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To amend sections 4507.01, 4507.06, 4507.13,  
4507.51, and 4507.52 of the Revised Code to  
allow a driver's license and a state  
identification card to indicate that the  
licensee or cardholder is a Gold Star Family  
member.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4507.01, 4507.06, 4507.13,  
4507.51, and 4507.52 of the Revised Code be amended to read as  
follows:

**Sec. 4507.01.** (A) As used in this chapter, "motor  
vehicle," "motorized bicycle," "state," "owner," "operator,"  
"chauffeur," and "highways" have the same meanings as in section  
4501.01 of the Revised Code.

"Driver's license" means a class D license issued to any  
person to operate a motor vehicle or motor-driven cycle, other  
than a commercial motor vehicle, and includes "probationary  
license," "restricted license," "limited term license," and any  
operator's or chauffeur's license issued before January 1, 1990.

"Probationary license" means the license issued to any  
person between sixteen and eighteen years of age to operate a

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motor vehicle.	21
"Restricted license" means the license issued to any person to operate a motor vehicle subject to conditions or restrictions imposed by the registrar of motor vehicles.	22 23 24
"Commercial driver's license" means the license issued to a person under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code to operate a commercial motor vehicle.	25 26 27
"Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4506.01 of the Revised Code.	28 29
"Motorcycle operator's temporary instruction permit, license, or endorsement" includes a temporary instruction permit, license, or endorsement for a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter unless otherwise specified.	30 31 32 33
"Motorized bicycle license" means the license issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a motorized bicycle including a "probationary motorized bicycle license."	34 35 36 37
"Probationary motorized bicycle license" means the license issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized bicycle.	38 39 40 41
"Identification card" means a card issued under sections 4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code.	42 43
"Resident" means a person who, in accordance with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, resides in this state on a permanent basis.	44 45 46
"Temporary resident" means a person who, in accordance with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar,	47 48

resides in this state on a temporary basis.	49
<u>"Gold star family member"</u> means any member of the immediate family, as defined in section 4503.546 of the Revised Code, of a person who died in a combat zone while a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States.	50 51 52 53
(B) In the administration of this chapter and Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code, the registrar has the same authority as is conferred on the registrar by section 4501.02 of the Revised Code. Any act of an authorized deputy registrar of motor vehicles under direction of the registrar is deemed the act of the registrar.	54 55 56 57 58 59
To carry out this chapter, the registrar shall appoint such deputy registrars in each county as are necessary.	60 61
The registrar also shall provide at each place where an application for a driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card may be made the necessary equipment to take a photograph of the applicant for such license or card as required under section 4506.11 or 4507.06 of the Revised Code, and to conduct the vision screenings required by section 4507.12 of the Revised Code.	62 63 64 65 66 67 68
The registrar shall assign one or more deputy registrars to any driver's license examining station operated under the supervision of the director of public safety, whenever the registrar considers such assignment possible. Space shall be provided in the driver's license examining station for any such deputy registrar so assigned. The deputy registrars shall not exercise the powers conferred by such sections upon the registrar, unless they are specifically authorized to exercise such powers by such sections.	69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77

(C) No agent for any insurance company, writing automobile insurance, shall be appointed deputy registrar, and any such appointment is void. No deputy registrar shall in any manner solicit any form of automobile insurance, nor in any manner advise, suggest, or influence any licensee or applicant for license for or against any kind or type of automobile insurance, insurance company, or agent, nor have the deputy registrar's office directly connected with the office of any automobile insurance agent, nor impart any information furnished by any applicant for a license or identification card to any person, except the registrar. This division shall not apply to any nonprofit corporation appointed deputy registrar.	78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89
(D) The registrar shall immediately remove a deputy registrar who violates the requirements of this chapter.	90 91
<b>Sec. 4507.06.</b> (A) (1) Every application for a driver's license, motorcycle operator's license or endorsement, or motor-driven cycle or motor scooter license or endorsement, or duplicate of any such license or endorsement, shall be made upon the approved form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles and shall be signed by the applicant.	92 93 94 95 96 97
Every application shall state the following:	98
(a) The applicant's name, date of birth, social security number if such has been assigned, sex, general description, including height, weight, color of hair, and eyes, residence address, including county of residence, duration of residence in this state, and country of citizenship;	99 100 101 102 103
(b) Whether the applicant previously has been licensed as an operator, chauffeur, driver, commercial driver, or motorcycle operator and, if so, when, by what state, and whether such	104 105 106

