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To amend sections 311.30, 505.541, 509.04, 3501.29, 1
3781.111, 4503.038, 4503.10, 4503.12, 4503.41, 2
4503.44, 4511.69, 4517.12, 4521.01, 4521.02, 3
4731.481, and 4734.161 and to enact sections 4
4503.441, 4503.442, 4503.443, 4503.444, 5
4503.445, 4503.446, 4503.447, 4503.448, 6
4511.691, 4511.692, 4511.693, 4511.694, 7
4511.695, 4511.696, 4511.697, 4511.698, and 8
4511.699 of the Revised Code to make changes to 9
the laws governing accessible parking. 10

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

Section 1. That sections 311.30, 505.541, 509.04, 3501.29, 11
3781.111, 4503.038, 4503.10, 4503.12, 4503.41, 4503.44, 4511.69, 12
4517.12, 4521.01, 4521.02, 4731.481, and 4734.161 be amended and 13
sections 4503.441, 4503.442, 4503.443, 4503.444, 4503.445, 14
4503.446, 4503.447, 4503.448, 4511.691, 4511.692, 4511.693, 15
4511.694, 4511.695, 4511.696, 4511.697, 4511.698, and 4511.699 16
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 17

Sec. 311.30. (A) The board of county commissioners may 18
establish, by resolution, a parking enforcement unit within the 19
office of the sheriff to operate in the unincorporated areas of 20
the county, and may provide for the regulation of parking 21

enforcement officers. The sheriff shall be the executive head of 22
the parking enforcement unit, shall make all appointments and 23
removals of parking enforcement officers, subject to any general 24
rules prescribed by the board of county commissioners by 25
resolution, and shall prescribe rules for the organization, 26
training, administration, control, and conduct of the parking 27
enforcement unit. The sheriff may appoint parking enforcement 28
officers who agree to serve for nominal compensation, and 29
persons with physical disabilities may receive appointments as 30
parking enforcement officers. 31

(B) The authority of the parking enforcement officers 32
shall be limited to the enforcement of ~~section~~ sections 4511.69_ 33
to 4511.699 of the Revised Code and any other parking laws 34
specified in the resolution creating the parking enforcement 35
unit. Parking enforcement officers shall have no other powers. 36

(C) The training the parking enforcement officers shall 37
receive shall include instruction in general administrative 38
rules and procedures governing the parking enforcement unit, the 39
role of the judicial system as it relates to parking regulation 40
and enforcement, proper techniques and methods relating to the 41
enforcement of parking laws, human interaction skills, and first 42
aid. 43

Sec. 505.541. (A) The board of township trustees or a 44
joint police district board, respectively, may establish, by 45
resolution, a parking enforcement unit within a township police 46
district or within a joint police district, and provide for the 47
regulation of parking enforcement officers. The chief of police 48
of the district shall be the executive head of the parking 49
enforcement unit, shall make all appointments and removals of 50
parking enforcement officers, subject to any general rules 51

prescribed by the board of township trustees by resolution or 52
joint police district board, as appropriate, and shall prescribe 53
rules for the organization, training, administration, control, 54
and conduct of the parking enforcement unit. The chief of police 55
may appoint parking enforcement officers who agree to serve for 56
nominal compensation, and persons with physical disabilities may 57
receive appointments as parking enforcement officers. 58

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shall be limited to the enforcement of ~~section~~sections 4511.69_ 60
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role of the judicial system as it relates to parking regulation 67
and enforcement, proper techniques and methods relating to the 68
enforcement of parking laws, human interaction skills, and first 69
aid. 70

Sec. 509.04. (A) The board of township trustees may 71
establish, by resolution, a parking enforcement unit within the 72
office of a township constable, and provide for the regulation 73
of parking enforcement officers. The board of township trustees 74
shall appoint a police constable as executive head of the 75
parking enforcement unit, who shall make all appointments and 76
removals of parking enforcement officers, subject to any general 77
rules prescribed by the board of township trustees by 78
resolution, and shall prescribe rules for the organization, 79
training, administration, control, and conduct of the parking 80
enforcement unit. The executive head of the parking enforcement 81

unit may appoint parking enforcement officers who agree to serve 82
for nominal compensation, and persons with physical disabilities 83
may receive appointments as parking enforcement officers. 84

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shall be limited to the enforcement of ~~section~~sections 4511.69_ 86
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rules and procedures governing the parking enforcement unit, the 92
role of the judicial system as it relates to parking regulation 93
and enforcement, proper techniques and ~~methods~~ methods relating 94
to the enforcement of parking laws, human interaction skills, 95
and first aid. 96

Sec. 3501.29. (A) The board of elections shall provide for 97
each precinct a polling place and provide adequate facilities at 98
each polling place for conducting the election. The board shall 99
provide a sufficient number of screened or curtained voting 100
compartments to which electors may retire and conveniently mark 101
their ballots, protected from the observation of others. Each 102
voting compartment shall be provided at all times with writing 103
implements, instructions how to vote, and other necessary 104
conveniences for marking the ballot. The voting location manager 105
shall ensure that the voting compartments at all times are 106
adequately lighted and contain the necessary supplies. The board 107
shall utilize, in so far as practicable, rooms in public schools 108
and other public buildings for polling places. Upon application 109
of the board of elections, the authority which has the control 110
of any building or grounds supported by taxation under the laws 111

of this state, shall make available the necessary space therein 112
for the purpose of holding elections and adequate space for the 113
storage of voting machines, without charge for the use thereof. 114
A reasonable sum may be paid for necessary janitorial service. 115
When polling places are established in private buildings, the 116
board may pay a reasonable rental therefor, and also the cost of 117
liability insurance covering the premises when used for election 118
purposes, or the board may purchase a single liability policy 119
covering the board and the owners of the premises when used for 120
election purposes. When removable buildings are supplied by the 121
board, they shall be constructed under the contract let to the 122
lowest and best bidder, and the board shall observe all 123
ordinances and regulations then in force as to safety. The board 124
shall remove all such buildings from streets and other public 125
places within thirty days after an election, unless another 126
election is to be held within ninety days. 127

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 128
board shall ensure all of the following: 129

(a) That polling places are free of barriers that would 130
impede ingress and egress of persons with disabilities; 131

(b) That the minimum number of accessible parking 132
locations for persons with mobility disabilities are designated 133
at each polling place in accordance with 28 C.F.R. Part 36, 134
Appendix A, and in compliance with ~~division (E) of section~~ 135
~~4511.69-4511.691~~ 4511.691 of the Revised Code; 136

(c) That the entrances of polling places are level or are 137
provided with a nonskid ramp that meets the requirements of the 138
"Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 327, 42 139
U.S.C. 12101, et seq.; 140

(d) That doors are a minimum of thirty-two inches wide.	141
(2) Notwithstanding division (B) (1) (a), (c), or (d) of this section, certain polling places may be specifically exempted by the secretary of state upon certification by a board of elections that a good faith, but unsuccessful, effort has been made to modify, or change the location of, such polling places.	142 143 144 145 146 147
(C) The board of elections shall permit any elector with a disability who travels to that elector's polling place, but who is physically unable to enter the polling place, to vote, with the assistance of two polling place officials of major political parties, in the vehicle that conveyed that elector to the polling place, or to receive and cast that elector's ballot at the door of the polling place. Under no other circumstance may an elector vote in a vehicle or at the door of a polling place.	148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155
(D) The secretary of state shall:	156
(1) Work with other state agencies to facilitate the distribution of information and technical assistance to boards of elections to meet the requirements of division (B) of this section;	157 158 159 160
(2) Work with organizations that represent or provide services to citizens who are elderly or who have disabilities to effect a wide dissemination of information about the availability of absentee voting, voting in the voter's vehicle or at the door of the polling place, or other election services to citizens who are elderly or who have disabilities.	161 162 163 164 165 166
(E) Before the day of an election, the director of the board of elections of each county shall sign a statement verifying that each polling place that will be used in that	167 168 169

county at that election meets the requirements of division (B) 170
(1) (b) of this section. The signed statement shall be sent to 171
the secretary of state by certified mail or electronically. 172

Sec. 3781.111. (A) In addition to the powers conferred by 173
any other section of the Revised Code, the board of building 174
standards shall adopt standards and rules to facilitate the 175
reasonable access and use by all persons with a disability of 176
all buildings and the facilities of buildings for which plans 177
are submitted for approval under section 3791.04 of the Revised 178
Code. No standard or rule shall be applied to any building the 179
plans or drawings, specifications, and date of which have been 180
approved prior to the time that the standard or rule takes 181
effect. 182

(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 183
standards and rules adopted by the board pursuant to this 184
section shall be in accordance with the "Americans with 185
Disabilities Act of 1990," 104 Stat. 327, 42 ~~U.S.C.A.~~ U.S.C. 186
12101, ~~as amended, et seq.~~ and the "Fair Housing Amendments Act 187
of 1988," 102 Stat. 1619, 42 ~~U.S.C.A.~~ U.S.C. 3601, ~~as amended et~~ 188
seq. 189

(2) For purposes of enforcement by the Ohio civil rights 190
commission only, approval of a plan as required under section 191
3791.04 of the Revised Code creates a rebuttable presumption 192
that the plans, drawings, specifications, or data submitted are 193
in compliance with the rules adopted by the board pursuant to 194
this section as they relate to accessibility. 195

(C) All signs posted to designate accessible parking 196
locations for persons with a disability and persons with 197
disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk in 198
accordance with ~~division (E) of section 4511.69~~ 4511.691 of the 199

Revised Code and the standards and rules adopted pursuant to 200
this section shall be mounted on a fixed or movable post or 201
otherwise affixed in a vertical position so that the distance 202
from the ground to the bottom edge of the sign measures not less 203
than five feet. If a new sign or a replacement sign designating 204
an accessible parking location is posted on or after October 14, 205
1999, there also shall be affixed upon the surface of that sign 206
or affixed next to the designating sign a notice that states the 207
fine applicable for the offense of parking a motor vehicle in 208
the designated accessible parking location if the motor vehicle 209
is not legally entitled to be parked in that location. 210

(D) As used in this section, "disability" has the same 211
meaning as in section 4112.01 of the Revised Code. As used in 212
division (C) of this section, "persons with disabilities that 213
limit or impair the ability to walk" has the same meaning as in 214
division ~~(A)(1)~~ (A) of section 4503.44 of the Revised Code. 215

(E) No owner of a building or facility where accessible 216
parking locations for persons with a disability must be 217
designated in accordance with the standards and rules adopted 218
pursuant to this section shall fail to properly mark the 219
accessible parking locations as required by those standards and 220
rules or fail to maintain the markings of the accessible parking 221
locations, including the erection and maintenance of the fixed 222
or movable signs. 223

(F) The board annually shall provide statewide training on 224
the rules adopted by the board pursuant to this section as they 225
relate to accessibility for nonresidential building department 226
personnel certified by the board who approve, review plans, and 227
inspect nonresidential construction. 228

Sec. 4503.038. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 229

establish a service fee that applies for purposes of sections 230
4503.03, 4503.036, 4503.042, 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 231
4503.182, 4503.24, ~~4503.44~~4503.441, 4503.442, 4503.65, 4505.061, 232
4506.08, 4507.24, 4507.50, 4507.52, 4509.05, 4519.03, 4519.05, 233
4519.10, 4519.56, and 4519.69 of the Revised Code. The service 234
fee shall be eight dollars. 235

(B) The registrar shall establish prorated service fees 236
that apply for purposes of multi-year registrations authorized 237
under section 4503.103 of the Revised Code. 238

(C) When a service fee is collected by the registrar, the 239
following portion of the service fee that is not allocated to a 240
deputy registrar but instead is deposited into the public safety 241
- highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the 242
Revised Code shall be used exclusively for the state highway 243
patrol for the enforcement of the motor vehicle and traffic laws 244
of Ohio: 245

(1) The three-dollar increase in the service fee under 246
division (A) of this section that is effective on and after ~~the~~ 247
~~date of this amendment~~September 30, 2025; 248

(2) Any increase in the service fee under division (B) of 249
this section that is effective on and after ~~the effective date~~ 250
~~of this amendment~~September 30, 2025. 251

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 252
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 253
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 254
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 255
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 256
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 257
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 258

operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 259
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 260
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 261
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 262
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 263
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in sections 264
4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner of every 265
other motor vehicle not previously described in this section and 266
every person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title 267
of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public 268
roads or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 269
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 270
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 271
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 272
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 273
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 274
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 275
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 276
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 277
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 278
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 279
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 280
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 281
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 282
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 283
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 284
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 285
information: 286

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 287
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 288
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 289

gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the	290
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code;	291
(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the	292
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides;	293
(3) The district of registration, which shall be	294
determined as follows:	295
(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for	296
hire or principally in connection with any established business	297
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the	298
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which	299
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal	300
corporation, the county and township in which that place is	301
located.	302
(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of	303
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the	304
owner resides at the time of making the application.	305
(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor	306
vehicle;	307
(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle;	308
(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the	309
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the	310
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of	311
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application	312
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually	313
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited	314
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration,	315
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner	316
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with	317
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature	318

is not required. 319

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 320
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 321
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 322
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 323
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 324
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 325
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 326
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 327

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 328
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 329
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 330
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 331
approve the application for registration. 332

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 333
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 334
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 335
any of the following: 336

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 337
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 338
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 339

