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To amend sections 4503.44 and 4511.69 of the	1
Revised Code to create a removable windshield	2
placard that grants accessible parking	3
privileges to pregnant women.	4

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

<b>Section 1.</b> That sections 4503.44 and 4511.69 of the	5
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	6

<b>Sec. 4503.44.</b> (A) As used in this section and in section	7
4511.69 of the Revised Code:	8

(1) "Person with a disability that limits or impairs the	9
ability to walk" means any person who, as determined by a health	10
care provider, meets any of the following criteria:	11

(a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest;	12
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(b) Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, a	13
brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device,	14
wheelchair, or other assistive device;	15

(c) Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that	16
the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one	17
second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or	18
the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters of	19

mercury on room air at rest; 20

(d) Uses portable oxygen; 21

(e) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the 22  
person's functional limitations are classified in severity as 23  
class III or class IV according to standards set by the American 24  
heart association; 25

(f) Is severely limited in the ability to walk due to an 26  
arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition; 27

(g) Is blind, legally blind, or severely visually 28  
impaired. 29

(2) "Organization" means any private organization or 30  
corporation, or any governmental board, agency, department, 31  
division, or office, that, as part of its business or program, 32  
transports persons with disabilities that limit or impair the 33  
ability to walk on a regular basis in a motor vehicle that has 34  
not been altered for the purpose of providing it with accessible 35  
equipment for use by persons with disabilities. This definition 36  
does not apply to division (I) of this section. 37

(3) "Health care provider" means a physician, physician 38  
assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, optometrist, or 39  
chiropractor as defined in this section except that an 40  
optometrist shall only make determinations as to division (A) (1) 41  
(g) of this section. 42

(4) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice 43  
medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under 44  
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code. 45

(5) "Chiropractor" means a person licensed to practice 46  
chiropractic under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code. 47

(6) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a certified 48  
nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified 49  
registered nurse anesthetist, or certified nurse-midwife who 50  
holds a certificate of authority issued by the board of nursing 51  
under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. 52

(7) "Physician assistant" means a person who is licensed 53  
as a physician assistant under Chapter 4730. of the Revised 54  
Code. 55

(8) "Optometrist" means a person licensed to engage in the 56  
practice of optometry under Chapter 4725. of the Revised Code. 57

(9) "Pregnant," "pregnancy," and "unborn child" have the 58  
same meanings as in section 2919.16 of the Revised Code. 59

(10) "Removable windshield placard" includes a standard 60  
removable windshield placard, a temporary removable windshield 61  
placard, a pregnancy removable windshield placard, or a 62  
permanent removable windshield placard, unless otherwise 63  
specified. 64

(B) (1) An organization, or a person with a disability that 65  
limits or impairs the ability to walk, may apply for the 66  
registration of any motor vehicle the organization or person 67  
owns or leases. When an adaptive mobility vehicle is owned or 68  
leased by someone other than a person with a disability that 69  
limits or impairs the ability to walk, the owner or lessee may 70  
apply to the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar 71  
for registration under this section. The application for 72  
registration of a motor vehicle owned or leased by a person with 73  
a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk shall be 74  
accompanied by a signed statement from the applicant's health 75  
care provider certifying that the applicant meets at least one 76

of the criteria contained in division (A)(1) of this section and 77  
that the disability is expected to continue for more than six 78  
consecutive months. The application for registration of an 79  
adaptive mobility vehicle that is owned by someone other than a 80  
person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to 81  
walk shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence of 82  
vehicle specifications or alterations as the registrar may 83  
require by rule. 84

(2) When an organization, a person with a disability that 85  
limits or impairs the ability to walk, or a person who does not 86  
have a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk but 87  
owns a motor vehicle that has been altered for the purpose of 88  
providing it with accessible equipment for a person with a 89  
disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk first 90  
submits an application for registration of a motor vehicle under 91  
this section and every fifth year thereafter, the organization 92  
or person shall submit a signed statement from the applicant's 93  
health care provider, a completed application, and any required 94  
documentary evidence of vehicle specifications or alterations as 95  
provided in division (B)(1) of this section, and also a power of 96  
attorney from the owner of the motor vehicle if the applicant 97  
leases the vehicle. Upon submission of these items, the 98  
registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to the applicant 99  
appropriate vehicle registration and a set of license plates and 100  
validation stickers, or validation stickers alone when required 101  
by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. In addition to the 102  
letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, the license 103  
plates shall be imprinted with the international symbol of 104  
access. The license plates and validation stickers shall be 105  
issued upon payment of the regular license fee as prescribed 106  
under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any motor vehicle 107

tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the 108  
payment of a service fee equal to the amount established under 109  
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 110

