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To amend sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.20, 1
4507.212, 4509.101, 4509.66, 4509.67, 4509.69, 2
and 4509.77 and to enact sections 4503.48, 3
4509.43, 4509.431, 4509.432, 4509.433, and 4
4509.434 of the Revised Code to implement an 5
online financial responsibility verification 6
system and to modify the financial 7
responsibility laws. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.20, 9
4507.212, 4509.101, 4509.66, 4509.67, 4509.69, and 4509.77 be 10
amended and sections 4503.48, 4509.43, 4509.431, 4509.432, 11
4509.433, and 4509.434 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 12
follows: 13

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 14
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 15
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 16
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 17
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 18

snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 19
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 20
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 21
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 22
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 23
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 24
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 25
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in sections 26
4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner of every 27
other motor vehicle not previously described in this section and 28
every person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title 29
of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public 30
roads or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 31
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 32
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 33
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 34
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 35
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 36
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 37
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 38
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 39
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 40
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 41
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 42
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 43
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 44
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 45
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 46
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 47
information:
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(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be

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registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 50
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(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 54
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(3) The district of registration, which shall be determined as follows: 56
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(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in connection with any established business or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the district of registration is the municipal corporation in which that place is located or, if not located in any municipal corporation, the county and township in which that place is located. 58
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(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the owner resides at the time of making the application. 65
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(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor vehicle; 68
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(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 70

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the preceding registration year and during the preceding period of the current registration year, have been paid. Each application for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 71
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elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 79
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 80
is not required. 81

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 82
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 83
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 84
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 85
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 86
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 87
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 88
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 89

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 90
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 91
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 92
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 93
approve the application for registration. 94

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 95
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 96
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 97
any of the following: 98

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 99
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 100
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 101

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 102
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 103
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 104

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 105
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 106

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 107

title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 108
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 109
the registrar. 110

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 111
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 112
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 113
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 114
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate or 115
alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle issued 116
in accordance with that section. 117

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 118
any of the following applies: 119

(a) The application is not in proper form. 120

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 121
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 122
4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of 123
section 4503.234, division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or 124
division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 125

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 126
confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section. 127

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 128
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 129
current registration year, have not been paid. 130

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 131
certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the motor 132
vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, and 133
rules adopted under it, if that section is applicable. 134

(f) The owner or lessee does not have proof of financial 135

responsibility with respect to the motor vehicle being 136
registered. 137

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 138
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 139
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 140
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 141
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 142
of the Revised Code. 143

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 144
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 145
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 146
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 147
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 148
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 149
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 150
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 151
the motor vehicle, if any. 152

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 153
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 154
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 155
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 156
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 157
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 158
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 159
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 160
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 161
certificate of registration. 162

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 163
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 164
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 165

certificate number from the inspection certificate or the 166
alternative emissions certificate number from the alternative 167
emissions certificate that is presented at the time of 168
registration of the vehicle as required under this division. 169

(8) When an applicant submits an application for 170
registration or registration renewal to the registrar or a 171
deputy registrar, the registrar or deputy registrar shall 172
inquire via the online financial responsibility verification 173
system established under sections 4509.43 to 4509.434 of the 174
Revised Code whether the applicant is maintaining proof of 175
financial responsibility. 176

If the results of the inquiry indicate no proof of the 177
maintenance of financial responsibility, are inconclusive, or 178
the applicant is submitting the application by mail or 179
electronic means in accordance with section 4503.102 of the 180
Revised Code, the registrar or deputy registrar shall request 181
the owner of the motor vehicle to demonstrate proof of financial 182
responsibility in the manner described in division (G) of 183
section 4509.101 of the Revised Code. 184

(C) (1) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall 185
collect the following additional fees for each application for 186
registration and registration renewal received: 187

(a) Except as provided in division (C) (1) (b) of this 188
section, a fee of eleven dollars on or before December 31, 2025, 189
and a fee of sixteen dollars on and after January 1, 2026; 190

(b) For vehicles specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of 191
section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, a fee of thirty dollars on 192
or before December 31, 2025, and a fee of thirty-five dollars on 193
and after January 1, 2026. 194

No additional fee shall be charged for vehicles registered 195
under section 4503.65 of the Revised Code. Each additional fee 196
is for the purpose of defraying the department of public 197
safety's costs associated with the administration and 198
enforcement of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each 199
deputy registrar shall transmit the fees collected under 200
divisions (C)(1) and (3) of this section in the time and manner 201
provided in this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys 202
received under division (C)(1) of this section into the public 203
safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of 204
the Revised Code. 205

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 206
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 207
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 208
identification sticker or each set of county identification 209
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 210
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 211
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 212
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 213
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 214
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 215
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 216
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 217
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 218
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 219
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 220
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 221
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 222
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 223
Code. 224

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 225

the following additional fee, as applicable, for each	226
application for registration or registration renewal received	227
for any hybrid motor vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric motor	228
vehicle, or battery electric motor vehicle:	229
(a) One hundred dollars for a hybrid motor vehicle;	230
(b) One hundred fifty dollars for a plug-in hybrid	231
electric motor vehicle;	232
(c) Two hundred dollars for a battery electric motor	233
vehicle.	234
Each fee imposed under this division shall be prorated	235
based on the number of months for which the vehicle is	236
registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from	237
each fee to the treasurer of state for distribution in	238
accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised	239
Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised	240
Code.	241
(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to	242
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised	243
Code for each application for registration and registration	244
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for	245
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy	246
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as	247
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy	248
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal	249
notices and the issuing of registrations.	250
(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county	251
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates	252
erroneously or fraudulently issued.	253
(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application	254

for registration or registration renewal notice, together with
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar,
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one
business day after their collection and shall make reports to
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar,
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service.

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each application.	287 288 289 290 291 292
(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the district of registration in an application required by division (A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as specified in that section.	293 294 295 296 297
(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a license for failure to present an inspection certificate or alternative emissions certificate, and the stamping of the inspection certificate or alternative emissions certificate by the official issuing the certificate of registration apply to the registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised Code.	298 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310
(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it receives information about the requirements established in that section and those rules and about the need in those counties to	311 312 313 314 315 316

present an inspection certificate or an alternative emissions
certificate with an application for registration or
preregistration. 317
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(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line
computer data link to registration information for all passenger
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape
containing registration information regarding passenger cars,
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration,
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year
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(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application
for registration under the international registration plan, as
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code,
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the
forms shall include the following: 337
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(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 344
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(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by

the registrant; 347

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 348

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 349
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 350
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 351
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 352
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 353
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 354
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 355
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 356
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 357

If international registration plan guidelines and 358
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 359
registrations under the international registration plan to be 360
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 361
division shall permit such action. 362

Sec. 4503.102. (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may 363
adopt rules to establish a centralized system of motor vehicle 364
registration for initial registration, registration renewal, and 365
transfer of registration, by mail or by electronic means. 366

(2) Any person applying electronically for initial 367
registration or for transfer of registration may submit all 368
associated documents electronically through the centralized 369
system of motor vehicle registration established under this 370
section. The registrar or a deputy registrar shall verify and 371
authenticate such documents. 372

(3) Any person owning a motor vehicle that was registered 373
in the person's name during the preceding registration year 374
shall renew the registration of the motor vehicle not more than 375

ninety days prior to the expiration date of the registration	376
through one of the following:	377
(a) By mail or by electronic means through the centralized	378
system of registration established under this section;	379
(b) In person at any office of the registrar or at a	380
deputy registrar's office.	381
(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this	382
section, no less than forty-five days prior to the expiration	383
date of any motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall mail	384
a renewal notice to the person in whose name the motor vehicle	385
is registered. The renewal notice shall clearly state that the	386
registration of the motor vehicle may be renewed by mail or	387
electronic means through the centralized system of registration	388
or in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy	389
registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information	390
including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence	391
address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles,	392
a brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered,	393
notice of the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle,	394
the toll-free telephone number of the registrar as required	395
under division (D) (1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code,	396
and any additional information the registrar may require by	397
rule. The renewal notice shall not include the social security	398
number of either the owner of the motor vehicle or the person in	399
whose name the motor vehicle is registered. The renewal notice	400
shall be sent by regular mail to the owner's last known address	401
as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles.	402
(2) The registrar is not required to mail a renewal notice	403
if either of the following applies:	404