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 340
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 341
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 342

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 343
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 344

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 345
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 346
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 347

the registrar. 348

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 349
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 350
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 351
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 352
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate or 353
alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle issued 354
in accordance with that section. 355

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 356
any of the following applies: 357

(a) The application is not in proper form. 358

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 359
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 360
4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of 361
section 4503.234, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or 362
division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 363

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 364
confirmed in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section. 365

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 366
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 367
current registration year, have not been paid. 368

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 369
certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the motor 370
vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, and 371
rules adopted under it, if that section is applicable. 372

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 373
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 374
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 375

not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 376
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 377
of the Revised Code. 378

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 379
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 380
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 381
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 382
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 383
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 384
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 385
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 386
the motor vehicle, if any. 387

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 388
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 389
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 390
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 391
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 392
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 393
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 394
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 395
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 396
certificate of registration. 397

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 398
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 399
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 400
certificate number from the inspection certificate or the 401
alternative emissions certificate number from the alternative 402
emissions certificate that is presented at the time of 403
registration of the vehicle as required under this division. 404

(C) (1) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall 405

collect the following additional fees for each application for 406
registration and registration renewal received: 407

(a) Except as provided in division (C) (1) (b) of this 408
section, a fee of eleven dollars on or before December 31, 2025, 409
and a fee of sixteen dollars on and after January 1, 2026; 410

(b) For vehicles specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of 411
section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, a fee of thirty dollars on 412
or before December 31, 2025, and a fee of thirty-five dollars on 413
and after January 1, 2026. 414

No additional fee shall be charged for vehicles registered 415
under section 4503.65 of the Revised Code. Each additional fee 416
is for the purpose of defraying the department of public 417
safety's costs associated with the administration and 418
enforcement of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each 419
deputy registrar shall transmit the fees collected under 420
divisions (C) (1) and (3) of this section in the time and manner 421
provided in this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys 422
received under division (C) (1) of this section into the public 423
safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of 424
the Revised Code. 425

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 426
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 427
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 428
identification sticker or each set of county identification 429
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 430
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 431
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 432
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 433
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 434
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 435

per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 436
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 437
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 438
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 439
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 440
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 441
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 442
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 443
Code. 444

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 445
the following additional fee, as applicable, for each 446
application for registration or registration renewal received 447
for any hybrid motor vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric motor 448
vehicle, or battery electric motor vehicle: 449

(a) One hundred dollars for a hybrid motor vehicle; 450

(b) One hundred fifty dollars for a plug-in hybrid 451
electric motor vehicle; 452

(c) Two hundred dollars for a battery electric motor 453
vehicle. 454

Each fee imposed under this division shall be prorated 455
based on the number of months for which the vehicle is 456
registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from 457
each fee to the treasurer of state for distribution in 458
accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised 459
Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised 460
Code. 461

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 462
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 463
Code for each application for registration and registration 464

renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 465
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 466
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 467
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 468
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 469
notices and the issuing of registrations. 470

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 471
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 472
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 473

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 474
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 475
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 476
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 477
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 478
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 479
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 480
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 481
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 482
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 483
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 484
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 485
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 486
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 487
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 488
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 489
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 490
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 491
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 492
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 493
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 494
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 495

state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 496
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 497
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 498
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 499
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 500
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 501
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 502
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 503
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 504
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 505
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 506

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 507
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 508
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 509
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 510
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 511
Code for each application. 512

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 513
district of registration in an application required by division 514
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 515
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 516
specified in that section. 517

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 518
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 519
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 520
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 521
license for failure to present an inspection certificate or 522
alternative emissions certificate, and the stamping of the 523
inspection certificate or alternative emissions certificate by 524
the official issuing the certificate of registration apply to 525

the registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 526
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 527
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42,
4503.43, ~~4503.44~~4503.441, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the 528
Revised Code. 529
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(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 531
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 532
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 533
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 534
receives information about the requirements established in that 535
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 536
present an inspection certificate or an alternative emissions 537
certificate with an application for registration or 538
preregistration. 539

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 540
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 541
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 542
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 543
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 544
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 545
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 546
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 547
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 548
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 549
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 550
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 551
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 552
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 553
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 554
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 555
registration. 556

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 557
for registration under the international registration plan, as 558
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 559
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 560
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 561
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 562
forms shall include the following: 563

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 564

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 565
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 566
the registrant; 567

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 568

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 569
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 570
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 571
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 572
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 573
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 574
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 575
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 576
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 577

If international registration plan guidelines and 578
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 579
registrations under the international registration plan to be 580
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 581
division shall permit such action. 582

Sec. 4503.12. (A) Upon the transfer of ownership of a 583
motor vehicle, the registration of the motor vehicle expires, 584
and the original owner immediately shall remove the license 585

plates from the motor vehicle, except that: 586

(1) If a statutory merger or consolidation results in the 587
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from a constituent 588
corporation to the surviving corporation, or if the 589
incorporation of a proprietorship or partnership results in the 590
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from the proprietorship 591
or partnership to the corporation, the registration shall be 592
continued upon the filing by the surviving or new corporation, 593
within thirty days of such transfer, of an application for an 594
amended certificate of registration. Upon a proper filing, the 595
registrar of motor vehicles shall issue an amended certificate 596
of registration in the name of the new owner. 597

(2) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results 598
in the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to the 599
surviving spouse of the owner or if a motor vehicle is owned by 600
two persons under joint ownership with right of survivorship 601
established under section 2131.12 of the Revised Code and one of 602
those persons dies, the registration shall be continued upon the 603
filing by the survivor of an application for an amended 604
certificate of registration. In relation to a motor vehicle that 605
is owned by two persons under joint ownership with right of 606
survivorship established under section 2131.12 of the Revised 607
Code, the application shall be accompanied by a copy of the 608
certificate of title that specifies that the vehicle is owned 609
under joint ownership with right of survivorship. Upon a proper 610
filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of 611
registration in the name of the survivor. 612

(3) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results 613
in the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to a transfer- 614
on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries designated under section 615

2131.13 of the Revised Code, the registration shall be continued 616
upon the filing by the transfer-on-death beneficiary or 617
beneficiaries of an application for an amended certificate of 618
registration. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of 619
the certificate of title that specifies that the owner of the 620
motor vehicle has designated the motor vehicle in beneficiary 621
form under section 2131.13 of the Revised Code. Upon a proper 622
filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of 623
registration in the name of the transfer-on-death beneficiary or 624
beneficiaries. 625

(4) If the original owner of a motor vehicle that has been 626
transferred makes application for the registration of another 627
motor vehicle at any time during the remainder of the 628
registration period for which the transferred motor vehicle was 629
registered, the owner may file an application for transfer of 630
the registration and, where applicable, the license plates. The 631
transfer of the registration and, where applicable, the license 632
plates from the motor vehicle for which they originally were 633
issued to a succeeding motor vehicle purchased by the same 634
person in whose name the original registration and license 635
plates were issued shall be done within a period not to exceed 636
thirty days. During that thirty-day period, the license plates 637
from the motor vehicle for which they originally were issued may 638
be displayed on the succeeding motor vehicle, and the succeeding 639
motor vehicle may be operated on the public roads and highways 640
in this state. 641

At the time of application for transfer, the registrar 642
shall compute and collect the amount of tax due on the 643
succeeding motor vehicle, based upon the amount that would be 644
due on a new registration as of the date on which the transfer 645
is made less a credit for the unused portion of the original 646

registration beginning on that date. If the credit exceeds the 647
amount of tax due on the new registration, no refund shall be 648
made. In computing the amount of tax due and credits to be 649
allowed under this division, the provisions of division (B) (1) 650
(a) and (b) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code shall apply. 651
As to passenger cars, noncommercial vehicles, motor homes, and 652
motorcycles, transfers within or between these classes of motor 653
vehicles only shall be allowed. If the succeeding motor vehicle 654
is of a different class than the motor vehicle for which the 655
registration originally was issued, new license plates also 656
shall be issued upon the surrender of the license plates 657
originally issued and payment of the fees provided in divisions 658
(C) and (D) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. 659

(5) The owner of a commercial car having a gross vehicle 660
weight or combined gross vehicle weight of more than ten 661
thousand pounds may transfer the registration of that commercial 662
car to another commercial car the owner owns without 663
transferring ownership of the first commercial car. At any time 664
during the remainder of the registration period for which the 665
first commercial car was registered, the owner may file an 666
application for the transfer of the registration and, where 667
applicable, the license plates, accompanied by the certificate 668
of registration of the first commercial car. The amount of any 669
tax due or credit to be allowed for a transfer of registration 670
under this division shall be computed in accordance with 671
division (A) (4) of this section. 672

No commercial car to which a registration is transferred 673
under this division shall be operated on a public road or 674
highway in this state until after the transfer of registration 675
is completed in accordance with this division. 676

(6) Upon application to the registrar or a deputy registrar, a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle may transfer special license plates assigned to that vehicle to any other vehicle that the person owns or leases or that is owned or leased by the person's spouse. As appropriate, the application also shall be accompanied by a power of attorney for the registration of a leased vehicle and a written statement releasing the special plates to the applicant. Upon a proper filing, the registrar or deputy registrar shall assign the special license plates to the motor vehicle owned or leased by the applicant and issue a new certificate of registration for that motor vehicle.

(7) If a corporation transfers the ownership of a motor vehicle to an affiliated corporation, the affiliated corporation may apply to the registrar for the transfer of the registration and any license plates. The registrar may require the applicant to submit documentation of the corporate relationship and shall determine whether the application for registration transfer is made in good faith and not for the purposes of circumventing the provisions of this chapter. Upon a proper filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of registration in the name of the new owner.

(B) An application under division (A) of this section shall be accompanied by a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, a transfer fee of one dollar, and the original certificate of registration, if applicable.

(C) Neither the registrar nor a deputy registrar shall transfer a registration under division (A) of this section if the registration is prohibited by division (D) of section

2935.27, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (D) of 707
section 4503.234, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (B) 708
(1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of 709
the Revised Code. 710

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 711
guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 712

(E) As used in division (A)(6) of this section, "special 713
license plates" means either of the following: 714

(1) Any license plates for which the person to whom the 715
license plates are issued must pay an additional fee in excess 716
of the fees prescribed in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, 717
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the service fee 718
prescribed in division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the 719
Revised Code; 720

(2) License plates issued under section ~~4503.44~~ 4503.441 721
of the Revised Code. 722

Sec. 4503.41. (A) Any disabled veteran who, because of a 723
service-connected disability, has been or is awarded funds for 724
the purchase of a motor vehicle under the "Disabled Veterans' 725
and Servicemen's Automobile Assistance Act of 1970," 84 Stat. 726
1998, 38 U.S.C. 1901, and amendments thereto, and any disabled 727
veteran having a service-connected disability either rated or 728
compensated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' 729
administration, may apply to the registrar for the registration 730
of the disabled veteran's personal motor vehicle. Except as 731
provided in division (C) of this section, a disabled veteran is 732
not required to pay any registration fee and service fee as 733
required by sections 4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 734
4503.103 of the Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied 735

under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any fee charged under 736
section 4503.19 of the Revised Code, or any fees associated with 737
transferring a registration under section 4503.12 of the Revised 738
Code. The application for registration shall be accompanied by 739
such documentary evidence of disability as the registrar may 740
require by rule. 741

(B) Upon the receipt of an application for registration of 742
a motor vehicle under this section, and presentation of 743
satisfactory evidence of disability, the registrar or deputy 744
registrar shall issue to the applicant a set of accessible 745
license plates, which shall be red, white, and blue in color and 746
shall, in addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 747
inscribed thereon, be inscribed with the word "veteran" and 748
imprinted with the international ~~wheelchair~~-symbol of access. 749

(C) A disabled veteran who is eligible to register a motor 750
vehicle under this section may register as many vehicles as are 751
titled and registered in that disabled veteran's name. For each 752
additional registration after the first registration, the 753
registrar or deputy registrar shall collect any applicable fee 754
imposed in sections 4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, 755
4503.103, 4503.12, and 4503.19 of the Revised Code, and any 756
local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 757
Revised Code. 758

Sec. 4503.44. ~~(A) As used in this section and in section~~ 759
~~4511.69~~ sections 4503.44 to 4503.448 of the Revised Code: 760

~~(1)~~ (A) "Person with a disability that limits or impairs 761
the ability to walk" means any person who, as determined by a 762
health care provider, meets any of the following criteria: 763

~~(a)~~ (1) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to 764

rest; 765

~~(b)~~ (2) Cannot walk without the use of, or assistance from, 766
a brace, cane, crutch, another person, prosthetic device, 767
wheelchair, or other assistive device; 768

~~(c)~~ (3) Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent 769
that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for one 770
second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one liter, or 771
the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty millimeters of 772
mercury on room air at rest; 773

~~(d)~~ (4) Uses portable oxygen; 774

~~(e)~~ (5) Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the 775
person's functional limitations are classified in severity as 776
class III or class IV according to standards set by the American 777
heart association; 778

~~(f)~~ (6) Is severely limited in the ability to walk due to 779
an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition; 780

