenty-one years of age, expires on 389  
the twenty-first birthday of the applicant, except that an 390  
applicant who applies no more than thirty days before the 391  
applicant's twenty-first birthday shall be issued a license in 392  
accordance with division (A) of this section. 393

(C) Each person licensed as a driver under this chapter 394  
shall notify the registrar of any change in the person's address 395  
within ten days following that change. The notification shall be 396  
in writing on a form provided by the registrar and shall include 397  
the full name, date of birth, license number, county of 398  
residence, social security number, and new address of the 399  
person. The registrar shall offer the person the opportunity to 400  
submit a notice of change of address for voter registration 401  
purposes by electronic means in conjunction with the person's 402  
transaction with the registrar, in accordance with section 403

3503.11 of the Revised Code. 404

(D) No driver's license shall be renewed when renewal is 405  
prohibited by division (A) of section 4507.091 of the Revised 406  
Code. 407

(E) (1) Except as provided in division (E) (2) of this 408  
section, a limited term license shall not be issued to a 409  
temporary resident for a period longer than the expiration date 410  
of the temporary resident's authorized stay in the United 411  
States, or for four years from the date of issuance, whichever 412  
date is earliest. 413

(2) If there is no expiration date for a temporary 414  
resident's authorized stay in the United States, a limited term 415  
license shall not be issued to the temporary resident for a 416  
period longer than one year from the date of issuance. 417

(3) A limited term license may be renewed within ninety 418  
days prior to its expiration upon the applicant's presentation 419  
of documentation verifying the applicant's legal presence or 420  
continued temporary lawful status in the United States. 421

(4) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 422  
the registrar shall adopt rules governing limited term licenses 423  
for temporary residents. 424

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4503.10 and 4507.09 of 425  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 426