(a) The owner of the vehicle has consented to receiving the renewal notice by electronic means only.	405 406
(b) The application for renewal of the registration of a motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of section 4503.234, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code.	407 408 409 410 411 412 413
(3) If the owner of a motor vehicle has consented to receiving a renewal notice by electronic means only, the registrar shall send an electronic renewal notice to the owner that contains the information specified in division (B)(1) of this section at the time specified under that division.	414 415 416 417 418
(C)(1) The owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or by electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic means, or the owner may take it in person to any office of the registrar or of a deputy registrar. The—	419 420 421 422 423
<u>(2) The owner shall include with the notice a<u>all</u> of the following:</u>	424 425
(a) A financial transaction device number when renewing in person or by electronic means but not by mail, check, or money order in the amount of the registration taxes and fees payable on the motor vehicle and <u>;</u> a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, plus postage as indicated on the notice if the registration is renewed or fulfilled by mail, and <u>;</u>	426 427 428 429 430 431 432
<u>(b) Proof of financial responsibility in the manner</u>	433

<u>described in division (G) of section 4509.101 of the Revised</u>	434
<u>Code;</u>	435
<u>(c) An inspection certificate or alternative emissions</u>	436
<u>certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14</u>	437
<u>of the Revised Code. If</u>	438
<u>(3) If the motor vehicle owner chooses to renew the motor</u>	439
<u>vehicle registration by electronic means, the owner shall</u>	440
<u>proceed in accordance with the rules the registrar adopts.</u>	441
<u>(D) If all The registrar or deputy registrar shall refuse</u>	442
<u>an application for registration renewal and shall so notify the</u>	443
<u>owner or lessee if any of the following apply:</u>	444
<u>(1) All registration and transfer fees for the motor</u>	445
<u>vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the</u>	446
<u>current registration year have not been paid, if division;</u>	447
<u>(2) Division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of</u>	448
<u>section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D)</u>	449
<u>of section 4503.234, division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or</u>	450
<u>division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code prohibits</u>	451
<u>acceptance of the renewal notice, or if the application;</u>	452
<u>(3) The owner or lessee does not have proof of financial</u>	453
<u>responsibility with respect to the motor vehicle being</u>	454
<u>registered;</u>	455
<u>(4) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection</u>	456
<u>certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the motor</u>	457
<u>vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, if</u>	458
<u>that section is applicable, the license shall be refused, and</u>	459
<u>the registrar or deputy registrar shall so notify the owner.</u>	460
<u>This</u>	461

This section does not require the payment of license or 462
registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or 463
for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not 464
taxable for that preceding year or period under section 4503.02, 465
4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the 466
Revised Code. 467

(E) (1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not 468
relieve a motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew 469
the registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a 470
motor vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive 471
a renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section 472
prior to the expiration date of the registration shall request 473
an application for registration from the registrar or a deputy 474
registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic 475
means and submit the application and pay any applicable license 476
taxes and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar. 477

(2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application 478
for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) 479
of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 4503.13, division 480
(B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of section 4503.234, 481
division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 482
5537.041 of the Revised Code from accepting the application, the 483
registrar shall return the application and the payment to the 484
owner. If the owner of a motor vehicle submits a registration 485
renewal application to the registrar by electronic means and the 486
registrar is prohibited from accepting the application as 487
provided in this division, the registrar shall notify the owner 488
of this fact and deny the application and return the payment or 489
give a credit on the financial transaction device account of the 490
owner in the manner the registrar prescribes by rule adopted 491
pursuant to division (A) of this section. 492

(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place at the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail registration system required by this section and also shall post a notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the registrar prescribes by rule.	493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500
(G) (1) The service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code that is collected from a person who renews a motor vehicle registration by electronic means or by mail, plus postage collected by the registrar and any financial transaction device surcharge collected by the registrar, shall be paid to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund established by section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.	501 502 503 504 505 506 507 508
(2) A person who submits an initial registration or a transfer of registration by electronic means under this section shall pay a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, any necessary postage costs, and any financial transaction device surcharge, as applicable. The service fee collected shall be paid either to the registrar or to the deputy registrar that verifies and authenticates the submitted documents in accordance with division (A) (2) of this section. If the registrar authorizes a deputy registrar to mail the certificate of registration and any associated license plate to the applicant, the postage costs shall be paid to that deputy registrar.	509 510 511 512 513 514 515 516 517 518 519 520
(H) (1) Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the registrar shall implement a program permitting payment of motor	521 522

vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license and 523
commercial driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees, 524
penalties, or charges imposed or levied by the state by means of 525
a financial transaction device for transactions occurring 526
online, at any office of the registrar, and at all deputy 527
registrar locations. The program shall take effect not later 528
than July 1, 2016. The registrar shall adopt rules as necessary 529
for this purpose, but all such rules are subject to any action, 530
policy, or procedure of the board of deposit or treasurer of 531
state taken or adopted under section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 532

(2) The rules adopted under division (H)(1) of this 533
section shall require a deputy registrar to accept payments by 534
means of a financial transaction device beginning on the 535
effective date of the rules unless the deputy registrar contract 536
entered into by the deputy registrar prohibits the acceptance of 537
such payments by financial transaction device. However, 538
commencing with deputy registrar contract awards that have a 539
start date of July 1, 2016, and for all contract awards 540
thereafter, the registrar shall require that the proposer accept 541
payment by means of a financial transaction device, including 542
credit cards and debit cards, for all department of public 543
safety transactions conducted at that deputy registrar location. 544

The bureau and deputy registrars are not required to pay 545
any costs that result from accepting payment by means of a 546
financial transaction device. A deputy registrar may charge a 547
person who tenders payment for a department transaction by means 548
of a financial transaction device any cost the deputy registrar 549
incurs from accepting payment by the financial transaction 550
device, but the deputy registrar shall not require the person to 551
pay any additional fee of any kind in connection with the use by 552
the person of the financial transaction device. 553

(3) In accordance with division (H)(1) of this section and 554
rules adopted by the registrar under that division, a county 555
auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas that is designated a 556
deputy registrar shall accept payment by means of a financial 557
transaction device, including credit cards and debit cards, for 558
all department transactions conducted at the office of the 559
county auditor or clerk in the county auditor's or clerk's 560
capacity as deputy registrar. The bureau is not required to pay 561
any costs incurred by a county auditor or clerk that result from 562
accepting payment by means of a financial transaction device for 563
any department transaction. 564

(I) For persons who reside in counties where tailpipe 565
emissions inspections are required under the motor vehicle 566
inspection and maintenance program, the notice required by 567
division (B) of this section shall also include the toll-free 568
telephone number maintained by the Ohio environmental protection 569
agency to provide information concerning the locations of 570
emissions testing centers. The registrar also shall include a 571
statement in the notice that a battery electric motor vehicle is 572
not required to undergo emissions inspection under the motor 573
vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under 574
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. 575

Sec. 4503.20. (A) As used in this section: 576

(1) "Dealer engaged in the business of leasing motor 577
vehicles" means any person engaged in the business of regularly 578
making available, offering to make available, or arranging for 579
another person to use a motor vehicle pursuant to a bailment, 580
lease, or other contractual arrangement. 581