license is suspended or canceled at the present time and, if so,	107
the date of and reason for the suspension or cancellation;	108
(c) Whether the applicant is now or ever has been	109
afflicted with epilepsy, or whether the applicant now has any	110
physical or mental disability or disease and, if so, the nature	111
and extent of the disability or disease, giving the names and	112
addresses of physicians, certified nurse-midwives if authorized	113
as described in section 4723.438 of the Revised Code, clinical	114
nurse specialists, or certified nurse practitioners then or	115
previously in attendance upon the applicant;	116
(d) Whether an applicant for a duplicate driver's license,	117
duplicate license containing a motorcycle operator endorsement,	118
or duplicate license containing a motor-driven cycle or motor	119
scooter endorsement has pending a citation for violation of any	120
motor vehicle law or ordinance, a description of any such	121
citation pending, and the date of the citation;	122
(e) If an applicant has not certified the applicant's	123
willingness to make an anatomical gift under section 2108.05 of	124
the Revised Code, whether the applicant wishes to certify	125
willingness to make such an anatomical gift, which shall be	126
given no consideration in the issuance of a license or	127
endorsement;	128
(f) Whether the applicant has executed a valid durable	129
power of attorney for health care pursuant to sections 1337.11	130
to 1337.17 of the Revised Code or has executed a declaration	131
governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or	132
withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment pursuant to sections	133
2133.01 to 2133.15 of the Revised Code and, if the applicant has	134
executed either type of instrument, whether the applicant wishes	135
the applicant's license to indicate that the applicant has	136

executed the instrument;	137
(g) Whether the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States and, if the applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the applicant's license to indicate that the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States by a military designation on the license;	138 139 140 141 142 143
(h) <u>Whether the applicant is a gold star family member</u> <u>and, if the applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the</u> <u>applicant's license to indicate the gold star family symbol as</u> <u>described in section 4507.13 of the Revised Code.</u>	144 145 146 147
(2) Every applicant for a driver's license applying in person at a deputy registrar office shall be photographed at the time the application for the license is made. The application shall state any additional information that the registrar requires.	148 149 150 151 152
(B) The registrar or a deputy registrar, in accordance with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an elector any person who applies for a license or endorsement under division (A) of this section, or for a renewal or duplicate of the license or endorsement, if the applicant is eligible and wishes to be registered as an elector. The decision of an applicant whether to register as an elector shall be given no consideration in the decision of whether to issue the applicant a license or endorsement, or a renewal or duplicate.	153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161
(C) The registrar or a deputy registrar, in accordance with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall offer the opportunity of completing a notice of change of residence or change of name to any applicant for a driver's license or	162 163 164 165

endorsement under division (A) of this section, or for a renewal 166  
or duplicate of the license or endorsement, if the applicant is 167  
a registered elector who has changed the applicant's residence 168  
or name and has not filed such a notice. 169

(D) In addition to any other information it contains, the 170  
approved form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for 171  
an application for a license or endorsement or an application 172  
for a duplicate of any such license or endorsement shall inform 173  
applicants that the applicant must present a copy of the 174  
applicant's DD-214 or an equivalent document in order to qualify 175  
to have the license or duplicate indicate that the applicant is 176  
a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the 177  
United States based on a request made pursuant to division (A) 178  
(1) (g) of this section. 179

**Sec. 4507.13.** (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 180  
issue a driver's license to every person licensed as an operator 181  
of motor vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles. No 182  
person licensed as a commercial motor vehicle driver under 183  
Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code need procure a driver's 184  
license, but no person shall drive any commercial motor vehicle 185  
unless licensed as a commercial motor vehicle driver. 186

(2) Every driver's license shall display all of the 187  
following information: 188

- (a) The distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; 189
- (b) The licensee's name and date of birth; 190
- (c) The licensee's residence address and county of 191  
residence; 192
- (d) A photograph of the licensee; 193

(e) A brief description of the licensee for the purpose of identification;	194 195
(f) A facsimile of the signature of the licensee as it appears on the application for the license;	196 197
(g) A notation, in a manner prescribed by the registrar, indicating any condition described in division (D) (3) of section 4507.08 of the Revised Code to which the licensee is subject;	198 199 200
(h) If the licensee has executed a durable power of attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment and has specified that the licensee wishes the license to indicate that the licensee has executed either type of instrument, any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the licensee has executed either type of instrument;	201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208
(i) If the licensee has specified that the licensee wishes the license to indicate that the licensee is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States and has presented a copy of the licensee's DD-214 form or an equivalent document, any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the licensee is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States;	209 210 211 212 213 214 215
(j) If the licensee is a noncitizen of the United States, a notation designating that the licensee is a noncitizen;	216 217
(k) <u>If the licensee has specified that the licensee wishes the license to indicate that the licensee is a gold star family member and has presented any documentation the registrar may require by rule, the gold star family symbol. As used in this division, "gold star family symbol" means a symbol inscribed on</u>	218 219 220 221 222

