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To amend sections 4507.01, 4507.06, 4507.13, 1
4507.51, and 4507.52 of the Revised Code to 2
allow a driver's license and a state 3
identification card to indicate that the 4
licensee or cardholder is a Gold Star Family 5
member. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 4507.01, 4507.06, 4507.13, 7
4507.51, and 4507.52 of the Revised Code be amended to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 4507.01. (A) As used in this chapter, "motor 10
vehicle," "motorized bicycle," "state," "owner," "operator," 11
"chauffeur," and "highways" have the same meanings as in section 12
4501.01 of the Revised Code. 13

"Driver's license" means a class D license issued to any 14
person to operate a motor vehicle or motor-driven cycle, other 15
than a commercial motor vehicle, and includes "probationary 16
license," "restricted license," "limited term license," and any 17
operator's or chauffeur's license issued before January 1, 1990. 18

"Probationary license" means the license issued to any 19
person between sixteen and eighteen years of age to operate a 20

motor vehicle. 21

"Restricted license" means the license issued to any 22
person to operate a motor vehicle subject to conditions or 23
restrictions imposed by the registrar of motor vehicles. 24

"Commercial driver's license" means the license issued to 25
a person under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code to operate a 26
commercial motor vehicle. 27

"Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in 28
section 4506.01 of the Revised Code. 29

"Motorcycle operator's temporary instruction permit,
license, or endorsement" includes a temporary instruction 30
permit, license, or endorsement for a motor-driven cycle or 31
motor scooter unless otherwise specified. 32
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"Motorized bicycle license" means the license issued under 34
section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a 35
motorized bicycle including a "probationary motorized bicycle 36
license." 37

"Probationary motorized bicycle license" means the license 38
issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person 39
between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized 40
bicycle. 41

"Identification card" means a card issued under sections 42
4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code. 43

"Resident" means a person who, in accordance with 44
standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, resides 45
in this state on a permanent basis. 46

"Temporary resident" means a person who, in accordance 47
with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, 48

resides in this state on a temporary basis. 49

"Gold star family member" means any member of the 50
immediate family, as defined in section 4503.546 of the Revised 51
Code, of a person who died in a combat zone while a member of 52
any branch of the armed forces of the United States. 53

(B) In the administration of this chapter and Chapter 54
4506. of the Revised Code, the registrar has the same authority 55
as is conferred on the registrar by section 4501.02 of the 56
Revised Code. Any act of an authorized deputy registrar of motor 57
vehicles under direction of the registrar is deemed the act of 58
the registrar. 59

To carry out this chapter, the registrar shall appoint 60
such deputy registrars in each county as are necessary. 61

The registrar also shall provide at each place where an 62
application for a driver's or commercial driver's license or 63
identification card may be made the necessary equipment to take 64
a photograph of the applicant for such license or card as 65
required under section 4506.11 or 4507.06 of the Revised Code, 66
and to conduct the vision screenings required by section 4507.12 67
of the Revised Code. 68

The registrar shall assign one or more deputy registrars 69
to any driver's license examining station operated under the 70
supervision of the director of public safety, whenever the 71
registrar considers such assignment possible. Space shall be 72
provided in the driver's license examining station for any such 73
deputy registrar so assigned. The deputy registrars shall not 74
exercise the powers conferred by such sections upon the 75
registrar, unless they are specifically authorized to exercise 76
such powers by such sections. 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.

(D) The registrar shall immediately remove a deputy registrar who violates the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 4507.06. (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.

Every application shall state the following:

(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;

(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

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 138
reservist of the armed forces of the United States and, if the 139
applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the applicant's 140
license to indicate that the applicant is a veteran, active 141
duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States by a 142
military designation on the license; 143

(h) Whether the applicant is a gold star family member 144
and, if the applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the 145
applicant's license to indicate the gold star family symbol as 146
described in section 4507.13 of the Revised Code. 147

(2) Every applicant for a driver's license applying in 148
person at a deputy registrar office shall be photographed at the 149
time the application for the license is made. The application 150
shall state any additional information that the registrar 151
requires. 152

(B) The registrar or a deputy registrar, in accordance 153
with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an 154
elector any person who applies for a license or endorsement 155
under division (A) of this section, or for a renewal or 156
duplicate of the license or endorsement, if the applicant is 157
eligible and wishes to be registered as an elector. The decision 158
of an applicant whether to register as an elector shall be given 159
no consideration in the decision of whether to issue the 160
applicant a license or endorsement, or a renewal or duplicate. 161

(C) The registrar or a deputy registrar, in accordance 162
with section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall offer the 163
opportunity of completing a notice of change of residence or 164
change of name to any applicant for a driver's license or 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 194
identification; 195

(f) A facsimile of the signature of the licensee as it 196
appears on the application for the license; 197

(g) A notation, in a manner prescribed by the registrar, 198
indicating any condition described in division (D) (3) of section 199
4507.08 of the Revised Code to which the licensee is subject; 200