(2) "Motor vehicle" has the meaning set forth in section 582
4509.01 of the Revised Code. 583

(B) <u>An—In addition to an applicant for registration or</u>	584
<u>registration renewal providing proof of financial responsibility</u>	585
<u>in accordance with division (B) (8) of section 4503.10 of the</u>	586
<u>Revised Code, an application for the registration of a motor</u>	587
<u>vehicle shall contain a statement, to be signed by the applicant</u>	588
<u>either manually or by electronic signature, that does all of the</u>	589
<u>following:</u>	590
(1) States that the applicant maintains, or has maintained	591
on the applicant's behalf, proof of financial responsibility at	592
the time of application, and will not operate a motor vehicle in	593
this state, unless the applicant maintains, with respect to that	594
motor vehicle or the operation of such vehicle, proof of	595
financial responsibility;	596
(2) Contains a brief summary of the purposes and operation	597
of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code, the rights and duties	598
of the applicant under that section, and the penalties for	599
violation of that section;	600
(3) Warns the applicant that the financial responsibility	601
law does not prevent the possibility that the applicant may be	602
involved in an accident with an owner or operator of a motor	603
vehicle who is without proof of financial responsibility.	604
(C) (1) A person who purchases any motor vehicle from a	605
licensed motor vehicle dealer who agrees to make application for	606
registration of the motor vehicle on behalf of the purchaser	607
shall sign statements that comply with divisions (B) and (F) of	608
this section. The dealer shall submit the statements to the	609
deputy registrar where the dealer has agreed to make application	610
for registration on behalf of the person.	611
(2) In the case of a person who leases any motor vehicle	612

from a dealer engaged in the business of leasing motor vehicles 613
who agrees to make application for registration of the motor 614
vehicle on behalf of the lessee, the person shall sign a 615
statement that complies with division (B) of this section, and 616
the dealer shall do either of the following: 617

(a) Submit the statement signed by the person to the 618
deputy registrar where the dealer has agreed to make application 619
for registration on behalf of the person; 620

(b) Sign and submit a statement to the deputy registrar 621
that certifies that a statement has been signed and filed with 622
the dealer or incorporated into the lease. 623

The dealer shall submit to the registrar or deputy 624
registrar to whom the dealer submits the application for 625
registration a statement signed by the person that complies with 626
division (F) of this section. 627

(D) The registrar of motor vehicles shall prescribe the 628
form of the statements required under divisions (B), (C), and 629
(F) of this section, and the manner or manners in which the 630
statements required under divisions (B) and (F) of this section 631
shall be presented to the applicant. Any statement that is 632
required under divisions (B), (C), and (F) of this section shall 633
be designed to enable the applicant to retain a copy of it. 634

(E) Nothing within this section shall be construed to 635
excuse a violation of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code. A 636
motor vehicle dealer who makes application for the registration 637
of a motor vehicle on behalf of the purchaser or lessee of the 638
motor vehicle is not liable in damages in any civil action on 639
account of the act of making such application for registration 640
or the content of any such application for registration. 641

(F) In addition to the statements required by divisions	642
(B) and (C) of this section, a person who makes application for	643
registration of a motor vehicle shall be furnished with a form	644
that lists in plain language all the possible penalties to which	645
a person could be subject for a violation of the financial	646
responsibility law, including driver's license suspensions, <u>impoundment of certificates of registration and license plates,</u>	647
and all fees, including nonvoluntary compliance and	648
reinstatement fees. The person shall read the form and either	649
manually or by electronic signature sign the form, which shall	650
be submitted along with the application for registration as	651
provided in this section. The form shall be retained by the	652
registrar or deputy registrar who issues the motor vehicle	653
registration or the registrar's or deputy registrar's successor	654
for a period of two years from the date of issuance of the	655
registration.	656
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(G) Upon the registration of a motor vehicle, the owner of	658
the motor vehicle is deemed to have agreed to the production of	659
proof of financial responsibility by the owner or the operator	660
of the motor vehicle, upon the request of a peace officer or	661
state highway patrol trooper made in accordance with division	662
(D) (2) of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code.	663
(H) The registrar shall adopt rules governing the renewal	664
of motor vehicle registrations by electronic means, <u>the</u>	665
<u>mechanism of providing proof of financial responsibility through</u>	666
<u>those electronic means,</u> and the completion and submission of	667
statements that comply with divisions (B) and (F) of this	668
section. The registrar shall adopt the rules prescribed by this	669
division in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	670
<u>Sec. 4503.48. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger</u>	671

car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 672
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles 673
may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle 674
and issuance of a blackout license plate. The application may be 675
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate 676
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon 677
receipt of the completed application and compliance by the 678
applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this section, the 679
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 680
registration and a blackout license plate and a validation 681
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 682
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 683

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 684
inscribed on the license plates, blackout license plates shall 685
have a black background with white letters or numbers. Blackout 686
license plates shall not display the slogan "BIRTHPLACE OF 687
AVIATION" as required under section 4503.22 of the Revised Code. 688
Blackout license plates also shall not display county 689
identification stickers that identify the county of registration 690
as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 691

(B) A blackout license plate and a validation sticker, or 692
validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon receipt of an 693
application for registration of a motor vehicle under this 694
section; payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under 695
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor 696
vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 697
Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 698
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a blackout license plate 699
fee as provided in division (C) of this section, and an 700
additional administrative fee of ten dollars; and compliance 701
with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of 702

<u>motor vehicles.</u>	703
<u>(C) For each application for registration and registration</u>	704
<u>renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the</u>	705
<u>registrar shall collect a blackout license plate fee of forty</u>	706
<u>dollars. The registrar shall deposit both of the following into</u>	707
<u>the state treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway</u>	708
<u>purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code:</u>	709
<u>(1) The forty-dollar blackout license plate fee, the</u>	710
<u>purpose of which is to offset the costs of the online financial</u>	711
<u>responsibility verification system established under sections</u>	712
<u>4509.43 to 4509.434 of the Revised Code;</u>	713
<u>(2) The ten-dollar administrative fee, the purpose of</u>	714
<u>which is to compensate the bureau of motor vehicles for</u>	715
<u>additional services required in the issuing of blackout license</u>	716
<u>plates.</u>	717
Sec. 4507.212. (A) As used in this section, "motor	718
vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4509.01 of the	719
Revised Code.	720
(B) An application for a driver's, commercial driver's,	721
restricted, or probationary license, or renewal of such license	722
shall contain a statement, to be signed by the applicant, that	723
does all of the following:	724
(1) States that the applicant maintains, or has maintained	725
on the applicant's behalf, proof of financial responsibility at	726
the time of application, and will not operate a motor vehicle in	727
this state, unless the applicant maintains, or has maintained on	728
the applicant's behalf, proof of financial responsibility;	729
(2) Contains a brief summary of the purposes and operation	730
of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code, the rights and duties	731

of the applicant under that section, and the penalties for	732
violation of that section;	733
(3) Warns the applicant that the financial responsibility	734
law does not prevent the possibility that the applicant may be	735
involved in an accident with an owner or operator of a motor	736
vehicle who is without proof of financial responsibility.	737
(C) The registrar of motor vehicles shall prescribe the	738
form of the statement, and the manner in which the statement	739
shall be presented to the applicant. The statement shall be	740
designed to enable the applicant to retain a copy of it.	741
(D) Nothing within this section shall be construed to	742
excuse a violation of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code.	743
(E) At the time a person submits an application for a	744
driver's, commercial driver's, restricted, or probationary	745
license, or renewal of such a license, the applicant also shall	746
be furnished with a form that lists in plain language all the	747
possible penalties to which the applicant could be subject for a	748
violation of the financial responsibility law, including	749
driver's license suspensions, <u>impoundment of certificates of</u>	750
<u>registration and license plates,</u> and all fees, including	751
nonvoluntary compliance and reinstatement fees. The applicant	752
shall sign the form, which shall be submitted along with the	753
application. The form shall be retained by the registrar or	754
deputy registrar who issues the license or renewal or the	755
registrar's or deputy registrar's successor for a period of two	756
years from the date of issuance of the license or renewal. The	757
registrar shall prescribe the manner in which the form shall be	758
presented to the applicant, and the format of the form, which	759
shall be such that the applicant can retain a copy of it.	760