(C) (1) A person with a disability that limits or impairs 111  
the ability to walk or a pregnant woman may apply to the 112  
registrar for a removable windshield placard by completing and 113  
signing an application provided by the registrar. 114

(2) The person shall include with the application a 115  
prescription from the person's health care provider prescribing 116  
such a placard for the person based upon a determination that 117  
the person meets at least one of the criteria contained in 118  
division (A) (1) of this section or is pregnant. The health care 119  
provider shall state on the prescription the length of time the 120  
health care provider expects the applicant to have the 121  
disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk\_ 122  
or the due date of the unborn child, as applicable. If the 123  
length of time the applicant is expected to have the disability 124  
is six consecutive months or less, the applicant shall submit an 125  
application for a temporary removable windshield placard. If the 126  
applicant is pregnant and does not otherwise have a separate 127  
disability that limits or impairs the applicant's ability to 128  
walk, the applicant shall submit an application for a pregnancy 129  
removable windshield placard. If the length of time the 130  
applicant is expected to have the disability is permanent, the 131  
applicant shall submit an application for a permanent removable 132  
windshield placard. All other applicants shall submit an 133  
application for a standard removable windshield placard. 134

(3) In addition to one placard or one or more sets of 135  
license plates, a person with a disability that limits or 136  
impairs the ability to walk or pregnant woman is entitled to one 137

additional placard, but only if the person applies separately 138  
for the additional placard, states the reasons why the 139  
additional placard is needed, and the registrar, in the 140  
registrar's discretion determines that good and justifiable 141  
cause exists to approve the request for the additional placard. 142

(4) An organization may apply to the registrar of motor 143  
vehicles for a standard removable windshield placard by 144  
completing and signing an application provided by the registrar. 145  
The organization shall comply with any procedures the registrar 146  
establishes by rule. The organization shall include with the 147  
application documentary evidence that the registrar requires by 148  
rule showing that the organization regularly transports persons 149  
with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk. 150

(5) The registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to an 151  
applicant a standard removable windshield placard, a temporary 152  
removable windshield placard, a pregnancy removable windshield 153  
placard, or a permanent removable windshield placard, as 154  
applicable, upon receipt of all of the following: 155

(a) A completed and signed application for a removable 156  
windshield placard; 157

(b) The accompanying documents required under division (C) 158  
(2) or (4) of this section; 159

(c) Payment of a service fee equal to the amount 160  
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for a 161  
standard removable windshield placard, a pregnancy removable 162  
windshield placard, or a temporary removable windshield placard, 163  
or payment of fifteen dollars for a permanent removable 164  
windshield placard. 165

(6) The removable windshield placard shall display the 166

date of expiration on both sides of the placard, or the word 167  
"permanent" if the placard is a permanent removable windshield 168  
placard, and shall be valid until expired, revoked, or 169  
surrendered. Except for a permanent removable windshield 170  
placard, which has no expiration, or a pregnancy removable 171  
windshield placard, which expires after one year, a removable 172  
windshield placard expires on the earliest of the following two 173  
dates: 174

(a) The date that the person issued the placard is 175  
expected to no longer have the disability that limits or impairs 176  
the ability to walk, as indicated on the prescription submitted 177  
with the application for the placard; 178

(b) Ten years after the date of issuance on the placard. 179

In no case shall a removable windshield placard be valid 180  
for a period of less than sixty days. 181

(7) Standard removable windshield placards shall be 182  
renewable upon application and upon payment of a service fee 183  
equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the 184  
Revised Code. The registrar shall provide the application form 185  
and shall determine the information to be included thereon. 186