<u>a license with a folded military burial flag, with golden stars,</u>	223
<u>and the words "Gold Star Family" in a size and placement</u>	224
<u>determined by the registrar;</u>	225
(1) Any additional information that the registrar requires	226
by rule.	227
(3) No license shall display the licensee's social	228
security number unless the licensee specifically requests that	229
the licensee's social security number be displayed on the	230
license. If federal law requires the licensee's social security	231
number to be displayed on the license, the social security	232
number shall be displayed on the license notwithstanding this	233
section.	234
(4) The driver's license for licensees under twenty-one	235
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the	236
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a licensee who	237
is twenty-one years of age or older, except that a driver's	238
license issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days	239
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the	240
characteristics of a license issued to a person who is twenty-	241
one years of age or older.	242
(5) The limited term license issued to a temporary	243
resident shall contain the words "limited term" and shall have	244
any additional characteristics prescribed by the registrar	245
distinguishing it from a license issued to a resident.	246
(6) Every driver's or commercial driver's license	247
displaying a motorcycle operator's endorsement and every	248
restricted license to operate a motor vehicle also shall display	249
the designation "novice," if the endorsement or license is	250
issued to a person who is eighteen years of age or older and	251

previously has not been licensed to operate a motorcycle by this 252  
state or another jurisdiction recognized by this state. The 253  
"novice" designation shall be effective for one year after the 254  
date of issuance of the motorcycle operator's endorsement or 255  
license. 256

(7) Each license issued under this section shall be of 257  
such material and so designed as to prevent its reproduction or 258  
alteration without ready detection. 259

(B) Except in regard to a driver's license issued to a 260  
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 261  
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 262  
deputy registrar shall issue a driver's license to anyone under 263  
twenty-one years of age that does not have the characteristics 264  
prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it from the driver's 265  
license issued to persons who are twenty-one years of age or 266  
older. 267

(C) The registrar shall ensure that driver's licenses 268  
issued in accordance with the federal "Real ID Act," 49 U.S.C. 269  
30301, et seq., comply with the regulations specified in 6 270  
C.F.R. part 37. 271

(D) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is 272  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 273

**Sec. 4507.51.** (A) (1) Every application for an 274  
identification card or duplicate shall be made on an approved 275  
form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles and shall be 276  
signed by the applicant. The application also shall be signed by 277  
the applicant's parent or guardian, or by the department of 278  
rehabilitation and correction or the department of youth 279  
services, as applicable, if the applicant is under eighteen 280

years of age. 281

Every application shall contain the following information: 282

(a) The applicant's name, date of birth, sex, general 283  
description including the applicant's height, weight, hair 284  
color, and eye color, address, country of citizenship, and 285  
social security number. 286

(b) If an applicant has not already certified the 287  
applicant's willingness to make an anatomical gift under section 288  
2108.05 of the Revised Code, whether the applicant wishes to 289  
certify willingness to make such an anatomical gift and 290  
information about the requirements of sections 2108.01 to 291  
2108.29 of the Revised Code that apply to persons who are less 292  
than eighteen years of age. The statement regarding willingness 293  
to make such a donation shall be given no consideration in the 294  
decision of whether to issue an identification card. 295

(c) Whether the applicant has executed a valid durable 296  
power of attorney for health care pursuant to sections 1337.11 297  
to 1337.17 of the Revised Code or has executed a declaration 298  
governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or 299  
withdrawal, of life-sustaining treatment pursuant to sections 300  
2133.01 to 2133.15 of the Revised Code and, if the applicant has 301  
executed either type of instrument, whether the applicant wishes 302  
the identification card issued to indicate that the applicant 303  
has executed the instrument. 304

(d) Whether the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or 305  
reservist of the armed forces of the United States and, if the 306  
applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the 307  
identification card issued to indicate that the applicant is a 308  
veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the 309

United States by a military designation on the identification card.	310 311
<u>(e) Whether the applicant is a gold star family member and, if the applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the applicant's identification card to indicate the gold star family symbol as described in section 4507.52 of the Revised Code.</u>	312 313 314 315
(2) Each applicant applying in person at a deputy registrar office shall be photographed at the time of making an application.	316 317 318
(3) The registrar or deputy registrar, in accordance with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an elector any person who applies for an identification card or duplicate if the applicant is eligible and wishes to be registered as an elector. The decision of an applicant whether to register as an elector shall be given no consideration in the decision of whether to issue the applicant an identification card or duplicate.	319 320 321 322 323 324 325 326
(4) The application shall be accompanied by any necessary documents, as required by the registrar. The registrar or the deputy registrar may authenticate the submitted documents and verify the information in the application.	327 328 329 330
(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this section or section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, the application for an identification card or duplicate shall be filed in the office of the registrar or deputy registrar. Each applicant shall present documentary evidence as required by the registrar of the applicant's age and identity, and the applicant shall swear that all information given is true.	331 332 333 334 335 336 337
All applications for an identification card or duplicate	338

under this section shall be filed in duplicate, and if submitted 339  
to a deputy registrar, a copy shall be forwarded to the 340  
registrar. The registrar shall prescribe rules for the manner in 341  
which a deputy registrar is to file and maintain applications 342  
and other records. The registrar shall maintain a suitable, 343  
indexed record of all applications denied and cards issued or 344  
canceled. 345