(h) If the licensee has executed a durable power of 201
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 202
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 203
sustaining treatment and has specified that the licensee wishes 204
the license to indicate that the licensee has executed either 205
type of instrument, any symbol chosen by the registrar to 206
indicate that the licensee has executed either type of 207
instrument; 208

(i) If the licensee has specified that the licensee wishes 209
the license to indicate that the licensee is a veteran, active 210
duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States and 211
has presented a copy of the licensee's DD-214 form or an 212
equivalent document, any symbol chosen by the registrar to 213
indicate that the licensee is a veteran, active duty, or 214
reservist of the armed forces of the United States; 215

(j) If the licensee is a noncitizen of the United States, 216
a notation designating that the licensee is a noncitizen; 217

(k) If the licensee has specified that the licensee wishes 218
the license to indicate that the licensee is a gold star family 219
member and has presented any documentation the registrar may 220
require by rule, the gold star family symbol. As used in this 221
division, "gold star family symbol" means a symbol inscribed on 222

a license with a folded military burial flag, with golden stars, 223
and the words "Gold Star Family" in a size and placement 224
determined by the registrar; 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 310
card. 311

(e) Whether the applicant is a gold star family member 312
and, if the applicant is such, whether the applicant wishes the 313
applicant's identification card to indicate the gold star family 314
symbol as described in section 4507.52 of the Revised Code. 315

(2) Each applicant applying in person at a deputy 316
registrar office shall be photographed at the time of making an 317
application. 318

(3) The registrar or deputy registrar, in accordance with 319
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an 320
elector any person who applies for an identification card or 321
duplicate if the applicant is eligible and wishes to be 322
registered as an elector. The decision of an applicant whether 323
to register as an elector shall be given no consideration in the 324
decision of whether to issue the applicant an identification 325
card or duplicate. 326

(4) The application shall be accompanied by any necessary 327
documents, as required by the registrar. The registrar or the 328
deputy registrar may authenticate the submitted documents and 329
verify the information in the application. 330

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 331
section or section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, the application 332
for an identification card or duplicate shall be filed in the 333
office of the registrar or deputy registrar. Each applicant 334
shall present documentary evidence as required by the registrar 335
of the applicant's age and identity, and the applicant shall 336
swear that all information given is true. 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 367

This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a 368
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of 369
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card." 370

(2) The identification card shall display substantially 371
the same information as contained in the application and as 372
described in division (A)(1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised 373
Code, including, if the cardholder is a noncitizen of the United 374
States, a notation designating that the cardholder is a 375
noncitizen. The identification card shall not display the 376
cardholder's social security number unless the cardholder 377
specifically requests that the cardholder's social security 378
number be displayed on the card. If federal law requires the 379
cardholder's social security number to be displayed on the 380
identification card, the social security number shall be 381
displayed on the card notwithstanding this section. 382

(3) The identification card also shall display the 383
photograph of the cardholder. 384

(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of 385
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 386
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 387
sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder 388
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 389
has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall 390
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 391
cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 392

(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 393
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 394
is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of 395
the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's 396
DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall 397

display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 398
cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed 399
forces of the United States. 400

(6) The card shall be designed as to prevent its 401
reproduction or alteration without ready detection. 402

(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one 403
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 404
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is 405
twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification 406
card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 407
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 408
characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who 409
is twenty-one years of age or older. 410

(8) Every identification card issued to a resident of this 411
state shall display the expiration date of the card, in 412
accordance with section 4507.501 of the Revised Code. 413

(9) Every identification card issued to a temporary 414
resident shall expire in accordance with section 4507.501 of the 415
Revised Code and rules adopted by the registrar and is limited 416
term. Every limited term identification card and limited term 417
temporary identification card shall contain the words "limited 418
term" and shall have any additional characteristics prescribed 419
by the registrar distinguishing it from an identification card 420
issued to a resident. 421

(10) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 422
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 423
is a gold star family member and has presented any documentation 424
the registrar may require by rule, the gold star family member 425
symbol. As used in this division, "gold star family symbol" 426

means a symbol inscribed on an identification card with a folded 427
military burial flag, with golden stars, and the words "Gold 428
Star Family" in a size and placement determined by the 429
registrar. 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 455
disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' 456
administration; 457

(b) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly 458
disabled; 459

(c) A resident who is in the custody of the department of 460
rehabilitation and correction or the department of youth 461
services. 462

(6) A cardholder who is seventeen years of age or older 463
may apply for a replacement identification card without payment 464
of any fee prescribed in division (B) (4) of this section. 465

(7) A duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification 466
card expires on the same date as the card it replaces. 467

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining 468
that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was 469
altered. 470

(D) (1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions 471
shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or 472
privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification 473
card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly 474
operated or franchised transit system from using an 475
identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or 476
services of the system. 477

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or 478
possess an identification card. 479

(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a 480
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 481
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 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
C.F.R. part 37. 491

(G) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is 492
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