(8) The registrar shall determine the form and size of 187  
each type of the removable windshield placard, the material of 188  
which it is to be made, any differences in color between each 189  
type of placard to make them readily identifiable, and any other 190  
information to be included thereon, and shall adopt rules 191  
relating to the issuance, expiration, revocation, surrender, and 192  
proper display of such placards. A temporary removable 193  
windshield placard shall display the word "temporary" in letters 194  
of such size as the registrar shall prescribe. Any placard 195

issued after October 14, 1999, shall be manufactured in a manner 196  
that allows the expiration date of the placard to be indicated 197  
on it through the punching, drilling, boring, or creation by any 198  
other means of holes in the placard. 199

~~(9)~~ (9) (a) At the time a removable windshield placard is 200  
issued to a person with a disability that limits or impairs the 201  
ability to walk, the registrar or deputy registrar shall enter 202  
into the records of the bureau of motor vehicles the last date 203  
on which the person will have that disability, as indicated on 204  
the accompanying prescription. For a standard removable 205  
windshield placard, not less than thirty days prior to that date 206  
and any renewal dates, the bureau shall send a renewal notice to 207  
that person at the person's last known address as shown in the 208  
records of the bureau, informing the person that the person's 209  
removable windshield placard will expire on the indicated date, 210  
and that the person is required to renew the placard by 211  
submitting to the registrar or a deputy registrar another 212  
prescription, and by complying with the renewal provisions. If 213  
such a prescription is not received by the registrar or a deputy 214  
registrar by that date, the placard issued to that person 215  
expires and no longer is valid, and this fact shall be recorded 216  
in the records of the bureau. 217

(b) At the time a pregnancy removable windshield placard 218  
is issued to a pregnant woman, the registrar or deputy registrar 219  
shall enter into the records of the bureau an expiration date 220  
that is one year after the date of issuance of the placard. A 221  
pregnancy removable windshield placard is not renewable, but a 222  
new placard may be issued in accordance with division (C) of 223  
this section for a subsequent pregnancy. 224

(10) At least once every year, on a date determined by the 225



registrar, the bureau shall examine the records of the office of 226  
vital statistics, located within the department of health, that 227  
pertain to deceased persons, and also the bureau's records of 228  
all persons who have been issued removable windshield placards. 229  
If the records of the office of vital statistics indicate that a 230  
person to whom a removable windshield placard has been issued is 231  
deceased, the bureau shall cancel that placard, and note the 232  
cancellation in its records. 233

The office of vital statistics shall make available to the 234  
bureau all information necessary to enable the bureau to comply 235  
with division (C)(10) of this section. 236

(11) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require 237  
a person or organization to apply for a removable windshield 238  
placard or accessible license plates if the accessible license 239  
plates issued to the person or organization under prior law have 240  
not expired or been surrendered or revoked. 241

(D) Any active-duty member of the armed forces of the 242  
United States, including the reserve components of the armed 243  
forces and the national guard, who has an illness or injury that 244  
limits or impairs the ability to walk may apply to the registrar 245  
or a deputy registrar for a temporary removable windshield 246  
placard. With the application, the person shall present evidence 247  
of the person's active-duty status and the illness or injury. 248  
Evidence of the illness or injury may include a current 249  
department of defense convalescent leave statement, any 250  
department of defense document indicating that the person 251  
currently has an ill or injured casualty status or has limited 252  
duties, or a prescription from any health care provider 253  
prescribing the placard for the applicant. Upon receipt of the 254  
application and the necessary evidence, the registrar or deputy 255

registrar shall issue the applicant the temporary removable 256  
windshield placard without the payment of any service fee. 257

(E) If an applicant for a removable windshield placard is 258  
a veteran of the armed forces of the United States whose 259  
disability, as defined in division (A)(1) of this section, is 260  
service-connected, the registrar or deputy registrar, upon 261  
receipt of the application, presentation of a signed statement 262  
from the applicant's health care provider certifying the 263  
applicant's disability, and presentation of such documentary 264  
evidence from the department of veterans affairs that the 265  
disability of the applicant meets at least one of the criteria 266  
identified in division (A)(1) of this section and is service- 267  
connected as the registrar may require by rule, but without the 268  
payment of any service fee, shall issue the applicant a 269  
removable windshield placard that is valid until expired, 270  
surrendered, or revoked. 271