Sec. 4509.101. (A) (1) No person shall operate, or permit
the operation of, a motor vehicle in this state, unless proof of
financial responsibility is maintained continuously throughout
the registration period with respect to that vehicle, or, in the
case of a driver who is not the owner, with respect to that
driver's operation of that vehicle. 761
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(2) Whoever violates division (A) (1) of this section shall
be subject to the following civil penalties: 767
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(a) Subject to divisions (A) (2) (b) and (c) of this
section, a class (F) suspension of the person's driver's
license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction
permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege
for the period of time specified in division (B) (6) of section
4510.02 of the Revised Code and impoundment of the person's
license. The court may grant limited driving privileges to the
person, but only if the person presents proof of financial
responsibility and is enrolled in a reinstatement fee payment
plan pursuant to section 4510.10 of the Revised Code. 769
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(b) If, within one year of the violation, the person's
operating privileges are again suspended and the person's
license again is impounded for a violation of division (A) (1) of
this section, a class C suspension of the person's driver's
license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction
permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege
for the period of time specified in division (B) (3) of section
4510.02 of the Revised Code. The court may grant limited driving
privileges to the person only if the person presents proof of
financial responsibility and has complied with division (A) (5)
of this section, and no court may grant limited driving
privileges for the first fifteen days of the suspension. 779
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(c) If, within one year of the violation, the person's
operating privileges are suspended and the person's license is
impounded two or more times for a violation of division (A) (1)
of this section, a class B suspension of the person's driver's
license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction
permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege
for the period of time specified in division (B) (2) of section
4510.02 of the Revised Code. The court may grant limited driving
privileges to the person only if the person presents proof of
financial responsibility and has complied with division (A) (5)
of this section, except that no court may grant limited driving
privileges for the first thirty days of the suspension.

(d) In addition to the suspension of an owner's license
under division (A) (2) (a), (b), or (c) of this section, the
suspension of the rights of the owner to register the motor
vehicle and the impoundment of the owner's certificate of
registration and license plates until the owner complies with
division (A) (5) of this section.

(e) The clerk of court shall waive the cost of filing a
petition for limited driving privileges if, pursuant to section
2323.311 of the Revised Code, the petitioner applies to be
qualified as an indigent litigant and the court approves the
application.

(3) A person to whom this state has issued a certificate
of registration for a motor vehicle or a license to operate a
motor vehicle or who is determined to have operated any motor
vehicle or permitted the operation in this state of a motor
vehicle owned by the person ~~shall be~~is required to verify the
existence of proof of financial responsibility covering the
operation of the motor vehicle or the person's operation of the

motor vehicle under <u>either any</u> of the following circumstances:	821
(a) The person or a motor vehicle owned by the person is involved in a traffic accident that requires the filing of an accident report under section 4509.06 of the Revised Code.	822
(b) The person receives a traffic ticket indicating <u>that both of the following:</u>	825
(i) <u>That proof of the maintenance of financial responsibility was not verified for the motor vehicle when a peace officer or state highway patrol trooper made an inquiry via the online financial responsibility verification system established under sections 4509.43 to 4509.434 of the Revised Code;</u>	827
(ii) <u>That proof of the maintenance of financial responsibility was not produced upon the request of a peace officer or state highway patrol trooper made in accordance with division (D) (2) of this section.</u>	833
(c) <u>The person submits an application for registration or registration renewal in accordance with the procedures specified under section 4503.10 of the Revised Code.</u>	837
(d) <u>Whenever the registrar, via the online financial responsibility verification system established under sections 4509.43 to 4509.434 of the Revised Code, determines that a person is not maintaining proof of financial responsibility and requests the person to respond under section 4509.433 of the Revised Code.</u>	840
(4) An order of the registrar that suspends <u>and impounds</u> a license, <u>registration, or both,</u> shall state the date on or before which the person is required to surrender the person's license <u>or certificate of registration and license plates.</u> The	846

person is deemed to have surrendered the license <u>or certificate</u> <u>of registration and license plates</u> , in compliance with the order, if the person does either of the following:	850 851 852
(a) On or before the date specified in the order, delivers the license <u>or certificate of registration and license plates</u> to the registrar;	853 854 855
(b) Mails the license <u>or certificate of registration and</u> <u>license plates</u> to the registrar in an envelope or container bearing a postmark showing a date no later than the date specified in the order.	856 857 858 859
(5) Except as provided in division (L) of this section <u>or</u> <u>division (B) of section 4509.434 of the Revised Code</u> , the registrar shall not restore any operating privileges <u>or</u> <u>registration rights</u> suspended under this section, return any license, <u>certificate of registration</u> , or license plates surrendered under this section, <u>or reissue license plates under</u> <u>section 4503.232 of the Revised Code</u> , if the registrar destroyed <u>the impounded license plates under that section</u> , <u>or reissue a</u> license under section 4510.52 of the Revised Code, if the registrar destroyed the suspended license under that section, unless the rights are not subject to suspension or revocation under any other law and unless the person, in addition to complying with all other conditions required by law for reinstatement of the operating privileges <u>or registration</u> <u>rights</u> , complies with all of the following:	860 861 862 863 864 865 866 867 868 869 870 871 872 873 874
(a) Pays to the registrar or an eligible deputy registrar a financial responsibility reinstatement fee of forty dollars for the first violation of division (A)(1) of this section, three hundred dollars for a second violation of that division, and six hundred dollars for a third or subsequent violation of	875 876 877 878 879

that division; 880

(b) Files and continuously maintains proof of financial 881
responsibility in accordance with sections 4509.44 to 4509.65 of 882
the Revised Code; 883

(c) Pays a deputy registrar a service fee of ten dollars 884
to compensate the deputy registrar for services performed under 885
this section. The deputy registrar shall retain eight dollars of 886
the service fee and shall transmit the reinstatement fee and two 887
dollars of the service fee to the registrar in the manner the 888
registrar shall determine. 889

(B) (1) Every party required to file an accident report 890
under section 4509.06 of the Revised Code also shall include 891
with the report a document described in division (G) (1) (a) of 892
this section or shall present proof of financial responsibility 893
through use of an electronic wireless communications device as 894
permitted by division (G) (1) (b) of this section. 895

If the registrar determines, within forty-five days after 896
the report is filed, that an operator or owner has violated 897
division (A) (1) of this section, the registrar shall do all of 898
the following: 899

(a) Order the suspension required under division (A) (2) 900
(a), (b), or (c) of this section of the license of any operator 901
or owner who has violated division (A) (1) of this section; 902

(b) With respect to the motor vehicle that is the subject 903
of the violation, order the impoundment required under division 904
(A) (2) (d) of this section of the certificate of registration and 905
license plates of any owner who has violated division (A) (1) of 906
this section; 907

(c) Record the name and address of the person whose 908

license has been suspended or is under an order of suspension, or whose certificate of registration and license plates have been impounded or are under an order of impoundment, the serial number of the person's license, the serial numbers of the person's certificate of registration and license plates, and the person's social security account number, if assigned, or, where the motor vehicle that is the subject of the violation is used for hire or principally in connection with any established business, the person's federal taxpayer identification number. The information shall be recorded in such a manner that it becomes a part of the person's permanent record, and assists the registrar in monitoring compliance with the orders of suspension or impoundment.