~~(g)~~ (7) Is blind, legally blind, or severely visually 781
impaired. 782

~~(2)~~ (B) "Organization" means any private organization or 783
corporation, or any governmental board, agency, department, 784
division, or office, that, as part of its business or program, 785
transports persons with disabilities that limit or impair the 786
ability to walk on a regular basis in a motor vehicle that has 787
not been altered for the purpose of providing it with accessible 788
equipment for use by persons with disabilities. ~~This definition~~ 789
~~does not apply to division (I) of this section.~~ 790

~~(3)~~ (C) "Health care provider" means a physician, physician 791
assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, optometrist, or 792

chiropractor as defined in this section except that an 793
optometrist shall only make determinations as to division ~~(A) (1)~~ 794
~~(g)~~ (A) (7) of this section. 795

~~(4)~~ (D) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice 796
medicine or surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under 797
Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code. 798

~~(5)~~ (E) "Chiropractor" means a person licensed to practice 799
chiropractic under Chapter 4734. of the Revised Code. 800

~~(6)~~ (F) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a 801
certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, 802
certified registered nurse anesthetist, or certified nurse- 803
midwife who holds a certificate of authority issued by the board 804
of nursing under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code. 805

~~(7)~~ (G) "Physician assistant" means a person who is 806
licensed as a physician assistant under Chapter 4730. of the 807
Revised Code. 808

~~(8)~~ (H) "Optometrist" means a person licensed to engage in 809
the practice of optometry under Chapter 4725. of the Revised 810
Code. 811

~~(9)~~ (I) "Removable windshield placard" means a placard 812
issued to a person or organization under section 4503.442 of the 813
Revised Code and includes a standard removable windshield 814
placard, a temporary removable windshield placard, or a 815
permanent removable windshield placard, unless otherwise 816
specified. 817

(J) "Accessible license plate" means a license plate 818
issued to a person or organization under section 4503.41 or 819
4503.441 of the Revised Code. 820

~~(B) (1) An organization, or a person with a disability that 821
limits or impairs the ability to walk, may apply for the 822
registration of any motor vehicle the organization or person 823
owns or leases. When an adaptive mobility vehicle is owned or 824
leased by someone other than a person with a disability that 825
limits or impairs the ability to walk, the owner or lessee may 826
apply to the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar 827
for registration under this section. The application for 828
registration of a motor vehicle owned or leased by a person with 829
a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk shall be 830
accompanied by a signed statement from the applicant's health 831
care provider certifying that the applicant meets at least one 832
of the criteria contained in division (A) (1) of this section and 833
that the disability is expected to continue for more than six 834
consecutive months. The application for registration of an 835
adaptive mobility vehicle that is owned by someone other than a 836
person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to 837
walk shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence of 838
vehicle specifications or alterations as the registrar may 839
require by rule. 840~~

~~(2) When an organization, a person with a disability that 841
limits or impairs the ability to walk, or a person who does not 842
have a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk but 843
owns a motor vehicle that has been altered for the purpose of 844
providing it with accessible equipment for a person with a 845
disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk first 846
submits an application for registration of a motor vehicle under 847
this section and every fifth year thereafter, the organization 848
or person shall submit a signed statement from the applicant's 849
health care provider, a completed application, and any required 850
documentary evidence of vehicle specifications or alterations as 851~~

~~provided in division (B) (1) of this section, and also a power of attorney from the owner of the motor vehicle if the applicant leases the vehicle. Upon submission of these items, the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to the applicant appropriate vehicle registration and a set of license plates and validation stickers, or validation stickers alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, the license plates shall be imprinted with the international symbol of access. The license plates and validation stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular license fee as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the payment of a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code.~~

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

~~(2) The person shall include with the application a prescription from the person's health care provider prescribing such a placard for the person based upon a determination that the person meets at least one of the criteria contained in division (A) (1) of this section. The health care provider shall state on the prescription the length of time the health care provider expects the applicant to have the disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk. If the length of time the applicant is expected to have the disability is six consecutive months or less, the applicant shall submit an application for a temporary removable windshield placard. If the length of time the applicant is expected to have the disability~~

~~is permanent, the applicant shall submit an application for a permanent removable windshield placard. All other applicants shall submit an application for a standard removable windshield placard.~~ 883
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~~(3) In addition to one placard or one or more sets of license plates, a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk is entitled to one additional placard, but only if the person applies separately for the additional placard, states the reasons why the additional placard is needed, and the registrar, in the registrar's discretion determines that good and justifiable cause exists to approve the request for the additional placard.~~ 887
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~~(4) An organization may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for a standard removable windshield placard by completing and signing an application provided by the registrar. The organization shall comply with any procedures the registrar establishes by rule. The organization shall include with the application documentary evidence that the registrar requires by rule showing that the organization regularly transports persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk.~~ 895
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~~(5) The registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to an applicant a standard removable windshield placard, a temporary removable windshield placard, or a permanent removable windshield placard, as applicable, upon receipt of all of the following:~~ 903
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~~(a) A completed and signed application for a removable windshield placard;~~ 908
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~~(b) The accompanying documents required under division (C) (2) or (4) of this section;~~ 910
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~~(e) Payment of a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for a standard removable windshield placard or a temporary removable windshield placard, or payment of fifteen dollars for a permanent removable windshield placard.~~ 912
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~~(6) The removable windshield placard shall display the date of expiration on both sides of the placard, or the word "permanent" if the placard is a permanent removable windshield placard, and shall be valid until expired, revoked, or surrendered. Except for a permanent removable windshield placard, which has no expiration, a removable windshield placard expires on the earliest of the following two dates:~~ 917
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~~(a) The date that the person issued the placard is expected to no longer have the disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, as indicated on the prescription submitted with the application for the placard;~~ 924
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~~(b) Ten years after the date of issuance on the placard.~~ 928

~~In no case shall a removable windshield placard be valid for a period of less than sixty days.~~ 929
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~~(7) Standard removable windshield placards shall be renewable upon application and upon payment of a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. The registrar shall provide the application form and shall determine the information to be included thereon.~~ 931
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~~(8) The registrar shall determine the form and size of each type of the removable windshield placard, the material of which it is to be made, any differences in color between each type of placard to make them readily identifiable, and any other information to be included thereon, and shall adopt rules~~ 936
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~~relating to the issuance, expiration, revocation, surrender, and 941
proper display of such placards. A temporary removable 942
windshield placard shall display the word "temporary" in letters 943
of such size as the registrar shall prescribe. Any placard 944
issued after October 14, 1999, shall be manufactured in a manner 945
that allows the expiration date of the placard to be indicated 946
on it through the punching, drilling, boring, or creation by any 947
other means of holes in the placard. 948~~

~~(9) At the time a removable windshield placard is issued 949
to a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability 950
to walk, the registrar or deputy registrar shall enter into the 951
records of the bureau of motor vehicles the last date on which 952
the person will have that disability, as indicated on the 953
accompanying prescription. For a standard removable windshield 954
placard, not less than thirty days prior to that date and any 955
renewal dates, the bureau shall send a renewal notice to that 956
person at the person's last known address as shown in the 957
records of the bureau, informing the person that the person's 958
removable windshield placard will expire on the indicated date, 959
and that the person is required to renew the placard by 960
submitting to the registrar or a deputy registrar another 961
prescription, and by complying with the renewal provisions. If 962
such a prescription is not received by the registrar or a deputy 963
registrar by that date, the placard issued to that person 964
expires and no longer is valid, and this fact shall be recorded 965
in the records of the bureau. 966~~

~~(10) At least once every year, on a date determined by the 967
registrar, the bureau shall examine the records of the office of 968
vital statistics, located within the department of health, that 969
pertain to deceased persons, and also the bureau's records of 970
all persons who have been issued removable windshield placards. 971~~

~~If the records of the office of vital statistics indicate that a person to whom a removable windshield placard has been issued is deceased, the bureau shall cancel that placard, and note the cancellation in its records.~~ 972
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~~The office of vital statistics shall make available to the bureau all information necessary to enable the bureau to comply with division (C) (10) of this section.~~ 976
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~~(11) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a person or organization to apply for a removable windshield placard or accessible license plates if the accessible license plates issued to the person or organization under prior law have not expired or been surrendered or revoked.~~ 979
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~~(D) Any active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the reserve components of the armed forces and the national guard, who has an illness or injury that limits or impairs the ability to walk may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for a temporary removable windshield placard. With the application, the person shall present evidence of the person's active-duty status and the illness or injury. Evidence of the illness or injury may include a current department of defense convalescent leave statement, any department of defense document indicating that the person currently has an ill or injured casualty status or has limited duties, or a prescription from any health care provider prescribing the placard for the applicant. Upon receipt of the application and the necessary evidence, the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue the applicant the temporary removable windshield placard without the payment of any service fee.~~ 984
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~~(E) If an applicant for a removable windshield placard is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States whose~~ 1000
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~~disability, as defined in division (A)(1) of this section, is 1002
service-connected, the registrar or deputy registrar, upon 1003
receipt of the application, presentation of a signed statement 1004
from the applicant's health care provider certifying the 1005
applicant's disability, and presentation of such documentary 1006
evidence from the department of veterans affairs that the 1007
disability of the applicant meets at least one of the criteria 1008
identified in division (A)(1) of this section and is service- 1009
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payment of any service fee, shall issue the applicant a 1011
removable windshield placard that is valid until expired, 1012
surrendered, or revoked. 1013~~

~~(F)(1) Upon a conviction of a violation of division (H) or 1014
(I) of this section, the court shall report the conviction, and 1015
send the placard, if available, to the registrar, who thereupon 1016
shall revoke the privilege of using the placard and send notice 1017
in writing to the placardholder at that holder's last known 1018
address as shown in the records of the bureau, and the 1019
placardholder shall return the placard if not previously 1020
surrendered to the court, to the registrar within ten days 1021
following mailing of the notice. 1022~~

~~(2) Whenever a person to whom a removable windshield 1023
placard has been issued moves to another state, the person shall 1024
surrender the placard to the registrar; and whenever an 1025
organization to which a placard has been issued changes its 1026
place of operation to another state, the organization shall 1027
surrender the placard to the registrar. 1028~~

~~(3) If a person no longer requires a permanent removable 1029
windshield placard, the person shall notify and surrender the 1030
placard to the registrar or deputy registrar within ten days of 1031~~

~~no longer requiring the placard. The person may still apply for a standard removable windshield placard or temporary removable windshield placard, if applicable.~~ 1032
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~~(G) Subject to division (F) of section 4511.69 of the Revised Code, the operator of a motor vehicle displaying a removable windshield placard or the accessible license plates authorized by this section is entitled to park the motor vehicle in any accessible parking location reserved for persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk.~~ 1035
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~~(H) No person or organization that is not eligible for the issuance of license plates or any placard under this section shall willfully and falsely represent that the person or organization is so eligible.~~ 1041
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~~No person or organization shall display license plates issued under this section unless the license plates have been issued for the vehicle on which they are displayed and are valid.~~ 1045
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~~(I) No person or organization to which a removable windshield placard is issued shall do either of the following:~~ 1049
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~~(1) Display or permit the display of the placard on any motor vehicle when having reasonable cause to believe the motor vehicle is being used in connection with an activity that does not include providing transportation for persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk;~~ 1051
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~~(2) Refuse to return or surrender the placard, when required.~~ 1056
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~~(J) If a removable windshield placard or parking card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the placardholder or cardholder may obtain a duplicate by doing both of the following:~~ 1058
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~~(1) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or mutilation to the registrar;—~~ 1061
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~~(2) Paying a service fee equal to the amount paid when the placardholder obtained the original placard.—~~ 1063
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~~Any placardholder who loses a placard and, after obtaining a duplicate, finds the original, immediately shall surrender the original placard to the registrar.—~~ 1065
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~~(K)(1) The registrar shall pay all fees received under this section for the issuance of removable windshield placards or duplicate removable windshield placards into the state treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.—~~ 1068
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~~(2) In addition to the fees collected under this section, the registrar or deputy registrar shall ask each person applying for a removable windshield placard or duplicate removable windshield placard or license plate issued under this section, whether the person wishes to make a two-dollar voluntary contribution to support rehabilitation employment services. The registrar shall transmit the contributions received under this division to the treasurer of state for deposit into the rehabilitation employment fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. A deputy registrar shall transmit the contributions received under this division to the registrar in the time and manner prescribed by the registrar. The contributions in the fund shall be used by the opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency to purchase services related to vocational evaluation, work adjustment, personal adjustment, job placement, job coaching, and community-based assessment from accredited community rehabilitation program facilities.—~~ 1073
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~~(L) For purposes of enforcing this section, every peace officer is deemed to be an agent of the registrar. Any peace officer or any authorized employee of the bureau of motor vehicles who, in the performance of duties authorized by law, becomes aware of a person whose removable windshield placard or parking card has been revoked pursuant to this section, may confiscate that placard or parking card and return it to the registrar. The registrar shall prescribe any forms used by law enforcement agencies in administering this section.~~ 1090
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~~No peace officer, law enforcement agency employing a peace officer, or political subdivision or governmental agency employing a peace officer, and no employee of the bureau is 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. As used in this division, "peace officer" has the same meaning as in division (B) of section 2935.01 of the Revised Code.~~ 1099
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~~(M) All applications for registration of motor vehicles and removable windshield placards issued under this section, all renewal notices for such items, and all other publications issued by the bureau that relate to this section shall set forth the criminal penalties that may be imposed upon a person who violates any provision relating to accessible license plates issued under this section, the parking of vehicles displaying such license plates, and the issuance, procurement, use, and display of removable windshield placards issued under this section.~~ 1107
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~~(N) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.~~ 1117
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Sec. 4503.441. (A) Any of the following owners or lessors 1119

of a motor vehicle may apply to register that motor vehicle for 1120
purposes of obtaining an accessible license plate under this 1121
section: 1122