(2) The application for an identification card filed by 346  
either the department of rehabilitation and correction or the 347  
department of youth services on behalf of an individual in 348  
prison or in the department's custody shall be submitted through 349  
the process established by the registrar. The registrar shall 350  
establish the process for submission of such applications and 351  
the process for mailing the identification card to either the 352  
individual or the applicable department. 353

(C) In addition to any other information it contains, the 354  
form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for an 355  
application for an identification card or duplicate shall inform 356  
applicants that the applicant must present a copy of the 357  
applicant's DD-214 or an equivalent document in order to qualify 358  
to have the card or duplicate indicate that the applicant is an 359  
honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United 360  
States based on a request made pursuant to division (A) (2) (b) of 361  
this section. 362

**Sec. 4507.52.** (A) (1) Each identification card issued by 363  
the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 364  
display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and 365  
shall display the following inscription: 366

"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD

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This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a  
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of  
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card." 368  
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(2) The identification card shall display substantially  
the same information as contained in the application and as  
described in division (A) (1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised  
Code, including, if the cardholder is a noncitizen of the United  
States, a notation designating that the cardholder is a  
noncitizen. The identification card shall not display the  
cardholder's social security number unless the cardholder  
specifically requests that the cardholder's social security  
number be displayed on the card. If federal law requires the  
cardholder's social security number to be displayed on the  
identification card, the social security number shall be  
displayed on the card notwithstanding this section. 371  
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(3) The identification card also shall display the  
photograph of the cardholder. 383  
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(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of  
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or  
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life-  
sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder  
has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the  
cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 385  
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(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder  
is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of  
the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's  
DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall  
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display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States.	398 399 400
(6) The card shall be designed as to prevent its reproduction or alteration without ready detection.	401 402
(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who is twenty-one years of age or older.	403 404 405 406 407 408 409 410
(8) Every identification card issued to a resident of this state shall display the expiration date of the card, in accordance with section 4507.501 of the Revised Code.	411 412 413
(9) Every identification card issued to a temporary resident shall expire in accordance with section 4507.501 of the Revised Code and rules adopted by the registrar and is limited term. Every limited term identification card and limited term temporary identification card shall contain the words "limited term" and shall have any additional characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it from an identification card issued to a resident.	414 415 416 417 418 419 420 421
(10) <u>If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder is a gold star family member and has presented any documentation the registrar may require by rule, the gold star family member symbol. As used in this division, "gold star family symbol"</u>	422 423 424 425 426

<u>means a symbol inscribed on an identification card with a folded</u>	427
<u>military burial flag, with golden stars, and the words "Gold</u>	428
<u>Star Family" in a size and placement determined by the</u>	429
<u>registrar.</u>	430
(B) (1) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the	431
person to whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by	432
doing both of the following:	433
(a) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or	434
mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar;	435
(b) Filing an application and presenting documentary	436
evidence under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code.	437
(2) A cardholder may apply to obtain a reprint of the	438
cardholder's identification card through electronic means in	439
accordance with section 4507.40 of the Revised Code.	440
(3) A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification	441
card that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by	442
furnishing suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a	443
deputy registrar.	444
(4) Except as provided in division (B) (5) or (6) of this	445
section, when a cardholder applies for a duplicate, reprint, or	446
replacement identification card, the cardholder shall pay the	447
following fees:	448
(a) Two dollars and fifty cents;	449
(b) A deputy registrar or service fee equal to the amount	450
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code.	451
(5) The following cardholders may apply for a duplicate,	452
reprint, or replacement identification card without payment of	453
any fee prescribed in division (B) (4) of this section:	454

(a) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration;	455 456 457
(b) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled;	458 459
(c) A resident who is in the custody of the department of rehabilitation and correction or the department of youth services.	460 461 462
(6) A cardholder who is seventeen years of age or older may apply for a replacement identification card without payment of any fee prescribed in division (B) (4) of this section.	463 464 465
(7) A duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification card expires on the same date as the card it replaces.	466 467
(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was altered.	468 469 470
(D) (1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly operated or franchised transit system from using an identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or services of the system.	471 472 473 474 475 476 477
(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or possess an identification card.	478 479
(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days before the applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any	480 481 482

deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person	483
under twenty-one years of age that does not have the	484
characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it	485
from the identification card issued to persons who are twenty-	486
one years of age or older.	487
(F) The registrar shall ensure that identification cards	488
issued in accordance with the federal "Real ID Act," 49 U.S.C.	489
30301, et seq., comply with the regulations specified in 6	490
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