~~(e)~~ (d) Send written notification to every person to whom the order pertains, at the person's last known address as shown on the records of the bureau. The person, within ten days after the date of the mailing of the notification, shall surrender to the registrar, in a manner set forth in division (A)(4) of this section, any license under an order of suspension, or any certificate of registration and license plates under an order of impoundment.

(2) The registrar shall issue any order under division (B) (1) of this section without a hearing. Any person adversely affected by the order, within fifteen days after the issuance of the order, may request an administrative hearing before the registrar, who shall provide the person with an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with this paragraph. A request for a hearing does not operate as a suspension of the order. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to whether the person in fact demonstrated to the registrar proof of financial responsibility in accordance with this section. The registrar shall determine

the date, time, and place of any hearing, provided that the 940
hearing shall be held, and an order issued or findings made, 941
within thirty days after the registrar receives a request for a 942
hearing. If requested by the person in writing, the registrar 943
may designate as the place of hearing the county seat of the 944
county in which the person resides or a place within fifty miles 945
of the person's residence. The person shall pay the cost of the 946
hearing before the registrar, if the registrar's order of 947
suspension or impoundment is upheld. 948

(C) Any order of suspension or impoundment issued under 949
this section or division (B) of section 4509.37 of the Revised 950
Code may be terminated at any time if the registrar determines 951
upon a showing of proof of financial responsibility that the 952
operator or owner of the motor vehicle was in compliance with 953
division (A) (1) of this section at the time of the traffic 954
offense, motor vehicle inspection, or accident that resulted in 955
the order against the person. A determination may be made 956
without a hearing. This division does not apply unless the 957
person shows good cause for the person's failure to present 958
satisfactory proof of financial responsibility to the registrar 959
prior to the issuance of the order. 960

~~(D) (1) (a)~~ (D) (1) For the purpose of enforcing this section, 961
every peace officer is deemed an agent of the registrar. 962

~~(b)~~ Any (a) Except as provided in division (D) (1) (b) of 963
this section, any peace officer who, in the performance of the 964
peace officer's duties as authorized by law, becomes aware of a 965
person whose license is under an order of suspension, or whose 966
certificate of registration and license plates are under an 967
order of impoundment, pursuant to this section, may confiscate 968
the license, certificate of registration, and license plates, 969

and return ~~it~~them to the registrar.

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(b) Any peace officer who, in the performance of the peace 971
officer's duties as authorized by law, becomes aware of a person 972
whose license is under an order of suspension, or whose 973
certificate of registration and license plates are under an 974
order of impoundment, resulting from failure to respond to an 975
online financial responsibility verification system request, 976
shall not, for that reason arrest the owner or operator. 977
Instead, the peace officer shall issue a citation for a 978
violation of section 4510.16 of the Revised Code specifying the 979
circumstances as failure to respond to an online financial 980
responsibility verification system request. 981

(2) A peace officer shall request the owner or operator of 982
a motor vehicle to produce proof of financial responsibility in 983
a manner described in division (G) of this section make an 984
inquiry via the online financial responsibility verification 985
system at the time the peace officer acts to enforce the traffic 986
laws of this state and during motor vehicle inspections 987
conducted pursuant to section 4513.02 of the Revised Code. If 988
the results of the inquiry indicate no proof of the maintenance 989
of financial responsibility or are inconclusive, the peace 990
officer shall request the owner or operator of the motor vehicle 991
to produce proof of financial responsibility in a manner 992
described in division (G) of this section. 993

(3) A peace officer shall indicate on every traffic ticket 994
the results of the inquiry via the online financial 995
responsibility verification system and whether the person 996
receiving the traffic ticket produced proof of the maintenance 997
of financial responsibility in response to the officer's request 998
under division (D) (2) of this section, as applicable. The peace 999

officer shall inform every person who receives a traffic ticket 1000
and who has failed to produce proof of the maintenance of 1001
financial responsibility that the person must submit proof to 1002
the traffic violations bureau with any payment of a fine and 1003
costs for the ticketed violation or, if the person is to appear 1004
in court for the violation, the person must submit proof to the 1005
court. 1006

(4) (a) If a person who has failed to produce proof of the 1007
maintenance of financial responsibility appears in court for a 1008
ticketed violation, the court may permit the defendant to 1009
present evidence of proof of financial responsibility to the 1010
court at such time and in such manner as the court determines to 1011
be necessary or appropriate. In a manner prescribed by the 1012
registrar, the clerk of courts shall provide the registrar with 1013
the identity of any person who fails to submit proof of the 1014
maintenance of financial responsibility pursuant to division (D) 1015
(3) of this section. 1016

(b) If a person who has failed to produce proof of the 1017
maintenance of financial responsibility also fails to submit 1018
that proof to the traffic violations bureau with payment of a 1019
fine and costs for the ticketed violation, the traffic 1020
violations bureau, in a manner prescribed by the registrar, 1021
shall notify the registrar of the identity of that person. 1022

(5) (a) Upon receiving notice from a clerk of courts or 1023
traffic violations bureau pursuant to division (D) (4) of this 1024
section, the registrar shall order the suspension of the license 1025
of the person required under division (A) (2) (a), (b), or (c) of 1026
this section and the impoundment of the person's certificate of 1027
registration and license plates required under division (A) (2) 1028
(d) of this section, effective forty-five days after the date of 1029

the mailing of notification. The registrar also shall notify the 1030
person that the person must present the registrar with proof of 1031
financial responsibility in accordance with this section, 1032
surrender to the registrar the person's license, certificate of 1033
registration, and license plates, or submit a statement subject 1034
to section 2921.13 of the Revised Code that the person did not 1035
operate or permit the operation of the motor vehicle at the time 1036
of the offense. Notification shall be in writing and shall be 1037
sent to the person at the person's last known address as shown 1038
on the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. The person, 1039
within forty-five days after the date of the mailing of 1040
notification, shall present proof of financial responsibility, 1041
surrender the license, certificate of registration, and license 1042
plates to the registrar in a manner set forth in division (A) (4) 1043
of this section, or submit the statement required under this 1044
section together with other information the person considers 1045
appropriate. 1046

If the registrar does not receive proof or the person does 1047
not surrender the license, certificate of registration, and 1048
license plates, in accordance with this division, the registrar 1049
shall permit the order for the suspension of the license of the 1050
person and the impoundment of the certificate of registration 1051
and license plates to take effect. 1052

(b) In the case of a person who presents, within the 1053
forty-five-day period, proof of financial responsibility, the 1054
registrar shall terminate the order of suspension and the 1055
impoundment of the certificate of registration and license 1056
plates and shall send written notification to the person, at the 1057
person's last known address as shown on the records of the 1058
bureau. 1059

(c) Any person adversely affected by the order of the registrar under division (D) (5) (a) or (b) of this section, within fifteen days after the issuance of the order, may request an administrative hearing before the registrar, who shall provide the person with an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with this paragraph. A request for a hearing does not operate as a suspension of the order. The scope of the hearing shall be limited to whether, at the time of the hearing, the person presents proof of financial responsibility covering the vehicle and whether the person is eligible for an exemption in accordance with this section or any rule adopted under it. The registrar shall determine the date, time, and place of any hearing; provided, that the hearing shall be held, and an order issued or findings made, within thirty days after the registrar receives a request for a hearing. If requested by the person, the hearing may be held remotely by electronic means. If requested by the person in writing, the registrar may designate as the place of hearing the county seat of the county in which the person resides or a place within fifty miles of the person's residence. Such person shall pay the cost of the hearing before the registrar, if the registrar's order of suspension under division (D) (5) (a) or (b) of this section is upheld. 1060
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(6) Any forms used by law enforcement agencies in administering this section shall be prescribed, supplied, and paid for by the registrar. 1082
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(7) No peace officer, law enforcement agency employing a peace officer, or political subdivision or governmental agency that employs a peace officer shall be liable in a civil action for damages or loss to persons arising out of the performance of any duty required or authorized by this section. 1085
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(8) As used in this section, "peace officer" has the meaning set forth in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code. 1090
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(E) All fees, except court costs, fees paid to a deputy 1092
registrar, and those portions of the financial responsibility 1093
reinstatement fees as otherwise specified in this division, 1094
collected under this section shall be paid into the state 1095
treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes 1096
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and used 1097
to cover costs incurred by the bureau in the administration of 1098
this section and sections 4503.20, 4507.212, and 4509.81 of the 1099
Revised Code, and by any law enforcement agency employing any 1100
peace officer who returns any license, certificate of 1101
registration, and license plates to the registrar pursuant to 1102
division (C) of this section. 1103