(1) An organization; 1123

(2) A person with a disability that limits or impairs the 1124
ability to walk; 1125

(3) A person who owns or leases an adaptive mobility 1126
vehicle. 1127

(B) (1) The application for registration of a motor vehicle 1128
owned or leased by an organization shall be accompanied by 1129
documentary evidence showing that the organization regularly 1130
transports persons with disabilities that limit or impair the 1131
ability to walk. 1132

(2) The application for registration of a motor vehicle 1133
owned or leased by a person with a disability that limits or 1134
impairs the ability to walk shall be accompanied by an 1135
accessible parking certification form from the applicant's 1136
health care provider certifying that the applicant meets at 1137
least one of the criteria contained in division (A) of section 1138
4503.44 of the Revised Code and that the disability is expected 1139
to continue for more than six consecutive months. 1140

(3) The application for registration of an adaptive 1141
mobility vehicle shall be accompanied by such documentary 1142
evidence of vehicle alterations as the registrar may require by 1143
rule. 1144

(4) The application for registration of a leased motor 1145
vehicle under this section shall be accompanied by a power of 1146
attorney from the owner of the motor vehicle. 1147

(5) The supporting documents required by divisions (B) (1) 1148
to (4) of this section, as applicable, shall be submitted with 1149
the initial application for registration of the motor vehicle 1150
and every fifth year thereafter. 1151

(C) Upon submission of a completed application and any 1152
supporting documents required under division (B) of this 1153
section, the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to the 1154
applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and an accessible 1155
license plate and validation sticker, or a validation sticker 1156
alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. In 1157
addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the 1158
license plate, the license plate shall be imprinted with the 1159
international symbol of access. The license plate and validation 1160
sticker shall be issued upon payment of the regular license fee 1161
as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 1162
motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 1163
Code, and a service fee equal to the amount specified in section 1164
4503.038 of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other 1165
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 1166

(D) No person or organization that is not eligible for the 1167
issuance of an accessible license plate shall knowingly 1168
represent that the person or organization is so eligible. 1169

Sec. 4503.442. (A) (1) A person with a disability that 1170
limits or impairs the ability to walk may apply to the registrar 1171
of motor vehicles for a removable windshield placard by 1172
completing and signing an application provided by the registrar. 1173

(2) The person shall include with the application an 1174
accessible parking certification form from the person's health 1175
care provider authorizing such a placard for the person. The 1176
health care provider shall base the authorization on a 1177

determination that the person meets at least one of the criteria 1178
contained in division (A) of section 4503.44 of the Revised 1179
Code. The health care provider shall state on the form the 1180
length of time the health care provider expects the applicant to 1181
have the disability that limits or impairs the person's ability 1182
to walk. If the length of time the applicant is expected to have 1183
the disability is six consecutive months or less, the applicant 1184
shall submit an application for a temporary removable windshield 1185
placard. If the length of time the applicant is expected to have 1186
the disability is permanent, the applicant shall submit an 1187
application for a permanent removable windshield placard. All 1188
other applicants shall submit an application for a standard 1189
removable windshield placard. 1190

(3) A person with a disability that limits or impairs the 1191
ability to walk is entitled to one additional placard, but only 1192
if the person applies separately for the additional placard and 1193
states the reasons why the additional placard is needed. The 1194
registrar shall determine whether good and justifiable cause 1195
exists to approve the request for the additional placard. 1196

(B) An organization may apply to the registrar for a 1197
standard removable windshield placard by completing and signing 1198
an application provided by the registrar. The organization shall 1199
include with the application documentary evidence showing that 1200
the organization regularly transports persons with disabilities 1201
that limit or impair the ability to walk. The organization shall 1202
comply with any procedures the registrar establishes by rule. 1203

(C) The registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to an 1204
applicant a standard removable windshield placard, a temporary 1205
removable windshield placard, or a permanent removable 1206
windshield placard, as applicable, upon receipt of all of the 1207

following: 1208

(1) A completed and signed application for a removable windshield placard; 1209
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(2) The accompanying documents required under either division (A) or (B) of this section; 1211
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(3) Payment of a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for a standard removable windshield placard or a temporary removable windshield placard, or payment of a fifteen dollar service fee for a permanent removable windshield placard. 1213
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(D) (1) A removable windshield placard shall display the date of expiration on both sides of the placard, or the word "permanent" if the placard is a permanent removable windshield placard, and is valid until expired, revoked, canceled, or surrendered. Except for a permanent removable windshield placard, which has no expiration, a removable windshield placard expires on the earliest of the following two dates: 1218
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(a) The date that the person issued the placard is expected to no longer have the disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, as indicated on the accessible parking certification form; 1225
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(b) Ten years after the date of issuance of the placard. 1229

In no case shall a removable windshield placard be valid for a period of less than sixty days. 1230
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(2) A person or organization shall renew a standard removable windshield placard upon application as provided in division (A) or (B) of this section and upon payment of a service fee equal to the amount established under section 1232
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(3) Not less than thirty days prior to the expiration date 1237
of a standard removable windshield placard, the bureau of motor 1238
vehicles shall send a renewal notice to the person or 1239
organization that has been issued the placard. The bureau shall 1240
send the notice to the person's or organization's last known 1241
address, as shown in the records of the bureau. The notice shall 1242
state that the placard is expiring and instructions on how to 1243
renew the placard. 1244

(4) If a person or organization fails to renew the 1245
removable windshield placard issued to that person or 1246
organization prior to the expiration date, if applicable, the 1247
placard issued to that person or organization expires. 1248

(E) At least once every year, on a date determined by the 1249
registrar, the bureau shall examine the records of the office of 1250
vital statistics, located within the department of health, that 1251
pertain to deceased persons, and also the bureau's records of 1252
all persons who have been issued removable windshield placards. 1253
If the records of the office of vital statistics indicate that a 1254
person to whom a removable windshield placard has been issued is 1255
deceased, the bureau shall cancel that placard, and note the 1256
cancellation in its records. 1257

The office of vital statistics shall make available to the 1258
bureau all information necessary to enable the bureau to comply 1259
with division (E) of this section. 1260

(F) (1) The standard removable windshield placard shall be 1261
printed in white on a blue-colored background and shall display 1262
the international symbol of access, the name of the state, and 1263
the great seal of the state. The placard also shall display a 1264

distinguishing number assigned to the placard and the printed 1265
expiration date of the placard by month, day, and year. 1266

(2) The temporary removable windshield placard shall be 1267
the same size and form and shall have the same contents as the 1268
removable windshield placard, except that it shall be printed in 1269
white on a red-colored background and also shall display the 1270
word "temporary." 1271

(3) The permanent removable windshield placard shall be 1272
the same size and form and shall have the same contents as the 1273
standard removable windshield placard, except that it shall be 1274
printed in white on a blue-colored background and also shall 1275
display the word "permanent" instead of an expiration date. 1276

(G) (1) Any active-duty member of the armed forces of the 1277
United States, including the reserve components of the armed 1278
forces and the national guard, who has an illness or injury that 1279
limits or impairs the ability to walk may apply to the registrar 1280
or a deputy registrar for a temporary removable windshield 1281
placard. 1282

(2) With the application, the applicant shall present 1283
evidence of the person's active-duty status and the illness or 1284
injury. Evidence of the illness or injury may include any of the 1285
following: 1286

(a) A current department of defense convalescent leave 1287
statement; 1288

(b) Any department of defense document indicating that the 1289
applicant currently has an ill or injured casualty status or has 1290
limited duties; 1291

(c) An accessible parking certification form from any 1292
health care provider authorizing the placard for the applicant. 1293

(3) Upon receipt of the application and the necessary 1294
documentary evidence, the registrar or deputy registrar shall 1295
issue the applicant the temporary removable windshield placard 1296
without requiring the payment of any service fee. 1297

(H) (1) An applicant for a removable windshield placard may 1298
obtain the placard without payment of a service fee if both of 1299
the following apply: 1300

(a) The applicant is a veteran of the armed forces of the 1301
United States with a service-connected disability. 1302

(b) The applicant submits the accessible parking 1303
certification form required under division (A) of this section 1304
and documentary evidence from the department of veterans affairs 1305
that the disability identified on the form is service-connected. 1306

(2) Upon receipt of the application and the necessary 1307
documentary evidence, the registrar or deputy registrar shall 1308
issue the applicant the removable windshield placard without 1309
requiring the payment of a service fee. 1310

(I) If a removable windshield placard is lost, destroyed, 1311
or mutilated, the person or organization issued the placard may 1312
obtain a duplicate by furnishing suitable proof of the loss, 1313
destruction, or mutilation to the registrar. 1314

Any person or organization who loses a placard and, after 1315
obtaining a duplicate, finds the original, immediately shall 1316
surrender the original placard to the registrar. 1317

(J) No person or organization that is not eligible for the 1318
issuance of a removable windshield placard shall knowingly 1319
represent that the person or organization is so eligible. 1320

(K) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require 1321

a person or organization to apply for a removable windshield placard if the placard issued to the person or organization under prior law has not expired or been surrendered, revoked, or canceled. 1322
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(L) The registrar shall pay all fees received under this section for the issuance of removable windshield placards into the state treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 1326
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(M) The registrar shall adopt any rules necessary to administer this section, including any necessary procedures or required documentary evidence. The rules shall include the creation of a model accessible parking certification form. The registrar shall make the form available on the bureau of motor vehicle's web site. 1330
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Sec. 4503.443. In addition to the fees collected under sections 4503.441 and 4503.442 of the Revised Code, the registrar of motor vehicles or deputy registrar shall ask each person applying for a removable windshield placard, duplicate removable windshield placard, or an accessible license plate, whether the person wishes to make a two-dollar voluntary contribution to support rehabilitation employment services. The registrar shall transmit the contributions received under this section to the treasurer of state for deposit into the rehabilitation employment fund, which is created in the state treasury. A deputy registrar shall transmit the contributions received under this section to the registrar in the time and manner prescribed by the registrar. 1336
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The opportunities for Ohioans with disabilities agency shall use the contributions deposited in the fund to purchase from accredited community rehabilitation program facilities 1349
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services related to vocational evaluation, work adjustment, 1352
personal adjustment, job placement, job coaching, and community- 1353
based assessment. 1354

Sec. 4503.444. (A) The following documents shall include 1355
the information listed in division (B) of this section: 1356

(1) An application for registration of a motor vehicle 1357
under section 4503.441 of the Revised Code; 1358

(2) An application for a removable windshield placard 1359
under section 4503.442 of the Revised Code; 1360

(3) A renewal notice for the items listed in divisions (A) 1361
(1) and (2) of this section; 1362

(4) All other publications issued by the bureau of motor 1363
vehicles that relate to sections 4503.44 to 4503.448 of the 1364
Revised Code. 1365

(B) The documents listed in division (A) of this section 1366
shall set forth the penalties that may be imposed upon a person 1367
who violates any of the following provisions: 1368

(1) The laws relating to the issuance, procurement, use, 1369
and display of accessible license plates issued under section 1370
4503.441 of the Revised Code; 1371

(2) The laws relating to the issuance, procurement, use, 1372
and display of removable windshield placards issued under 1373
section 4503.442 of the Revised Code; 1374

(3) The laws relating to the parking of a motor vehicle 1375
displaying an accessible license plate or removable windshield 1376
placard in an accessible parking space. 1377

Sec. 4503.445. (A) Any person or organization that 1378

possesses an accessible license plate or a removable windshield placard shall return the plate or placard to the bureau of motor vehicles if any of the following occur: 1379
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(1) The plate expires and is not renewed or the placard expires. 1382
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(2) The plate or placard was issued to a person who is now deceased. 1384
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(3) The plate or placard was issued to a person who no longer qualifies for or requires the plate or placard. 1386
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(4) The placard was issued to a person who no longer lives in the state or to an organization that changed its place of operation to another state. 1388
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(B) No person or organization shall refuse to return or surrender the placard, when required. 1391
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(C) No person shall operate a motor vehicle that displays an accessible license plate or a removable windshield placard if the plate or placard is expired, canceled, or revoked, was issued to a person who is deceased, or was issued to a person or organization that no longer qualifies for or requires the plate or placard. 1393
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(D) (1) Whoever violates division (B) or (C) of this section, division (D) of section 4503.441, or division (J) of section 4503.442 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 1399
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(2) The offenses established under this section are strict liability offenses and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does not apply. The designation of these offenses as strict liability offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, 1403
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for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a 1407
strict liability offense. 1408

(E) Any fine collected under division (D) of this section 1409
shall be paid into the accessible parking violations fund 1410
established by section 4511.693 of the Revised Code. 1411

Sec. 4503.446. (A) Subject to section 4511.692 of the 1412
Revised Code, the operator of a motor vehicle displaying an 1413
accessible license plate or removable windshield placard is 1414
entitled to park the motor vehicle in any special parking 1415
location reserved for persons with disabilities that limit or 1416
impair the ability to walk, also known as accessible parking 1417
spaces or disability parking spaces. 1418