(F)(1) Upon a conviction of a violation of division (H) or 272  
(I) of this section, the court shall report the conviction, and 273  
send the placard, if available, to the registrar, who thereupon 274  
shall revoke the privilege of using the placard and send notice 275  
in writing to the placardholder at that holder's last known 276  
address as shown in the records of the bureau, and the 277  
placardholder shall return the placard if not previously 278  
surrendered to the court, to the registrar within ten days 279  
following mailing of the notice. 280

(2) Whenever a person to whom a removable windshield 281  
placard has been issued moves to another state, the person shall 282  
surrender the placard to the registrar; and whenever an 283  
organization to which a placard has been issued changes its 284  
place of operation to another state, the organization shall 285

surrender the placard to the registrar. 286

(3) If a person no longer requires a permanent removable 287  
windshield placard, the person shall notify and surrender the 288  
placard to the registrar or deputy registrar within ten days of 289  
no longer requiring the placard. The person may still apply for 290  
a standard removable windshield placard, pregnancy removable 291  
windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield placard, 292  
if applicable. 293

(G) Subject to division (F) of section 4511.69 of the 294  
Revised Code, the operator of a motor vehicle displaying a 295  
removable windshield placard or the accessible license plates 296  
authorized by this section is entitled to park the motor vehicle 297  
in any accessible parking location reserved for persons with 298  
disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk. 299

(H) No person or organization that is not eligible for the 300  
issuance of license plates or any placard under this section 301  
shall willfully and falsely represent that the person or 302  
organization is so eligible. 303

No person or organization shall display license plates 304  
issued under this section unless the license plates have been 305  
issued for the vehicle on which they are displayed and are 306  
valid. 307

(I) No person or organization to which a removable 308  
windshield placard is issued shall do either of the following: 309

(1) Display or permit the display of the placard on any 310  
motor vehicle when having reasonable cause to believe the motor 311  
vehicle is being used in connection with an activity that does 312  
not include providing transportation for persons with 313  
disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk, a 314

pregnant woman, or a postpartum woman prior to the expiration 315  
date of the placard; 316

(2) Refuse to return or surrender the placard, when 317  
required. 318

(J) If a removable windshield placard or parking card is 319  
lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the placardholder or cardholder 320  
may obtain a duplicate by doing both of the following: 321

(1) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or 322  
mutilation to the registrar; 323

(2) Paying a service fee equal to the amount paid when the 324  
placardholder obtained the original placard. 325

Any placardholder who loses a placard and, after obtaining 326  
a duplicate, finds the original, immediately shall surrender the 327  
original placard to the registrar. 328

(K) (1) The registrar shall pay all fees received under 329  
this section for the issuance of removable windshield placards 330  
or duplicate removable windshield placards into the state 331  
treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes 332  
fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 333

(2) In addition to the fees collected under this section, 334  
the registrar or deputy registrar shall ask each person applying 335  
for a removable windshield placard or duplicate removable 336  
windshield placard or license plate issued under this section, 337  
whether the person wishes to make a two-dollar voluntary 338  
contribution to support rehabilitation employment services. The 339  
registrar shall transmit the contributions received under this 340  
division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the 341  
rehabilitation employment fund, which is hereby created in the 342  
state treasury. A deputy registrar shall transmit the 343

contributions received under this division to the registrar in 344  
the time and manner prescribed by the registrar. The 345  
contributions in the fund shall be used by the opportunities for 346  
Ohioans with disabilities agency to purchase services related to 347  
vocational evaluation, work adjustment, personal adjustment, job 348  
placement, job coaching, and community-based assessment from 349  
accredited community rehabilitation program facilities. 350

(L) For purposes of enforcing this section, every peace 351  
officer is deemed to be an agent of the registrar. Any peace 352  
officer or any authorized employee of the bureau of motor 353  
vehicles who, in the performance of duties authorized by law, 354  
becomes aware of a person whose removable windshield placard or 355  
parking card has been revoked pursuant to this section, may 356  
confiscate that placard or parking card and return it to the 357  
registrar. The registrar shall prescribe any forms used by law 358  
enforcement agencies in administering this section. 359