Of each financial responsibility reinstatement fee the 1104
registrar collects pursuant to division (A) (5) (a) of this 1105
section or receives from a deputy registrar under division (A) 1106
(5) (c) of this section, the registrar shall deposit ten dollars 1107
of each forty-dollar reinstatement fee, fifty dollars of each 1108
three-hundred-dollar reinstatement fee, and one hundred dollars 1109
of each six-hundred-dollar reinstatement fee into the state 1110
treasury to the credit of the indigent defense support fund 1111
created by section 120.08 of the Revised Code. 1112

(F) Chapter 119. of the Revised Code applies to this 1113
section only to the extent that any provision in that chapter is 1114
not clearly inconsistent with this section. 1115

(G) (1) (a) The registrar, court, traffic violations bureau, 1116
or peace officer may require proof of financial responsibility 1117
to be demonstrated by use of a standard form prescribed by the 1118
registrar. If the use of a standard form is not required, a 1119

person may demonstrate proof of financial responsibility under this section by presenting to the traffic violations bureau, court, registrar, or peace officer any of the following documents or a copy of the documents:	1120 1121 1122 1123
(i) A financial responsibility identification card as provided in section 4509.103 of the Revised Code;	1124 1125
(ii) A certificate of proof of financial responsibility on a form provided and approved by the registrar for the filing of an accident report required to be filed under section 4509.06 of the Revised Code;	1126 1127 1128 1129
(iii) A policy of liability insurance, a declaration page of a policy of liability insurance, or liability bond, if the policy or bond complies with section 4509.20 or sections 4509.49 to 4509.61 of the Revised Code;	1130 1131 1132 1133
(iv) A bond or certification of the issuance of a bond as provided in section 4509.59 of the Revised Code;	1134 1135
(v) A certificate of deposit of money or securities as provided in section 4509.62 of the Revised Code;	1136 1137
(vi) A certificate of self-insurance as provided in section 4509.72 of the Revised Code.	1138 1139
(b) A person also may present proof of financial responsibility under this section to the traffic violations bureau, court, registrar, or peace officer through use of an electronic wireless communications device as specified under section 4509.103 of the Revised Code.	1140 1141 1142 1143 1144
(2) If a person fails to demonstrate proof of financial responsibility in a manner described in division (G)(1) of this section, the person may demonstrate proof of financial	1145 1146 1147

responsibility under this section by any other method that the	1148
court or the bureau, by reason of circumstances in a particular	1149
case, may consider appropriate.	1150
(3) A motor carrier certificated by the interstate	1151
commerce commission or by the public utilities commission may	1152
demonstrate proof of financial responsibility by providing a	1153
statement designating the motor carrier's operating authority	1154
and averring that the insurance coverage required by the	1155
certificating authority is in full force and effect.	1156
(4) (a) A finding by the registrar or court that a person	1157
is covered by proof of financial responsibility in the form of	1158
an insurance policy or surety bond is not binding upon the named	1159
insurer or surety or any of its officers, employees, agents, or	1160
representatives and has no legal effect except for the purpose	1161
of administering this section.	1162
(b) The preparation and delivery of a financial	1163
responsibility identification card or any other document	1164
authorized to be used as proof of financial responsibility and	1165
the generation and delivery of proof of financial responsibility	1166
to an electronic wireless communications device that is	1167
displayed on the device as text or images does not do any of the	1168
following:	1169
(i) Create any liability or estoppel against an insurer or	1170
surety, or any of its officers, employees, agents, or	1171
representatives;	1172
(ii) Constitute an admission of the existence of, or of	1173
any liability or coverage under, any policy or bond;	1174
(iii) Waive any defenses or counterclaims available to an	1175
insurer, surety, agent, employee, or representative in an action	1176

commenced by an insured or third-party claimant upon a cause of 1177
action alleged to have arisen under an insurance policy or 1178
surety bond or by reason of the preparation and delivery of a 1179
document for use as proof of financial responsibility or the 1180
generation and delivery of proof of financial responsibility to 1181
an electronic wireless communications device. 1182

(c) Whenever it is determined by a final judgment in a 1183
judicial proceeding that an insurer or surety, which has been 1184
named on a document or displayed on an electronic wireless 1185
communications device accepted by a court or the registrar as 1186
proof of financial responsibility covering the operation of a 1187
motor vehicle at the time of an accident or offense, is not 1188
liable to pay a judgment for injuries or damages resulting from 1189
such operation, the registrar, notwithstanding any previous 1190
contrary finding, shall forthwith suspend the operating 1191
privileges and registration rights of the person against whom 1192
the judgment was rendered as provided in division (A) (2) of this 1193
section. 1194

(H) In order for any document or display of text or images 1195
on an electronic wireless communications device described in 1196
division (G) (1) of this section to be used for the demonstration 1197
of proof of financial responsibility under this section, the 1198
document or words or images shall state the name of the insured 1199
or obligor, the name of the insurer or surety company, and the 1200
effective and expiration dates of the financial responsibility, 1201
and designate by explicit description or by appropriate 1202
reference all motor vehicles covered which may include a 1203
reference to fleet insurance coverage. 1204

(I) For purposes of this section, "owner" does not include 1205
a licensed motor vehicle leasing dealer as defined in section 1206

4517.01 of the Revised Code, but does include a motor vehicle
renting dealer as defined in section 4549.65 of the Revised
Code. Nothing in this section or in section 4509.51 of the
Revised Code shall be construed to prohibit a motor vehicle
renting dealer from entering into a contractual agreement with a
person whereby the person renting the motor vehicle agrees to be
solely responsible for maintaining proof of financial
responsibility, in accordance with this section, with respect to
the operation, maintenance, or use of the motor vehicle during
the period of the motor vehicle's rental.

(J) The purpose of this section is to require the
maintenance of proof of financial responsibility with respect to
the operation of motor vehicles on the highways of this state,
so as to minimize those situations in which persons are not
compensated for injuries and damages sustained in motor vehicle
accidents. The general assembly finds that this section contains
reasonable civil penalties and procedures for achieving this
purpose.

(K) Nothing in this section shall be construed to be
subject to section 4509.78 of the Revised Code.

(L) (1) The registrar may terminate any suspension imposed
under this section and not require the owner to comply with
division (A) (5) of this section if the registrar with or without
a hearing determines that the owner of the vehicle has
established by clear and convincing evidence that all of the
following apply:

(a) The owner customarily maintains proof of financial
responsibility.