(B) No person or organization shall display an accessible 1419
license plate unless the license plate was issued for the motor 1420
vehicle on which it is displayed and is valid. 1421

(C) No person or organization issued a removable 1422
windshield placard shall do either of the following: 1423

(1) Display or allow the display of the placard on a motor 1424
vehicle when the motor vehicle is being used for an activity 1425
that does not include providing transportation for a person with 1426
a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk; 1427

(2) Transfer the placard to any other person or entity. 1428

(D) (1) Whoever violates division (B) or (C) of this 1429
section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 1430

(2) The offenses established under this section are strict 1431
liability offenses and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does 1432
not apply. The designation of these offenses as strict liability 1433
offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, 1434

for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a 1435
strict liability offense. 1436

(E) Upon a conviction of a violation of division (B) or 1437
(C) of this section, the court shall report the conviction, and 1438
send the placard, if available, to the registrar of motor 1439
vehicles. The registrar shall revoke the privilege of using the 1440
placard and send a written notice to the placardholder at that 1441
holder's last known address, as shown in the records of the 1442
bureau of motor vehicles. The placardholder shall return the 1443
placard, if not previously surrendered to the court, to the 1444
registrar within ten days following the mailing of the notice. 1445

(F) Any fine collected under division (D) of this section 1446
shall be paid into the accessible parking violations fund 1447
established by section 4511.693 of the Revised Code. 1448

Sec. 4503.447. For purposes of enforcing sections 4503.44 1449
to 4503.447 of the Revised Code, every peace officer is deemed 1450
to be an agent of the registrar of motor vehicles. Any peace 1451
officer or any authorized employee of the bureau of motor 1452
vehicles who, in the performance of duties authorized by law, 1453
becomes aware of a person whose removable windshield placard has 1454
been revoked, may confiscate that placard and return it to the 1455
registrar. The registrar shall prescribe any forms used by law 1456
enforcement agencies in administering this section. 1457

No peace officer, law enforcement agency employing a peace 1458
officer, or political subdivision or governmental agency 1459
employing a peace officer, and no employee of the bureau is 1460
liable in a civil action for damages or loss to persons arising 1461
out of the performance of any duty required or authorized by 1462
this section. 1463

As used in this section, "peace officer" has the same 1464
meaning as in division (B) of section 2935.01 of the Revised 1465
Code. 1466

Sec. 4503.448. No health care provider shall do any of the 1467
following: 1468

(A) Complete the accessible parking certification form to 1469
enable a person to be issued an accessible license plate, a 1470
standard removable windshield placard, a temporary removable 1471
windshield placard, or a permanent removable windshield placard 1472
under either section 4503.441 or 4503.442 of the Revised Code, 1473
knowing that the person does not meet any of the criteria 1474
contained in division (A) of section 4503.44 of the Revised 1475
Code; 1476

(B) Complete the accessible parking certification form 1477
described in division (A) of this section and knowingly misstate 1478
on the form the length of time the health care provider expects 1479
the person to have the disability that limits or impairs the 1480
person's ability to walk in order to enable the person to retain 1481
a removable windshield placard issued under section 4503.442 of 1482
the Revised Code for a period of time longer than that which 1483
would be estimated by a similar health care provider under the 1484
same or similar circumstances; 1485

(C) Fail to retain information sufficient to substantiate 1486
that the person is eligible for accessible parking privileges. 1487

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a 1488
misdemeanor of the first degree. 1489

(E) A physician who violates this section and section 1490
4731.481 of the Revised Code may be charged under this section 1491
or section 4731.481 of the Revised Code, but not both. A 1492

chiropractor who violates this section and section 4734.161 of 1493
the Revised Code may be charged under this section or section 1494
4734.161 of the Revised Code, but not both. 1495

Sec. 4511.69. (A) Every vehicle stopped or parked upon a 1496
roadway where there is an adjacent curb shall be stopped or 1497
parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with 1498
and not more than twelve inches from the right-hand curb, unless 1499
it is impossible to approach so close to the curb; in such case 1500
the stop shall be made as close to the curb as possible and only 1501
for the time necessary to discharge and receive passengers or to 1502
load or unload merchandise. Local authorities by ordinance may 1503
permit angle parking on any roadway under their jurisdiction, 1504
except that angle parking shall not be permitted on a state 1505
route within a municipal corporation unless an unoccupied 1506
roadway width of not less than twenty-five feet is available for 1507
free-moving traffic. 1508

(B) Local authorities by ordinance may permit parking of 1509
vehicles with the left-hand wheels adjacent to and within twelve 1510
inches of the left-hand curb of a one-way roadway. 1511

(C) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (1) (b) of this 1512
section, no vehicle or trackless trolley shall be stopped or 1513
parked on a road or highway with the vehicle or trackless 1514
trolley facing in a direction other than the direction of travel 1515
on that side of the road or highway. 1516

(b) The operator of a motorcycle may back the motorcycle 1517
into an angled parking space so that when the motorcycle is 1518
parked it is facing in a direction other than the direction of 1519
travel on the side of the road or highway. 1520

(2) The operator of a motorcycle may back the motorcycle 1521

into a parking space that is located on the side of, and 1522
parallel to, a road or highway. The motorcycle may face any 1523
direction when so parked. Not more than two motorcycles at a 1524
time shall be parked in a parking space as described in division 1525
(C) (2) of this section irrespective of whether or not the space 1526
is metered. 1527

(D) Notwithstanding any statute or any rule, resolution, 1528
or ordinance adopted by any local authority, air compressors, 1529
tractors, trucks, and other equipment, while being used in the 1530
construction, reconstruction, installation, repair, or removal 1531
of facilities near, on, over, or under a street or highway, may 1532
stop, stand, or park where necessary in order to perform such 1533
work, provided a flagperson is on duty or warning signs or 1534
lights are displayed as may be prescribed by the director of 1535
transportation. 1536

~~(E) Accessible parking locations and privileges for 1537
persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to 1538
walk shall be provided and designated by all political 1539
subdivisions and by the state and all agencies and 1540
instrumentalities thereof at all offices and facilities, where 1541
parking is provided, whether owned, rented, or leased, and at 1542
all publicly owned parking garages. The locations shall be 1543
designated through the posting of an elevated sign, whether 1544
permanently affixed or movable, imprinted with the international 1545
symbol of access and shall be reasonably close to exits, 1546
entrances, elevators, and ramps. All elevated signs posted in 1547
accordance with this division and division (C) of section 1548
3781.111 of the Revised Code shall be mounted on a fixed or 1549
movable post, and the distance from the ground to the bottom 1550
edge of the sign shall measure not less than five feet. If a new 1551
sign or a replacement sign designating an accessible parking 1552~~

~~location is posted on or after October 14, 1999, there also~~ 1553
~~shall be affixed upon the surface of that sign or affixed next~~ 1554
~~to the designating sign a notice that states the fine applicable~~ 1555
~~for the offense of parking a motor vehicle in the designated~~ 1556
~~accessible parking location if the motor vehicle is not legally~~ 1557
~~entitled to be parked in that location.~~ 1558

~~(F) (1) (a) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor~~ 1559
~~vehicle at accessible parking locations provided under division~~ 1560
~~(E) of this section or at accessible clearly marked parking~~ 1561
~~locations provided in or on privately owned parking lots,~~ 1562
~~parking garages, or other parking areas and designated in~~ 1563
~~accordance with that division, unless one of the following~~ 1564
~~applies:~~ 1565

~~(i) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the~~ 1566
~~transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs~~ 1567
~~the ability to walk and is displaying a valid removable~~ 1568
~~windshield placard or accessible license plates;~~ 1569

~~(ii) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the~~ 1570
~~transport of a person with a disability and is displaying a~~ 1571
~~parking card or accessible license plates.~~ 1572

~~(b) Any motor vehicle that is parked in an accessible~~ 1573
~~marked parking location in violation of division (F) (1) (a) (i) or~~ 1574
~~(ii) of this section may be towed or otherwise removed from the~~ 1575
~~parking location by the law enforcement agency of the political~~ 1576
~~subdivision in which the parking location is located. A motor~~ 1577
~~vehicle that is so towed or removed shall not be released to its~~ 1578
~~owner until the owner presents proof of ownership of the motor~~ 1579
~~vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by~~ 1580
~~that political subdivision for towing and storing motor~~ 1581
~~vehicles. If the motor vehicle is a leased vehicle, it shall not~~ 1582

~~be released to the lessee until the lessee presents proof that~~ 1583
~~that person is the lessee of the motor vehicle and pays all~~ 1584
~~towing and storage fees normally imposed by that political~~ 1585
~~subdivision for towing and storing motor vehicles.~~ 1586

~~(c) If a person is charged with a violation of division~~ 1587
~~(F) (1) (a) (i) or (ii) of this section, it is an affirmative~~ 1588
~~defense to the charge that the person suffered an injury not~~ 1589
~~more than seventy-two hours prior to the time the person was~~ 1590
~~issued the ticket or citation and that, because of the injury,~~ 1591
~~the person meets at least one of the criteria contained in~~ 1592
~~division (A) (1) of section 4503.44 of the Revised Code.~~ 1593

~~(2) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle~~ 1594
~~in an area that is commonly known as an access aisle, which area~~ 1595
~~is marked by diagonal stripes and is located immediately~~ 1596
~~adjacent to an accessible parking location provided under~~ 1597
~~division (E) of this section or at an accessible clearly marked~~ 1598
~~parking location provided in or on a privately owned parking~~ 1599
~~lot, parking garage, or other parking area and designated in~~ 1600
~~accordance with that division.~~ 1601

~~(G) When a motor vehicle is being operated by or for the~~ 1602
~~transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs~~ 1603
~~the ability to walk and is displaying a removable windshield~~ 1604
~~placard or accessible license plates, or when a motor vehicle is~~ 1605
~~being operated by or for the transport of a person with a~~ 1606
~~disability and is displaying a parking card or accessible~~ 1607
~~license plates, the motor vehicle is permitted to park for a~~ 1608
~~period of two hours in excess of the legal parking period~~ 1609
~~permitted by local authorities, except where local ordinances or~~ 1610
~~police rules provide otherwise or where the vehicle is parked in~~ 1611
~~such a manner as to be clearly a traffic hazard.~~ 1612

~~(H) No owner of an office, facility, or parking garage where accessible parking locations are required to be designated in accordance with division (E) of this section shall fail to properly mark the accessible parking locations in accordance with that division or fail to maintain the markings of the accessible locations, including the erection and maintenance of the fixed or movable signs.~~ 1613
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~~(I) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a person or organization to apply for a removable windshield placard or accessible license plates if the parking card or accessible license plates issued to the person or organization under prior law have not expired or been surrendered or revoked.~~ 1620
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~~(J)(1) Whoever violates division (A) or (C) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.~~ 1625
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~~(2)(a) Whoever violates division (F)(1)(a)(i) or (ii) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in division (J)(2)(a) and (b) of this section. Except as otherwise provided in division (J)(2)(a) of this section, an offender who violates division (F)(1)(a)(i) or (ii) of this section shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty nor more than five hundred dollars. An offender who violates division (F)(1)(a)(i) or (ii) of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars if the offender, prior to sentencing, proves either of the following to the satisfaction of the court:~~ 1627
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~~(i) At the time of the violation of division (F)(1)(a)(i) of this section, the offender or the person for whose transport the motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a removable windshield placard that then was valid or accessible license plates that then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to display the placard or license plates as described~~ 1637
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~~in division (F) (1) (a) (i) of this section.~~ 1643

~~(ii) At the time of the violation of division (F) (1) (a) (ii) of this section, the offender or the person for whose transport the motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a parking card that then was valid or accessible license plates that then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to display the card or license plates as described in division (F) (1) (a) (ii) of this section.~~ 1644
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~~(b) In no case shall an offender who violates division (F) (1) (a) (i) or (ii) of this section be sentenced to any term of imprisonment.~~ 1651
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~~An arrest or conviction for a violation of division (F) (1) (a) (i) or (ii) of this section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to any inquiries contained in any application for employment, license, or other right or privilege, or made in connection with the person's appearance as a witness.~~ 1654
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~~The clerk of the court shall pay every fine collected under divisions (J) (2) and (3) of this section to the political subdivision in which the violation occurred. Except as provided in division (J) (2) of this section, the political subdivision shall use the fine moneys it receives under divisions (J) (2) and (3) of this section to pay the expenses it incurs in complying with the signage and notice requirements contained in division (E) of this section. The political subdivision may use up to fifty per cent of each fine it receives under divisions (J) (2) and (3) of this section to pay the costs of educational, advocacy, support, and assistive technology programs for persons with disabilities, and for public improvements within the~~ 1661
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~~political subdivision that benefit or assist persons with~~ 1673
~~disabilities, if governmental agencies or nonprofit~~ 1674
~~organizations offer the programs.~~ 1675

~~(3) Whoever violates division (F) (2) of this section shall~~ 1676
~~be fined not less than two hundred fifty nor more than five-~~ 1677
~~hundred dollars.~~ 1678

~~In no case shall an offender who violates division (F) (2)-~~ 1679
~~of this section be sentenced to any term of imprisonment. An~~ 1680
~~arrest or conviction for a violation of division (F) (2) of this~~ 1681
~~section does not constitute a criminal record and need not be~~ 1682
~~reported by the person so arrested or convicted in response to~~ 1683
~~any inquiries contained in any application for employment,~~ 1684
~~license, or other right or privilege, or made in connection with~~ 1685
~~the person's appearance as a witness.~~ 1686