No peace officer, law enforcement agency employing a peace 360  
officer, or political subdivision or governmental agency 361  
employing a peace officer, and no employee of the bureau is 362  
liable in a civil action for damages or loss to persons arising 363  
out of the performance of any duty required or authorized by 364  
this section. As used in this division, "peace officer" has the 365  
same meaning as in division (B) of section 2935.01 of the 366  
Revised Code. 367

(M) All applications for registration of motor vehicles 368  
and removable windshield placards issued under this section, all 369  
renewal notices for such items, and all other publications 370  
issued by the bureau that relate to this section shall set forth 371  
the criminal penalties that may be imposed upon a person who 372  
violates any provision relating to accessible license plates 373

issued under this section, the parking of vehicles displaying 374  
such license plates, and the issuance, procurement, use, and 375  
display of removable windshield placards issued under this 376  
section. 377

(N) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a 378  
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 379

**Sec. 4511.69.** (A) Every vehicle stopped or parked upon a 380  
roadway where there is an adjacent curb shall be stopped or 381  
parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with 382  
and not more than twelve inches from the right-hand curb, unless 383  
it is impossible to approach so close to the curb; in such case 384  
the stop shall be made as close to the curb as possible and only 385  
for the time necessary to discharge and receive passengers or to 386  
load or unload merchandise. Local authorities by ordinance may 387  
permit angle parking on any roadway under their jurisdiction, 388  
except that angle parking shall not be permitted on a state 389  
route within a municipal corporation unless an unoccupied 390  
roadway width of not less than twenty-five feet is available for 391  
free-moving traffic. 392

(B) Local authorities by ordinance may permit parking of 393  
vehicles with the left-hand wheels adjacent to and within twelve 394  
inches of the left-hand curb of a one-way roadway. 395

(C) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (1) (b) of this 396  
section, no vehicle or trackless trolley shall be stopped or 397  
parked on a road or highway with the vehicle or trackless 398  
trolley facing in a direction other than the direction of travel 399  
on that side of the road or highway. 400

(b) The operator of a motorcycle may back the motorcycle 401  
into an angled parking space so that when the motorcycle is 402

parked it is facing in a direction other than the direction of 403  
travel on the side of the road or highway. 404

(2) The operator of a motorcycle may back the motorcycle 405  
into a parking space that is located on the side of, and 406  
parallel to, a road or highway. The motorcycle may face any 407  
direction when so parked. Not more than two motorcycles at a 408  
time shall be parked in a parking space as described in division 409  
(C) (2) of this section irrespective of whether or not the space 410  
is metered. 411

(D) Notwithstanding any statute or any rule, resolution, 412  
or ordinance adopted by any local authority, air compressors, 413  
tractors, trucks, and other equipment, while being used in the 414  
construction, reconstruction, installation, repair, or removal 415  
of facilities near, on, over, or under a street or highway, may 416  
stop, stand, or park where necessary in order to perform such 417  
work, provided a flagperson is on duty or warning signs or 418  
lights are displayed as may be prescribed by the director of 419  
transportation. 420

(E) Accessible parking locations and privileges that are 421  
available for persons with disabilities that limit or impair the 422  
ability to walk and pregnant women shall be provided and 423  
designated by all political subdivisions and by the state and 424  
all agencies and instrumentalities thereof at all offices and 425  
facilities, where parking is provided, whether owned, rented, or 426  
leased, and at all publicly owned parking garages. The locations 427  
shall be designated through the posting of an elevated sign, 428  
whether permanently affixed or movable, imprinted with the 429  
international symbol of access and shall be reasonably close to 430  
exits, entrances, elevators, and ramps. All elevated signs 431  
posted in accordance with this division and division (C) of 432

section 3781.111 of the Revised Code shall be mounted on a fixed 433  
or movable post, and the distance from the ground to the bottom 434  
edge of the sign shall measure not less than five feet. If a new 435  
sign or a replacement sign designating an accessible parking 436  
location is posted on or after October 14, 1999, there also 437  
shall be affixed upon the surface of that sign or affixed next 438  
to the designating sign a notice that states the fine applicable 439  
for the offense of parking a motor vehicle in the designated 440  
accessible parking location if the motor vehicle is not legally 441  
entitled to be parked in that location. 442