(b) Proof of financial responsibility was not in effect

for the vehicle on the date in question for one of the following 1236
reasons: 1237

(i) The vehicle was inoperable. 1238

(ii) The vehicle is operated only seasonally, and the date 1239
in question was outside the season of operation, and the vehicle 1240
was not operated on that date. 1241

(iii) A person other than the vehicle owner or driver was 1242
at fault for the lapse of proof of financial responsibility 1243
through no fault of the owner or driver. 1244

(iv) The lapse of proof of financial responsibility was 1245
caused by excusable neglect under circumstances that are not 1246
likely to recur and do not suggest a purpose to evade the 1247
requirements of this chapter. 1248

(2) The registrar may grant an owner or driver relief for 1249
a reason specified in division (L)(1)(b)(iii) or (iv) of this 1250
section only if the owner or driver has not previously been 1251
granted relief under division (L)(1)(b)(iii) or (iv) of this 1252
section. 1253

(M) The registrar shall adopt rules in accordance with 1254
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that are necessary to 1255
administer and enforce this section. The rules shall include 1256
provisions relating to acceptable forms of proof of financial 1257
responsibility, the use of an electronic wireless communications 1258
device to present proof of financial responsibility, and 1259
verification of the existence of financial responsibility during 1260
the period of registration. 1261

(N) (1) When a person utilizes an electronic wireless 1262
communications device to present proof of financial 1263
responsibility, only the evidence of financial responsibility 1264

displayed on the device shall be viewed by the registrar, peace officer, employee or official of the traffic violations bureau, or the court. No other content of the device shall be viewed for purposes of obtaining proof of financial responsibility. 1265
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(2) When a person provides an electronic wireless communications device to the registrar, a peace officer, an employee or official of a traffic violations bureau, or the court, the person assumes the risk of any resulting damage to the device unless the registrar, peace officer, employee, or official, or court personnel purposely, knowingly, or recklessly commits an action that results in damage to the device. 1269
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Sec. 4509.43. As used in sections 4509.43 to 4509.434 of the Revised Code: 1276
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"Commercial motor vehicle coverage" means the insurance coverage provided for commercial motor vehicles, regardless of the number of commercial motor vehicles covered, the entity covered, or the format of the insurance. 1278
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"Required financial responsibility verification event" means any event during which a person is required to provide proof of financial responsibility, including during traffic stops, traffic accidents, motor vehicle inspections, motor vehicle registration, and appearance before the traffic violations bureau. 1282
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Sec. 4509.431. (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles shall, in accordance with sections 4509.43 to 4509.434 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under those sections, implement an online financial responsibility verification system. The registrar shall either create and develop the system or shall contract with a third party to create and develop the system. 1288
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<u>The system may be based in whole or in part on the model</u>	1294
<u>established by the insurance industry committee on motor vehicle</u>	1295
<u>administration. The registrar or the contracted third party</u>	1296
<u>shall ensure that the system is capable of electronically</u>	1297
<u>verifying proof of financial responsibility for motor vehicles</u>	1298
<u>that are registered in this state.</u>	1299
<u>(2) The entity that creates and develops the system is</u>	1300
<u>responsible for all ongoing maintenance of the system, including</u>	1301
<u>all technology support services, troubleshooting, and technology</u>	1302
<u>updates.</u>	1303
<u>(B) The registrar and any third party, if applicable,</u>	1304
<u>shall work together to ensure that all of the following apply to</u>	1305
<u>the online financial responsibility verification system:</u>	1306
<u>(1) At the time of a required financial responsibility</u>	1307
<u>verification event, it is able to verify whether a person</u>	1308
<u>operating a motor vehicle registered in this state has proof of</u>	1309
<u>financial responsibility with respect to that motor vehicle that</u>	1310
<u>is either maintained by the motor vehicle's owner or operator.</u>	1311
<u>The verification conducted under division (B) (1) of this section</u>	1312
<u>is based on the latest information included in the system,</u>	1313
<u>specifically whether the owner or operator has added, dropped,</u>	1314
<u>or changed the owner's or operator's proof of financial</u>	1315
<u>responsibility.</u>	1316
<u>(2) It is able to send requests to insurers for</u>	1317
<u>verification of proof of financial responsibility through</u>	1318
<u>electronic services or the internet using multiple data</u>	1319
<u>elements, including:</u>	1320
<u>(a) The national association of insurance commissioner's</u>	1321
<u>code that is specific to each licensed insurance company;</u>	1322

<u>(b) Vehicle identification number;</u>	1323
<u>(c) Policy number;</u>	1324
<u>(d) Any other data element as determined by the registrar by rule.</u>	1325 1326
<u>(3) It uses data and data transmission formats that are compatible with the technology and systems available to and used by the bureau of motor vehicles.</u>	1327 1328 1329
<u>(4) It provides sufficient measures for the security and integrity of the data contained in and obtained through use of the system. Such measures may include measures that limit the use and disclosure of the data in accordance with the disclosure authorized for personal information, other than sensitive personal information, in section 4501.27 of the Revised Code and in compliance with all federal and state data privacy laws.</u>	1330 1331 1332 1333 1334 1335 1336
<u>(C) The registrar and any third party, if applicable, shall maintain a record of all system data related to an inquiry and the response to that inquiry for not less than six months after the date of the inquiry and the response to that inquiry.</u>	1337 1338 1339 1340
<u>(D) The registrar and any third party, if applicable, may implement periods of reasonable system downtime for system maintenance as determined by the registrar.</u>	1341 1342 1343
<u>Sec. 4509.432. (A) Except as otherwise provided by this section, any insurer that provides proof of financial responsibility for a motor vehicle registered in this state shall do all of the following with respect to the online financial responsibility verification system:</u>	1344 1345 1346 1347 1348
<u>(1) Cooperate with the registrar of motor vehicles and any third party, if applicable, in establishing and operating the</u>	1349 1350

<u>system;</u>	1351
(2) <u>Maintain the data necessary to verify proof of financial responsibility provided to customers and update such data as necessary and in the time period established by and through the system;</u>	1352
(3) <u>Maintain any internet or electronic service through which the online verification can take place, including the ability to respond to authorized inquiries regarding whether a motor vehicle is insured or an insurance policy is in effect on the requested date that is based on the latest information included in the system;</u>	1356
(4) <u>Provide data security consistent with all established and agreed-upon standards;</u>	1362
(5) <u>Maintain a record of all system data related to an inquiry and the response to that inquiry for not less than six months after the date of the inquiry and the response to that inquiry.</u>	1364
(B) <u>Any insurer that provides commercial motor vehicle coverage or that covers less than one thousand motor vehicles registered in this state shall cooperate with the registrar to verify proof of financial responsibility either by using the online financial responsibility verification system or by establishing a mechanism to verify coverage through data file transfers to the registrar, in a form and in the time period established by the registrar. A vehicle identification number is not required as part of the data transfer if the commercial motor vehicle coverage is a nonvehicle specific policy or is not regularly required by the insurer.</u>	1368
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<u>An insurer may use a third party service provider to facilitate the responsibilities of the insurer under this section.</u>	1380
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<u>(D) An insurer and third-party service provider are immune from civil and administrative liability if that insurer or provider makes reasonable efforts, as determined by the registrar, to comply with this section.</u>	1383
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<u>Sec. 4509.433. (A) When, through the operation of the online financial responsibility verification system, a person is identified as not having proof of financial responsibility with respect to a motor vehicle owned or leased by that person, notice shall be sent to the person, either by electronic means or through regular mail at the last known address on record for the person. The notice shall request that the person respond in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar of motor vehicles under section 4509.434 of the Revised Code by doing one of the following:</u>	1387
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<u>(1) Providing proof of financial responsibility;</u>	1397
<u>(2) Obtaining a motor vehicle liability policy or other form of proof of financial responsibility and subsequently providing proof of financial responsibility;</u>	1398
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<u>(3) Verifying that the person who received the request does not have legal title or right of possession to the motor vehicle that is the subject of the request;</u>	1401
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<u>(4) Verifying that proof of financial responsibility was not in effect for the motor vehicle on the date in question for one of the reasons specified in division (L)(1)(b) of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code.</u>	1404
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<u>(B) If a person fails to respond to the notice sent under</u>	1408

division (A) of this section within the time frame established
by the registrar under rules adopted under section 4509.434 of
the Revised Code, that failure may result in the suspension of
the person's driver's license or impoundment of the person's
certificate of registration and license plates and the
imposition of reinstatement fees and other monetary penalties in
accordance with an order issued under section 4509.434 of the
Revised Code.