~~(4) Whoever violates division (H) of this section shall be~~ 1687
~~punished as follows:-~~ 1688

~~(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) (4) of~~ 1689
~~this section, the offender shall be issued a warning.~~ 1690

~~(b) If the offender previously has been convicted of or~~ 1691
~~pleaded guilty to a violation of division (H) of this section or~~ 1692
~~of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to that~~ 1693
~~division, the offender shall not be issued a warning but shall~~ 1694
~~be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for each parking~~ 1695
~~location that is not properly marked or whose markings are not~~ 1696
~~properly maintained.~~ 1697

~~(K) As used in this section:-~~ 1698

~~(1) "Person with a disability" means any person who has~~ 1699
~~lost the use of one or both legs or one or both arms, who is~~ 1700
~~blind, deaf, or unable to move without the aid of crutches or a~~ 1701

~~wheelchair, or whose mobility is restricted by a permanent- 1702
cardiovascular, pulmonary, or other disabling condition. 1703~~

~~(2) "Person with a disability that limits or impairs the 1704
ability to walk" has the same meaning as in section 4503.44 of- 1705
the Revised Code. 1706~~

~~(3) "Accessible license plates" and "removable windshield- 1707
placard" mean any license plates, standard removable windshield- 1708
placard, permanent removable windshield placard, or temporary- 1709
removable windshield placard issued under section 4503.41 or 1710
4503.44 of the Revised Code, and also mean any substantially- 1711
similar license plates or removable windshield placard issued by 1712
a state, district, country, or sovereignty. 1713~~

Sec. 4511.691. (A) As used in sections 4511.691 to 1714
4511.699 of the Revised Code: 1715

(1) "Access aisle" means the area marked by diagonal 1716
stripes located immediately adjacent to an accessible parking 1717
space that is provided under this section or at a clearly marked 1718
accessible parking space provided in a privately owned parking 1719
area. 1720

(2) "Accessible license plate" means any license plate 1721
issued under sections 4503.41 and 4503.441 of the Revised Code, 1722
and includes any substantially similar license plate issued by 1723
another state, district, country, or sovereignty. 1724

(3) "Person with a disability that limits or impairs the 1725
ability to walk" and "organization" have the same meanings as in 1726
section 4503.44 of the Revised Code. 1727

(4) "Public accommodation" has the same meaning as in 42 1728
U.S.C. 12181. 1729

(5) "Removable windshield placard" means any placard 1730
issued under section 4503.442 of the Revised Code, and includes 1731
any substantially similar removable windshield placard issued by 1732
another state, district, country, or sovereignty. 1733

(6) "Required entity" means all of the following: 1734

(a) A political subdivision; 1735

(b) The state and all agencies and instrumentalities 1736
thereof; 1737

(c) The owner of a place of public accommodation. 1738

(B) (1) A required entity shall provide and designate 1739
special parking locations and privileges for persons with 1740
disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk, also 1741
known as accessible parking spaces or disability parking spaces. 1742

(2) The required entity shall make accessible parking 1743
spaces available at all offices, facilities, and places, where 1744
parking is provided, whether owned, rented, or leased by the 1745
entity. 1746

(3) The required entity shall ensure that the accessible 1747
parking spaces are reasonably close to exits, entrances, 1748
elevators, and ramps and are in compliance with the "Americans 1749
with Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq. 1750

(C) (1) A required entity shall designate the accessible 1751
parking spaces by posting an elevated sign, whether permanently 1752
affixed or movable, imprinted with the international symbol of 1753
access. 1754

(2) The required entity shall post or mount the elevated 1755
sign on a fixed or movable post so that the distance from the 1756
ground to the bottom edge of the sign is not less than five 1757

feet. 1758

(3) The required entity shall affix upon the surface of 1759
the sign or next to the sign a notice that states the fine 1760
applicable for the offense of parking a motor vehicle in the 1761
accessible parking space if the motor vehicle is not legally 1762
entitled to be parked in that location. 1763

(D) No required entity shall fail to do any of the 1764
following: 1765

(1) Properly designate the accessible parking locations in 1766
accordance with division (C) of this section; 1767

(2) Maintain the markings of the accessible parking 1768
locations, including the erection and maintenance of the fixed 1769
or movable signs; 1770

(3) Maintain access to the accessible parking spaces, 1771
access aisle, curb cuts, or other features designed to provide 1772
accessibility for a person with a disability that limits or 1773
impairs the ability to walk. 1774

(E) In order to maintain access as required under division 1775
(D) (3) of this section, a required entity may do either of the 1776
following: 1777

(1) Remove any unreasonable obstruction of an accessible 1778
parking space, access aisle, or curb cut. If the obstruction is 1779
the result of an adverse weather event, the required entity 1780
shall remove the obstruction not later than twenty-four hours 1781
after the conclusion of that event; 1782

(2) Provide suitable alternative parking spots, access 1783
aisle space, or access points similar to a curb cut if the 1784
obstruction cannot be removed. 1785

(F) (1) Whoever violates this section shall be issued a 1786
warning for a first violation. If the offender previously has 1787
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of this 1788
section, or of a substantially similar municipal ordinance, the 1789
offender shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars for 1790
each parking location that is not properly marked or properly 1791
maintained. 1792

(2) Fines collected under this section shall be deposited 1793
into the accessible parking violations fund created in section 1794
4511.693 of the Revised Code. 1795

Sec. 4511.692. (A) No person shall stop, stand, or park 1796
any motor vehicle at an accessible parking space designated by a 1797
required entity under section 4511.691 of the Revised Code or at 1798
a clearly marked accessible parking space provided in a 1799
privately owned parking area, unless both of the following 1800
apply: 1801

(1) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the 1802
transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs 1803
the ability to walk. 1804

(2) The motor vehicle is displaying a valid accessible 1805
license plate or removable windshield placard issued to either 1806
the person or organization operating the motor vehicle or the 1807
person being transported by the motor vehicle. 1808

(B) (1) Any motor vehicle that is parked in an accessible 1809
parking space in violation of division (A) of this section may 1810
be towed or otherwise removed from the parking space by either 1811
of the following: 1812

(a) The law enforcement agency of the political 1813
subdivision in which the parking space is located; 1814

(b) The owner of the parking area in which the parking space is located. 1815
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(2) A motor vehicle that is so towed or removed shall not be released to its owner until the owner presents proof of ownership of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed for towing and storing motor vehicles. If the motor vehicle is a leased vehicle, it shall not be released to the lessee until the lessee presents proof that that person is the lessee of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed for towing and storing motor vehicles. 1817
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(3) If a person is charged with a violation of division (A) of this section, it is not a defense to the charge that the sign posted does not comply with the technical requirements of section 4511.691 of the Revised Code, if a reasonable person would know that the parking space is reserved for a person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk. 1826
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(C) No person shall park in an accessible parking space when the person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk will either: 1832
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(1) Be dropped off and picked up at the entrance to the place of public accommodation; 1835
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(2) Will not be entering or exiting the motor vehicle while it is parked. 1837
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(D) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle in any part of an access aisle, including a person that has been issued an accessible license plate or a removable windshield placard. 1839
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(E) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle 1843

in front of a ramp, curb cut, access entrance, or accessible 1844
route, including a person that has been issued an accessible 1845
license plate or a removable windshield placard. 1846

(F) (1) When a motor vehicle is being operated by or for 1847
the transport of a person with a disability that limits or 1848
impairs the ability to walk and is displaying either an 1849
accessible license plate or a removable windshield placard, the 1850
operator is permitted to park that motor vehicle for a period of 1851
two hours in excess of the legal parking period permitted by 1852
local authorities. 1853

(2) Division (F) (1) of this section does not apply when 1854
local ordinances or police rules provide otherwise or when the 1855
motor vehicle is parked in such a manner as to be clearly a 1856
traffic hazard. 1857

(G) (1) Except as provided in division (G) (2) of this 1858
section, whoever violates division (A), (C), (D), or (E) of this 1859
section is subject to the following civil penalties: 1860

(a) For a first offense, two hundred fifty dollars; 1861

(b) For a second offense, not less than two hundred fifty 1862
dollars nor more than five hundred dollars; 1863

(c) For a third or subsequent offense, not less than five 1864
hundred nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars. 1865

(2) Whoever violates division (A) of this section shall 1866
not be fined under division (G) (1) of this section if the 1867
offender, within thirty days of receiving the ticket in the 1868
mail, proves that either the offender or the person being 1869
transported by the offender, at the time of the violation, had a 1870
valid accessible license plate or removable windshield placard 1871
but the offender neglected to display the valid or the correct 1872

license plate or placard. 1873

(H) (1) Tickets issued for a civil violation of division 1874
(A), (C), (D), or (E) of this section shall be issued in 1875
accordance with sections 4511.695 to 4511.699 of the Revised 1876
Code. 1877

(2) The clerk of court or violations clerk of the parking 1878
violations bureau shall report all convictions for a violation 1879
of division (A), (C), (D), or (E) of this section to the 1880
registrar of motor vehicles. 1881

(I) (1) The clerk of court or violations clerk of the 1882
parking violations bureau shall pay fifty per cent of every fine 1883
collected under division (G) of this section to the political 1884
subdivision in which the violation occurred. 1885

(2) The remaining fifty per cent of every fine collected 1886
under division (G) of this section shall be paid into the 1887
accessible parking violations fund established by section 1888
4511.693 of the Revised Code. 1889

(J) Whoever knowingly violates division (D) of this 1890
section when that violation prevents a person with a disability 1891
that limits or impairs the ability to walk from being able to 1892
enter or exit the motor vehicle transporting that person is 1893
guilty of unlawful restraint of a person with a disability that 1894
limits or impairs the ability to walk, a misdemeanor of the 1895
third degree. 1896

Sec. 4511.693. (A) There is hereby created in the state 1897
treasury the accessible parking violations fund. The fund shall 1898
consist of the fines required to be deposited in the fund under 1899
sections 4503.445, 4503.446, 4511.691, and 4511.692 of the 1900
Revised Code. The fund shall be administered by the director of 1901

<u>public safety and the director of education and workforce.</u>	1902
<u>(B) The money in the fund shall be divided as follows:</u>	1903
<u>(1) Twenty-five per cent shall be used by the director of</u>	1904
<u>public safety to administer the volunteer accessible parking</u>	1905
<u>enforcement training program created in section 4511.694 of the</u>	1906
<u>Revised Code, to collect data related to accessible parking</u>	1907
<u>violations, and to assist local law enforcement in enforcing the</u>	1908
<u>accessible parking laws.</u>	1909
<u>(2) Seventy-five per cent shall be used by the director of</u>	1910
<u>education and workforce to provide grants to a nonprofit</u>	1911
<u>corporation that creates, expands, and oversees interscholastic</u>	1912
<u>adaptive sports specifically for youth with physical</u>	1913
<u>disabilities. The director shall approve the nonprofit</u>	1914
<u>corporation that receives such grants and the amounts paid</u>	1915
<u>through the grants.</u>	1916
<u>(C) The director of education and workforce shall provide</u>	1917
<u>a report to the general assembly by the thirty-first day of</u>	1918
<u>December of each year, which shall include the following</u>	1919
<u>information:</u>	1920
<u>(1) A description of the entity that received a grant from</u>	1921
<u>the fund that year and how much money the entity received;</u>	1922
<u>(2) A description of activities carried out using the</u>	1923
<u>grant provided to the entity under this section;</u>	1924
<u>(3) Information regarding the goals and objectives</u>	1925
<u>achieved by the entity through the activities carried out using</u>	1926
<u>the grant provided to the entity under this section.</u>	1927
<u>(D) All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited</u>	1928
<u>to the fund.</u>	1929

Sec. 4511.694. (A) The director of public safety shall 1930
establish a volunteer accessible parking enforcement training 1931
program. The purpose of the program is to train a volunteer 1932
accessible parking enforcement force, which shall assist local 1933
law enforcement in enforcing the accessible parking laws. 1934
Volunteers trained under the program may submit photographic 1935
evidence to law enforcement for violations of the accessible 1936
parking laws that are enforced under sections 4511.695 to 1937
4511.699 of the Revised Code, or a substantially equivalent 1938
municipal ordinance, but will have no enforcement authority. 1939

(B) To serve as a member of the volunteer accessible 1940
parking enforcement force, a person must meet all of the 1941
following qualifications: 1942

(1) Be at least twenty-one years of age; 1943

(2) Have no prior felony convictions; 1944

(3) Successfully complete the volunteer accessible parking 1945
enforcement training program. 1946

(C) The volunteer accessible parking enforcement training 1947
program shall include instruction in general administrative 1948
rules and procedures governing the volunteer accessible parking 1949
enforcement force, the role of the judicial system as it relates 1950
to parking regulation and enforcement, proper techniques and 1951
methods relating to recording violations of parking laws, human 1952
interaction skills, personal safety and ethics relating to the 1953
recording of violations of parking laws, and first aid. 1954

(D) A law enforcement agency may utilize the photographic 1955
evidence taken by a member of the volunteer accessible parking 1956
enforcement force to assist the agency in enforcing civil 1957
accessible parking violations under sections 4511.695 to 1958