(F) (1) (a) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor 443  
vehicle at accessible parking locations provided under division 444  
(E) of this section or at accessible clearly marked parking 445  
locations provided in or on privately owned parking lots, 446  
parking garages, or other parking areas and designated in 447  
accordance with that division, unless one of the following 448  
applies: 449

(i) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the 450  
transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs 451  
the ability to walk and is displaying a valid removable 452  
windshield placard or accessible license plates; 453

(ii) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the 454  
transport of a person with a disability and is displaying a 455  
parking card or accessible license plates; 456

(iii) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the 457  
transport of a pregnant woman or a postpartum woman and is 458  
displaying a valid pregnancy removable windshield placard. 459

(b) Any motor vehicle that is parked in an accessible 460  
marked parking location in violation of division (F) (1) (a) (i) or 461



(ii) of this section may be towed or otherwise removed from the 462  
parking location by the law enforcement agency of the political 463  
subdivision in which the parking location is located. A motor 464  
vehicle that is so towed or removed shall not be released to its 465  
owner until the owner presents proof of ownership of the motor 466  
vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by 467  
that political subdivision for towing and storing motor 468  
vehicles. If the motor vehicle is a leased vehicle, it shall not 469  
be released to the lessee until the lessee presents proof that 470  
that person is the lessee of the motor vehicle and pays all 471  
towing and storage fees normally imposed by that political 472  
subdivision for towing and storing motor vehicles. 473

(c) If a person is charged with a violation of division 474  
(F) (1) (a) (i) or (ii) of this section, it is an affirmative 475  
defense to the charge that the person suffered an injury not 476  
more than seventy-two hours prior to the time the person was 477  
issued the ticket or citation and that, because of the injury, 478  
the person meets at least one of the criteria contained in 479  
division (A) (1) of section 4503.44 of the Revised Code. 480

(2) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle 481  
in an area that is commonly known as an access aisle, which area 482  
is marked by diagonal stripes and is located immediately 483  
adjacent to an accessible parking location provided under 484  
division (E) of this section or at an accessible clearly marked 485  
parking location provided in or on a privately owned parking 486  
lot, parking garage, or other parking area and designated in 487  
accordance with that division. 488

(G) When a motor vehicle is being operated by or for the 489  
transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs 490  
the ability to walk and is displaying a removable windshield 491

placard or accessible license plates, or when a motor vehicle is 492  
being operated by or for the transport of a person with a 493  
disability and is displaying a parking card or accessible 494  
license plates, the motor vehicle is permitted to park for a 495  
period of two hours in excess of the legal parking period 496  
permitted by local authorities, except where local ordinances or 497  
police rules provide otherwise or where the vehicle is parked in 498  
such a manner as to be clearly a traffic hazard. 499

(H) No owner of an office, facility, or parking garage 500  
where accessible parking locations are required to be designated 501  
in accordance with division (E) of this section shall fail to 502  
properly mark the accessible parking locations in accordance 503  
with that division or fail to maintain the markings of the 504  
accessible locations, including the erection and maintenance of 505  
the fixed or movable signs. 506

(I) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require 507  
a person or organization to apply for a removable windshield 508  
placard or accessible license plates if the parking card or 509  
accessible license plates issued to the person or organization 510  
under prior law have not expired or been surrendered or revoked. 511

(J) (1) Whoever violates division (A) or (C) of this 512  
section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 513

(2) (a) Whoever violates division (F) (1) (a) (i) or (ii) of 514  
this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as 515  
provided in division (J) (2) (a) and (b) of this section. Except 516  
as otherwise provided in division (J) (2) (a) of this section, an 517  
offender who violates division (F) (1) (a) (i) or (ii) of this 518  
section shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty nor more 519  
than five hundred dollars. An offender who violates division (F) 520  
(1) (a) (i) or (ii) of this section shall be fined not more than 521

one hundred dollars if the offender, prior to sentencing, proves 522  
either of the following to the satisfaction of the court: 523