Sec. 4509.434. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall
adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code
that do all of the following:

(1) Establish procedures for issuing and responding to a
notice under section 4509.433 of the Revised Code, including all
of the following:

(a) The information to be included in the notice,
including a warning that failure to respond may result in the
suspension of the person's driver's license, impoundment of the
person's certificate of registration and license plates, and the
imposition of reinstatement fees and other monetary penalties;

(b) The manner, timing, and number of notices that shall
be sent to a person identified as not having proof of financial
responsibility for a motor vehicle owned or leased by that
person;

(c) The entity responsible for sending the notices.

(2) Establish procedures for verifying proof of financial
responsibility, sale or disposition of the motor vehicle that is
the subject of a notice, evidence that proof of financial
responsibility was reasonably excused for the motor vehicle that
is the subject of the notice and on the date in question in

accordance with division (L) (1) (b) of section 4509.101 of the 1438
Revised Code, or that the notice is in any manner invalid. The 1439
rules shall authorize such verification either through 1440
electronic means, by mail, or at the office of a deputy 1441
registrar. 1442

(3) Establish procedures for the registrar to issue an 1443
order imposing the civil penalties required under division (A) 1444
(2) of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code if a person fails to 1445
respond within the time frame established by rule after any 1446
final notice is sent under section 4509.433 of the Revised Code; 1447

(4) Establish procedures for a person adversely affected 1448
by an order issued under division (A) (3) of this section to 1449
request an administrative hearing before the registrar; 1450

(5) Establish procedures and requirements for implementing 1451
division (B) of section 4509.432 of the Revised Code; 1452

(6) Establish any other procedures and requirements 1453
necessary to administer and implement sections 4509.43 to 1454
4509.434 of the Revised Code. 1455

(B) The registrar shall terminate an order of suspension 1456
and impoundment issued under division (A) (2) of section 4509.101 1457
of the Revised Code and rules adopted under this section and 1458
restore operating and motor vehicle registration privileges of a 1459
person if both of the following apply: 1460

(1) The registrar issued the order under this section 1461
because the person failed to respond within the time frame 1462
established by rule after any final notice was sent under 1463
section 4509.433 of the Revised Code. 1464

(2) The registrar or a deputy registrar determines that 1465
the person was in compliance with division (A) (1) of section 1466

<u>4509.101 of the Revised Code within the time frame established by rule after any final notice was sent under section 4509.433 of the Revised Code.</u>	1467
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<u>If division (B) of this section applies to a person, the person is not required to continuously file proof of financial responsibility or pay the fees established in divisions (A) (5) (a) and (b) of section 4509.101 of the Revised Code.</u>	1470
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<u>(C) Any suspensions or impoundment of certificates of registration and license plates imposed in accordance with this section shall include a distinctive designation on the records of the bureau of motor vehicles and the registrar and on the records transmitted by the registrar to the law enforcement automated data system.</u>	1474
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<u>(D) Notwithstanding any provision of section 121.95 of the Revised Code to the contrary, a regulatory restriction contained in a rule adopted under this section is not subject to sections 121.95 to 121.953 of the Revised Code.</u>	1480
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Sec. 4509.66. Whenever any proof of financial responsibility filed under sections 4509.01 to 4509.78, inclusive, of the Revised Code, no longer fulfills the purposes for which required, the registrar of motor vehicles shall require other proof and shall suspend the license <u>and motor vehicle registration</u> or the nonresident's operating privilege pending the filing of such other proof.	1484
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Sec. 4509.67. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall, upon request, consent to the immediate cancellation of any bond or certificate of insurance, return to the person entitled any money deposited under sections 4509.01 to 4509.78 of the Revised Code, as proof of financial responsibility, or waive the	1491
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requirement of filing proof, in any of the following events:	1496
(1) At any time after one year from the date such proof was required when, during the one year preceding the request, the registrar has not received record of a conviction or bail forfeiture which would require or permit the suspension or revocation of the license, <u>motor vehicle registration</u> , or nonresident's operating privilege of the person by or for whom such proof was furnished;	1497 1498 1499 1500 1501 1502 1503
(2) In the event of the death of the person on whose behalf such proof was filed or the permanent incapacity of such person to operate a motor vehicle;	1504 1505 1506
(3) In the event the person who has given proof surrenders the person's license <u>and motor vehicle registration</u> to the registrar.	1507 1508 1509
(B) The registrar shall not consent to the cancellation of any bond or the return of any money if any action for damages upon a liability covered by such proof is pending, or any judgment upon any such liability is unsatisfied, or in the event the person who has filed such bond or deposited such money has within two years immediately preceding such request been involved as a driver or owner in any motor vehicle accident resulting in injury to the person or property of others. An affidavit of the applicant as to the nonexistence of such facts, or that the applicant has been released from all liability, or has been finally adjudicated not liable, for such injury may be accepted as evidence thereof in the absence of evidence to the contrary in the records of the registrar.	1510 1511 1512 1513 1514 1515 1516 1517 1518 1519 1520 1521 1522
(C) Whenever any person whose proof has been canceled or returned under division (A) (3) of this section applies for a	1523 1524

license or motor vehicle registration within a period of one 1525
year from the date proof was originally required, any such 1526
application shall be refused unless the applicant re-establishes 1527
proof of financial responsibility for the remainder of the one- 1528
year period. 1529

Sec. 4509.69. Any person whose license or motor vehicle 1530
registration has been suspended, or whose policy of insurance or 1531
bond has been canceled or terminated, or who neglects to furnish 1532
other proof of financial responsibility upon request of the 1533
registrar of motor vehicles, shall immediately return the 1534
person's license, certificate of registration, and license 1535
plates to the registrar. 1536

Sec. 4509.77. (A) No person shall willfully fail to return 1537
a license, certificate of registration, or license plates as 1538
required in section 4509.69 of the Revised Code. 1539

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more 1540
than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than thirty 1541
days, or both. 1542

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 1543
4503.20, 4507.212, 4509.101, 4509.66, 4509.67, 4509.69, and 1544
4509.77 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1545

Section 3. (A) The Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall not 1546
make the online financial verification system established under 1547
sections 4509.43 to 4509.434 of the Revised Code operational for 1548
the nine-month period immediately after the effective date of 1549
this section. Beginning nine months after the effective date of 1550
this section, the Registrar shall implement the system as a 1551
pilot program for a period of nine months. During the pilot 1552
program, all of the following apply: 1553

(1) The Registrar shall work with any third party creator or developer, if applicable, and insurers to discover and correct any technological challenges, problems, or delays in the system.	1554 1555 1556 1557
(2) The Registrar shall work with law enforcement agencies and courts to discover and correct any technological problems and problems with access to the system's data.	1558 1559 1560
(3) No person shall be penalized for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility solely based on data provided by the system.	1561 1562 1563
(B) At the conclusion of the nine-month pilot program, the online financial responsibility verification system shall be fully operational. Beginning on the day after the pilot program terminates, a person may be penalized in accordance with applicable law for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility based on data provided by the system.	1564 1565 1566 1567 1568 1569
(C) Not later than two years after the effective date of this section, the Registrar shall submit a report regarding the online financial responsibility verification system to the General Assembly. The report shall specify the costs of the system for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, any ongoing challenges in implementing and administering the system, the benefits of the system, and the effectiveness of the system in reducing the number of uninsured motor vehicles in this state.	1570 1571 1572 1573 1574 1575 1576 1577