4511.699 of the Revised Code, or a substantially equivalent 1959
municipal ordinance. 1960

(E) A member of the volunteer accessible parking 1961
enforcement force shall only take photographic evidence of 1962
accessible parking violations in accordance with sections 1963
4511.695 to 4511.699 of the Revised Code, or a substantially 1964
equivalent municipal ordinance. 1965

(F) Any member of the volunteer accessible parking 1966
enforcement force assumes all liability for participation in the 1967
training program and volunteer work with the law enforcement 1968
agency. The member shall hold harmless the state, the department 1969
of public safety, any political subdivision, and the law 1970
enforcement agency for any claims resulting from the volunteer 1971
work performed by the member. The director shall provide hold 1972
harmless forms necessary for the implementation of division (F) 1973
of this section, which shall be signed by the member and 1974
submitted to the department and the applicable law enforcement 1975
agency. 1976

(G) (1) The director shall track the number of persons 1977
trained through the volunteer accessible parking enforcement 1978
training program and the expenses incurred by the department in 1979
administering the program. 1980

(2) The director shall adopt any rules necessary for 1981
establishing and administering the volunteer accessible parking 1982
enforcement training program. 1983

Sec. 4511.695. As used in sections 4511.695 to 4511.699 of 1984
the Revised Code: 1985

(A) "Designated party" means the person whom the 1986
registered owner of a motor vehicle, upon receipt of a ticket 1987

for an accessible parking law violation, identifies as the 1988
person who parked the vehicle of the registered owner at the 1989
time of the violation. 1990

(B) "Law enforcement officer" means a state highway patrol 1991
trooper, sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, 1992
police officer of a police department of any municipal 1993
corporation, police constable of any township, or police officer 1994
of a township or joint police district, who is employed on a 1995
permanent, full-time basis by a law enforcement agency. 1996

(C) "Member of the volunteer accessible parking 1997
enforcement force" means a person trained by the department of 1998
public safety under the program established by section 4511.694 1999
of the Revised Code and utilized by a law enforcement agency to 2000
assist the agency in enforcing civil accessible parking law 2001
violations. 2002

(D) "Motor vehicle leasing dealer" has the same meaning as 2003
in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 2004

(E) "Motor vehicle renting dealer" has the same meaning as 2005
in section 4549.65 of the Revised Code. 2006

(F) "Registered owner" means any of the following: 2007

(1) Any person or entity identified by the bureau of motor 2008
vehicles or any other state motor vehicle registration bureau, 2009
department, or office as the owner of a motor vehicle; 2010

(2) The lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of six 2011
months or longer; 2012

(3) The renter of a motor vehicle pursuant to a written 2013
rental agreement with a motor vehicle renting dealer. 2014

(G) "Ticket" means any parking ticket, citation, summons, 2015

or other ticket issued in response to an alleged accessible 2016
parking law violation that represents a civil violation. 2017

(H) "Accessible parking law violation" means a violation 2018
of division (A), (C), (D), or (E) of section 4511.692 of the 2019
Revised Code, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance. 2020

Sec. 4511.696. (A) When a law enforcement officer 2021
witnesses an accessible parking law violation, the officer may 2022
issue a ticket for the violation. The ticket shall comply with 2023
the requirements of this section and section 4511.697 of the 2024
Revised Code. If issuing a ticket, the officer shall take at 2025
least one photo of the violation that captures the motor 2026
vehicle, the license plate, and that demonstrates an accessible 2027
parking law violation occurred. 2028

(B) (1) If the operator of the motor vehicle is present, 2029
the officer shall record on the ticket the name of the operator 2030
in the space provided for identification of the offender. The 2031
officer shall personally serve a copy of the ticket on the 2032
operator. 2033

(2) If the operator of the motor vehicle is not present or 2034
cannot be identified, the officer shall insert the word "owner" 2035
in the space provided for identification of the offender. The 2036
officer shall constructively serve a copy of the parking ticket 2037
on the owner of the motor vehicle by affixing the ticket to the 2038
motor vehicle in a conspicuous place. 2039

(C) When a member of the volunteer accessible parking 2040
enforcement force witnesses an accessible parking law violation, 2041
the member may take photos of the violation and submit the 2042
photos to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The member 2043
shall ensure that any photos capture the motor vehicle, the 2044

license plate, the location of the violation, and demonstrate 2045
that an accessible parking law violation occurred. The member 2046
shall submit the photos within twenty-four hours of the 2047
witnessed violation. No member shall issue tickets for an 2048
accessible parking law violation. 2049

(D) The original of any ticket issued in accordance with 2050
divisions (A) and (B) of this section and any photos of a 2051
violation taken in accordance with division (A) or (C) of this 2052
section shall be submitted to the law enforcement agency that 2053
employs the law enforcement officer or that utilizes the member 2054
of the volunteer accessible parking enforcement force. The law 2055
enforcement agency may use any lawful means to identify the 2056
registered owner of the motor vehicle if a copy of the ticket 2057
was left on the motor vehicle in accordance with division (B) (2) 2058
of this section or photos were taken in compliance with division 2059
(C) of this section. 2060

(E) After the identification of the registered owner under 2061
division (D) of this section, if applicable, and within thirty 2062
days of the accessible parking law violation, the law 2063
enforcement agency shall send by regular mail the ticket 2064
charging either the operator of the motor vehicle, if known, or 2065
the registered owner with the violation. The ticket shall 2066
include copies of the photos taken by the law enforcement 2067
officer or member of the volunteer accessible parking 2068
enforcement force. 2069

(F) A law enforcement agency that mails a ticket charging 2070
the operator or registered owner with the accessible parking law 2071
violation shall, without unnecessary delay, file a certified 2072
copy of the ticket with the municipal court, county court, or 2073
parking violations bureau with jurisdiction over the civil 2074

action. 2075

(G) A certified copy of the ticket alleging an accessible parking law violation is prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein and is admissible in a civil action or proceeding concerning the ticket issued under this section. 2076
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Sec. 4511.697. A law enforcement agency shall ensure that 2080
a ticket for an accessible parking law violation issued under section 4511.696 of the Revised Code contains all of the following: 2081
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(A) The name and address of the registered owner or the current operator of the motor vehicle, if known; 2084
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(B) The letters and numerals appearing on the license plate issued to the motor vehicle; 2086
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(C) The make and model of the motor vehicle; 2088

(D) The date, time, and place of the violation; 2089

(E) The accessible parking law violation charged; 2090

(F) The amount of the civil penalty imposed, the date by which the civil penalty is required to be paid, and the address of the municipal court, county court, or parking violations bureau with jurisdiction over the civil action to which the payment is to be sent; 2091
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(G) A statement signed by a law enforcement officer indicating that the motor vehicle was involved in an accessible parking law violation and the ticket is prima facie evidence of that accessible parking law violation; 2096
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(H) Information advising the person or entity alleged to be liable for the violation of the options prescribed in section 2100
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4511.698 of the Revised Code. The law enforcement agency shall 2102
include with the information the time, place, and manner in 2103
which the person or entity may appear in court or at the parking 2104
violations bureau to contest the violation and ticket and the 2105
procedure for disclaiming liability by submitting an affidavit 2106
to the municipal court, county court, or parking violations 2107
bureau as prescribed in section 4511.698 of the Revised Code. 2108

(I) A warning that failure to exercise one of the options 2109
prescribed in section 4511.698 of the Revised Code is deemed to 2110
be an admission of liability and waiver of the opportunity to 2111
contest the violation. 2112

Sec. 4511.698. A person or entity who receives a ticket 2113
for a civil violation under section 4511.696 of the Revised Code 2114
shall elect to do one of the following: 2115

(A) In accordance with instructions on the ticket, pay the 2116
civil penalty, thereby admitting liability and waiving the 2117
opportunity to contest the violation. 2118

(B) (1) Within thirty days after receipt of the ticket by 2119
mail, provide the municipal court, county court, or parking 2120
violations bureau with jurisdiction over the civil action with 2121
any of the following affidavits: 2122

(a) If the accessible parking law violation charged is a 2123
violation of division (A) of section 4511.692 of the Revised 2124
Code, an affidavit executed by the operator of the motor vehicle 2125
or registered owner stating that either the owner, the operator, 2126
or the person being transported in the motor vehicle, at the 2127
time of the violation, had a valid accessible license plate or 2128
removable windshield placard but the owner or operator neglected 2129
to display the valid or the correct license plate or placard. 2130

(b) An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating 2131
that another person was operating and parked the motor vehicle 2132
of the registered owner at the time of the violation, 2133
identifying that person as a designated party who may be held 2134
liable for the violation, and containing at a minimum the name 2135
and address of the designated party. 2136

(c) An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating 2137
that at the time of the violation, the motor vehicle or the 2138
license plate issued to the motor vehicle was stolen and 2139
therefore was in the care, custody, or control of some person or 2140
entity to whom the registered owner did not grant permission to 2141
use the motor vehicle. To demonstrate that the motor vehicle or 2142
the license plate was stolen prior to the accessible parking law 2143
violation and therefore was not under the control or possession 2144
of the registered owner at the time of the violation, the 2145
registered owner shall submit proof that a report about the 2146
stolen motor vehicle or license plate was filed with the 2147
appropriate law enforcement agency prior to the violation or 2148
within forty-eight hours after the violation occurred. 2149

(2) The operator of the motor vehicle or the registered 2150
owner is not responsible for an accessible parking law violation 2151
if, within thirty days after receipt of the ticket by mail, the 2152
operator or registered owner furnishes an affidavit specified in 2153
division (B) (1) (a), (b), or (c) of this section, as applicable, 2154
to the court or parking violations bureau with jurisdiction in a 2155
form established by the court or bureau and the following 2156
conditions are met: 2157

(a) If the operator of the motor vehicle or the registered 2158
owner submits an affidavit as specified in division (B) (1) (a) of 2159
this section, the affidavit is supported by evidence of the 2160

valid or correct accessible license plate or removable 2161
windshield placard. 2162

(b) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as 2163
specified in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, the designated 2164
party either accepts liability for the violation by paying the 2165
civil penalty or by failing to request a court or parking 2166
violations bureau hearing within thirty days or is determined 2167
liable in a hearing. 2168

(c) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as 2169
specified in division (B) (1) (c) of this section, the affidavit 2170
is supported by a stolen vehicle or stolen license plate report 2171
as required in that division. 2172

(C) If the registered owner is a motor vehicle leasing 2173
dealer or a motor vehicle renting dealer, notify the court or 2174
parking violations bureau with jurisdiction of the name and 2175
address of the lessee or renter of the motor vehicle at the time 2176
of the accessible parking law violation. The court or bureau 2177
shall establish the form of the notice. A motor vehicle leasing 2178
dealer or motor vehicle renting dealer who receives a ticket for 2179
an alleged accessible parking law violation is not liable for a 2180
ticket issued for a motor vehicle that was in the care, custody, 2181
or control of a lessee or renter at the time of the alleged 2182
violation. The dealer shall not pay such a ticket and 2183
subsequently attempt to collect a fee or assess the lessee or 2184
renter a charge for any payment of such a ticket made on behalf 2185
of the lessee or renter. 2186

(D) If the motor vehicle involved in the accessible 2187
parking law violation is a commercial motor vehicle and the 2188
ticket is issued to a corporate entity, provide to the court or 2189
parking violations bureau with jurisdiction an affidavit in a 2190

form established by the court or bureau, sworn to or affirmed by 2191
an agent of the corporate entity, that provides the name and 2192
address of the employee who was operating and parked the motor 2193
vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and who is the 2194
designated party. 2195

(E) Contest the ticket by filing a written request for a 2196
court or parking violations bureau hearing to review the ticket 2197
in a form established by the court or bureau. The person shall 2198
file the written request not later than thirty days after 2199
receipt of the ticket by mail. The failure to request a hearing 2200
within this time period constitutes a waiver of the right to 2201
contest the violation and ticket, and is deemed to constitute an 2202
admission of liability. 2203

Sec. 4511.699. (A) (1) A court or a parking violations 2204
bureau with jurisdiction that receives an affidavit described in 2205
division (B) (1) (b) or (D) of section 4511.698 of the Revised 2206
Code or a notification under division (C) of that section from a 2207
registered owner may proceed to notify the law enforcement 2208
agency to send a ticket that conforms with this section and 2209
section 4511.697 of the Revised Code to the designated party. 2210

(2) The law enforcement agency shall send the conforming 2211
ticket to the designated party by ordinary mail not later than 2212
twenty-one days after receipt of the notification from the court 2213
or parking violations bureau. 2214

(B) (1) If a hearing is requested under division (E) of 2215
section 4511.698 of the Revised Code, the court or bureau shall 2216
issue a written decision imposing liability for the violation 2217
upon an individual if the court or bureau finds by a 2218
preponderance of the evidence that: 2219

(a) The alleged accessible parking law violation did in 2220
fact occur; 2221

(b) The person named in the original or any subsequent 2222
ticket is the person who was operating and parked the motor 2223
vehicle at the time of the violation. 2224

The court or bureau shall submit the decision to the law 2225
enforcement agency and the person named in the ticket. 2226

(2) If the court or bureau finds by a preponderance of the 2227
evidence that the alleged accessible parking law violation did 2228
not occur or did in fact occur but the person named in the 2229
original or any subsequent ticket is not the person who was 2230
operating and parked the motor vehicle at the time of the 2231
violation, the court or bureau shall issue a written decision 2232
finding that the individual is not liable for the violation and 2233
submit it to the law enforcement agency and the person named in 2234
the ticket. 2235