(i) At the time of the violation of division (F) (1) (a) (i) 524  
of this section, the offender or the person for whose transport 525  
the motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a removable 526  
windshield placard that then was valid or accessible license 527  
plates that then were valid but the offender or the person 528  
neglected to display the placard or license plates as described 529  
in division (F) (1) (a) (i) of this section. 530

(ii) At the time of the violation of division (F) (1) (a) 531  
(ii) of this section, the offender or the person for whose 532  
transport the motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a 533  
parking card that then was valid or accessible license plates 534  
that then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to 535  
display the card or license plates as described in division (F) 536  
(1) (a) (ii) of this section. 537

(b) In no case shall an offender who violates division (F) 538  
(1) (a) (i) or (ii) of this section be sentenced to any term of 539  
imprisonment. 540

An arrest or conviction for a violation of division (F) (1) 541  
(a) (i) or (ii) of this section does not constitute a criminal 542  
record and need not be reported by the person so arrested or 543  
convicted in response to any inquiries contained in any 544  
application for employment, license, or other right or 545  
privilege, or made in connection with the person's appearance as 546  
a witness. 547

The clerk of the court shall pay every fine collected 548  
under divisions (J) (2) and (3) of this section to the political 549  
subdivision in which the violation occurred. Except as provided 550

in division (J) (2) of this section, the political subdivision 551  
shall use the fine moneys it receives under divisions (J) (2) and 552  
(3) of this section to pay the expenses it incurs in complying 553  
with the signage and notice requirements contained in division 554  
(E) of this section. The political subdivision may use up to 555  
fifty per cent of each fine it receives under divisions (J) (2) 556  
and (3) of this section to pay the costs of educational, 557  
advocacy, support, and assistive technology programs for persons 558  
with disabilities, and for public improvements within the 559  
political subdivision that benefit or assist persons with 560  
disabilities, if governmental agencies or nonprofit 561  
organizations offer the programs. 562

(3) Whoever violates division (F) (2) of this section shall 563  
be fined not less than two hundred fifty nor more than five 564  
hundred dollars. 565

In no case shall an offender who violates division (F) (2) 566  
of this section be sentenced to any term of imprisonment. An 567  
arrest or conviction for a violation of division (F) (2) of this 568  
section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be 569  
reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to 570  
any inquiries contained in any application for employment, 571  
license, or other right or privilege, or made in connection with 572  
the person's appearance as a witness. 573

(4) Whoever violates division (H) of this section shall be 574  
punished as follows: 575

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (4) of 576  
this section, the offender shall be issued a warning. 577

(b) If the offender previously has been convicted of or 578  
pleaded guilty to a violation of division (H) of this section or 579

of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to that 580  
division, the offender shall not be issued a warning but shall 581  
be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each parking 582  
location that is not properly marked or whose markings are not 583  
properly maintained. 584

(K) As used in this section: 585

(1) "Person with a disability" means any person who has 586  
lost the use of one or both legs or one or both arms, who is 587  
blind, deaf, or unable to move without the aid of crutches or a 588  
wheelchair, or whose mobility is restricted by a permanent 589  
cardiovascular, pulmonary, or other disabling condition. 590

(2) "Person with a disability that limits or impairs the 591  
ability to walk" has the same meaning as in section 4503.44 of 592  
the Revised Code. 593

(3) "Accessible license plates" and "removable windshield 594  
placard" mean any license plates, standard removable windshield 595  
placard, permanent removable windshield placard, pregnancy 596  
removable windshield placard, or temporary removable windshield 597  
placard issued under section 4503.41 or 4503.44 of the Revised 598  
Code, and also mean any substantially similar license plates or 599  
removable windshield placard issued by a state, district, 600  
country, or sovereignty. 601

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4503.44 and 4511.69 of 602  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 603

**Section 3.** Section 4503.44 of the Revised Code is 604  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 605  
by both H.B. 33 and H.B. 195 of the 135th General Assembly. The 606  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) 607  
of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 608

harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation,	609
finds that the composite is the resulting version of the section	610
in effect prior to the effective date of the section as	611
presented in this act.	612