(3) If the person who requested the court hearing fails to 2236
appear, the court or bureau shall determine that the person is 2237
liable for the violation. In such a case, the court or bureau 2238
shall issue a written decision imposing liability for the 2239
violation upon the individual and submit it to the law 2240
enforcement agency and the person named in the ticket. 2241

(4) The court or bureau shall render a decision on the day 2242
a hearing takes place. 2243

(C) The court or bureau shall charge the applicable costs 2244
and fees for the civil action to the party that does not prevail 2245
in the action. 2246

Sec. 4517.12. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 2247
deny the application of any person for a license as a motor 2248

vehicle dealer, motor vehicle leasing dealer, or motor vehicle 2249
auction owner and refuse to issue the license if the registrar 2250
finds that the applicant: 2251

(1) Has made any false statement of a material fact in the 2252
application; 2253

(2) Has not complied with sections 4517.01 to 4517.45 of 2254
the Revised Code; 2255

(3) Is of bad business repute or has habitually defaulted 2256
on financial obligations; 2257

(4) Is engaged or will engage in the business of selling 2258
at retail any new motor vehicles without having written 2259
authority from the manufacturer or distributor thereof to sell 2260
new motor vehicles and to perform repairs under the terms of the 2261
manufacturer's or distributor's new motor vehicle warranty, 2262
except as provided in division (C) of this section and except 2263
that a person who assembles or installs special equipment or 2264
accessories for ~~persons with disabilities~~ a person with a 2265
disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk, as 2266
defined in section 4503.44 of the Revised Code, upon a motor 2267
vehicle chassis supplied by a manufacturer or distributor shall 2268
not be denied a license pursuant to division (A) (4) of this 2269
section; 2270

(5) Has been convicted of a disqualifying offense as 2271
determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code; 2272

(6) Has entered into or is about to enter into a contract 2273
or agreement with a manufacturer or distributor of motor 2274
vehicles that is contrary to sections 4517.01 to 4517.45 of the 2275
Revised Code; 2276

(7) Is insolvent; 2277

(8) Is of insufficient responsibility to ensure the prompt 2278
payment of any final judgments that might reasonably be entered 2279
against the applicant because of the transaction of business as 2280
a motor vehicle dealer, motor vehicle leasing dealer, or motor 2281
vehicle auction owner during the period of the license applied 2282
for, or has failed to satisfy any such judgment; 2283

(9) Has no established place of business that, where 2284
applicable, is used or will be used for the purpose of selling, 2285
displaying, offering for sale, dealing in, or leasing motor 2286
vehicles at the location for which application is made; 2287

(10) Has, less than twelve months prior to making 2288
application, been denied a motor vehicle dealer's, motor vehicle 2289
leasing dealer's, or motor vehicle auction owner's license, or 2290
has any such license revoked; 2291

(11) Is a manufacturer, or a parent company, subsidiary, 2292
or affiliated entity of a manufacturer, applying for a license 2293
to sell or lease new or used motor vehicles at retail. Division 2294
(A) (11) of this section shall not serve as a basis for the 2295
termination, revocation, or nonrenewal of a license granted 2296
prior to September 4, 2014. Nothing in division (A) (11) of this 2297
section shall prohibit a manufacturer from doing either of the 2298
following: 2299

(a) Owning, operating, or controlling not more than three 2300
licensed motor vehicle dealerships if, as of January 1, 2014, 2301
the manufacturer was selling or otherwise distributing its motor 2302
vehicles at an established place of business in this state. Such 2303
ownership, operation, or control may continue unless the 2304
manufacturer's motor vehicle operations are sold or acquired or 2305
the manufacturer produces any motor vehicles other than all- 2306
electric motor vehicles. 2307

(b) Disposing of motor vehicles at wholesale at the 2308
termination of a consumer lease through a motor vehicle auction. 2309

(B) If the applicant is a corporation or partnership, the 2310
registrar may refuse to issue a license if any officer, 2311
director, or partner of the applicant has been guilty of any act 2312
or omission that would be cause for refusing or revoking a 2313
license issued to such officer, director, or partner as an 2314
individual. The registrar's finding may be based upon facts 2315
contained in the application or upon any other information the 2316
registrar may have. Immediately upon denying an application for 2317
any of the reasons in this section, the registrar shall enter a 2318
final order together with the registrar's findings and certify 2319
the same to the motor vehicle dealers' and salespersons' 2320
licensing board. 2321

(C) Notwithstanding division (A) (4) of this section, the 2322
registrar shall not deny the application of any person and 2323
refuse to issue a license if the registrar finds that the 2324
applicant is engaged or will engage in the business of selling 2325
at retail any new motor vehicles and demonstrates all of the 2326
following in the form prescribed by the registrar: 2327

(1) That the applicant has posted a bond, surety, or 2328
certificate of deposit with the registrar in an amount not less 2329
than one hundred thousand dollars for the protection and benefit 2330
of the applicant's customers except that a new motor vehicle 2331
dealer who is not exclusively engaged in the business of selling 2332
remanufactured vehicles shall not be required to post the bond, 2333
surety, or certificate of deposit otherwise required by division 2334
(C) (1) of this section; 2335

(2) That, at the time of the sale of the vehicle, each 2336
customer of the applicant will be furnished with a warranty 2337

issued by the remanufacturer for a term of at least one year;	2338
(3) That the applicant provides and maintains at the	2339
applicant's location and place of business a permanent facility	2340
with all of the following:	2341
(a) A showroom with space, under roof, for the display of	2342
at least one new motor vehicle;	2343
(b) A service and parts facility for remanufactured	2344
vehicles;	2345
(c) Full-time service and parts personnel with the proper	2346
training and technical expertise to service the remanufactured	2347
vehicles sold by the applicant.	2348
Sec. 4521.01. As used in this chapter:	2349
(A) "Parking infraction" means a violation of any	2350
ordinance, resolution, or regulation enacted by a local	2351
authority that regulates the standing or parking of vehicles and	2352
that is authorized pursuant to section 505.17 or 4511.07 of the	2353
Revised Code, or a violation of any ordinance, resolution, or	2354
regulation enacted by a local authority as authorized by this	2355
chapter, if the local authority in either of these cases also	2356
has enacted an ordinance, resolution, or regulation of the type	2357
described in division (A) of section 4521.02 of the Revised Code	2358
in relation to the particular regulatory ordinance, resolution,	2359
or regulation.	2360
(B) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01	2361
of the Revised Code.	2362
(C) "Court" means a municipal court, county court,	2363
juvenile court, or mayor's court, unless specifically identified	2364
as one of these courts, in which case it means the specifically	2365

identified court. 2366

(D) "Local authority" means every county, municipal 2367
corporation, township, or other local board or body having 2368
authority to adopt police regulations pursuant to the 2369
constitution and laws of this state. 2370

(E) "Accessible parking space" means a motor vehicle 2371
parking location that is reserved for the exclusive standing or 2372
parking of a vehicle that is operated by or on behalf of a 2373
person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to 2374
walk and displays ~~a placard or an accessible license plates~~ 2375
plate issued under section 4503.44-4503.41 or 4503.441 of the 2376
Revised Code, a removable windshield placard issued under 2377
section 4503.442 of the Revised Code, or any substantially 2378
similar accessible license plate or removable windshield placard 2379
issued by another state, district, country, or sovereignty. 2380

(F) "Person with a disability that limits or impairs the 2381
ability to walk" has the same meaning as in section 4503.44 of 2382
the Revised Code. 2383

Sec. 4521.02. (A) A local authority that enacts any 2384
ordinance, resolution, or regulation that regulates the standing 2385
or parking of vehicles and that is authorized pursuant to 2386
section 505.17 or 4511.07 of the Revised Code also by ordinance, 2387
resolution, or regulation may specify that a violation of the 2388
regulatory ordinance, resolution, or regulation shall not be 2389
considered a criminal offense for any purpose, that a person who 2390
commits the violation shall not be arrested as a result of the 2391
commission of the violation, and that the violation shall be 2392
handled pursuant to this chapter. If such a specification is 2393
made, the local authority also by ordinance, resolution, or 2394
regulation shall adopt a fine for a violation of the regulatory 2395

ordinance, resolution, or regulation and prescribe an additional 2396
penalty or penalties for failure to answer any charges of the 2397
violation in a timely manner. In no case shall any fine adopted 2398
or additional penalty prescribed pursuant to this division 2399
exceed the fine established by the municipal or county court 2400
having territorial jurisdiction over the entire or a majority of 2401
the political subdivision of the local authority, in its 2402
schedule of fines established pursuant to Traffic Rule 13(C), 2403
for a substantively comparable violation. Except as provided in 2404
this division, in no case shall any fine adopted or additional 2405
penalty prescribed pursuant to this division exceed one hundred 2406
dollars, plus costs and other administrative charges, per 2407
violation. 2408

If a local authority chooses to adopt a specific fine for 2409
a violation of an ordinance, resolution, or regulation that 2410
regulates the standing or parking of a vehicle in an accessible 2411
parking space, the fine the local authority establishes for such 2412
offense shall be an amount not less than two hundred fifty 2413
dollars but not more than ~~five~~seven hundred fifty dollars. 2414

(B) A local authority that enacts an ordinance, 2415
resolution, or regulation pursuant to division (A) of this 2416
section also may enact an ordinance, resolution, or regulation 2417
that provides for the impoundment or immobilization of vehicles 2418
found standing or parked in violation of the regulatory 2419
ordinance, resolution, or regulation and the release of the 2420
vehicles to their owners. In no case shall an ordinance, 2421
resolution, or regulation require the owner of the vehicle to 2422
post bond or deposit cash in excess of one thousand dollars in 2423
order to obtain release of the vehicle. 2424

(C) A local authority that enacts any ordinance, 2425

resolution, or regulation pursuant to division (A) of this 2426
section also shall enact an ordinance, resolution, or regulation 2427
that specifies the time within which a person who is issued a 2428
parking ticket must answer in relation to the parking infraction 2429
charged in the ticket. 2430

Sec. 4731.481. No physician shall do ~~either~~ any of the 2431
following: 2432

(A) ~~Furnish a person with a prescription in order~~ Complete 2433
the accessible parking certification form to enable the a person 2434
to be issued an accessible license plate, a standard removable 2435
windshield placard, a temporary removable windshield placard, or 2436
a permanent removable windshield placard, ~~or license plates~~ 2437
under either section 4503.44-4503.441 or 4503.442 of the Revised 2438
Code, knowing that the person does not meet any of the criteria 2439
contained in division ~~(A)(1)~~ (A) of ~~that~~ section 4503.44 of the 2440
Revised Code; 2441

(B) ~~Furnish a person with a prescription~~ Complete the 2442
accessible parking certification form described in division (A) 2443
of this section and knowingly misstate on the ~~prescription form~~ 2444
the length of time the physician expects the person to have the 2445
disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to walk 2446
in order to enable the person to retain a removable windshield 2447
placard issued under section ~~4503.44-4503.442~~ of the Revised 2448
Code for a period of time longer than that which would be 2449
estimated by a similar practitioner under the same or similar 2450
circumstances; 2451

(C) Fail to retain information sufficient to substantiate 2452
that the person is eligible for accessible parking privileges. 2453

Sec. 4734.161. No chiropractor shall do ~~either~~ any of the 2454

following: 2455

(A) ~~Furnish a person with a prescription in order~~ Complete 2456
the accessible parking certification form to enable the a person 2457
to be issued an accessible license plate, a standard removable 2458
windshield placard, a temporary removable windshield placard, or 2459
a permanent removable windshield placard, ~~or license plates~~ 2460
under either section 4503.44 4503.441 or 4503.442 of the Revised 2461
Code, knowing that the person does not meet any of the criteria 2462
contained in division ~~(A)(1)~~ (A) of ~~that~~ section 4503.44 of the 2463
Revised Code; 2464

(B) ~~Furnish a person with a prescription~~ Complete the 2465
accessible parking certification form described in division (A) 2466
of this section and knowingly misstate on the ~~prescription form~~ 2467
the length of time the chiropractor expects the person to have 2468
the disability that limits or impairs the person's ability to 2469
walk in order to enable the person to retain a removable 2470
windshield placard issued under section ~~4503.44 4503.442~~ of the 2471
Revised Code for a period of time longer than that which would 2472
be estimated by a similar practitioner under the same or similar 2473
circumstances; 2474

(C) Fail to retain information sufficient to substantiate 2475
that the person is eligible for accessible parking privileges. 2476

Section 2. That existing sections 311.30, 505.541, 509.04, 2477
3501.29, 3781.111, 4503.038, 4503.10, 4503.12, 4503.41, 4503.44, 2478
4511.69, 4517.12, 4521.01, 4521.02, 4731.481, and 4734.161 of 2479
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 2480

Section 3. The General Assembly, applying the principle 2481
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that 2482
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 2483

simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 2484
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 2485
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 2486
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 2487
as presented in this act: 2488

Section 3501.29 of the Revised Code as amended by both 2489
H.B. 281 and H.B. 458 of the 134th General Assembly. 2490

Section 4503.44 of the Revised Code as amended by both 2491
H.B. 33 and H.B. 195 of the 135th General Assembly. 2492