

Sub. H. B. No. 96
As Passed by the Senate
DPSCD20; DPSCD71; OBMCD38

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 92136, strike through "Fifteen" and insert " <u>Eighteen</u> ";	1
delete " <u>twenty</u> " and insert " <u>twenty-three</u> "	2
In line 92152, delete " <u>twenty-</u> "	3
In line 92153, delete " <u>dollar</u> " and insert " <u>twenty-three-dollar</u> "	4
After line 92238, insert:	5
"(5) <u>Three dollars of the amount received by the registrar under</u>	6
<u>division (A) (1) (b) of this section shall be paid into the state treasury</u>	7
<u>to the credit of the security, investigations, and policing fund created</u>	8
<u>by section 4501.11 of the Revised Code to be used for the purposes</u>	9
<u>specified in division (B) (1) of that section.</u> "	10
In line 95619, strike through "Fifteen" and insert " <u>Eighteen</u> ";	11
delete " <u>twenty</u> " and insert " <u>twenty-three</u> "	12
In line 95635, delete " <u>twenty-</u> "	13
In line 95636, delete " <u>dollar</u> " and insert " <u>twenty-three-dollar</u> "	14
After line 95675, insert:	15
"(4) <u>Three dollars of the amount received by the registrar under</u>	16



division (A) (1) (a) of this section shall be paid into the state treasury 17
to the credit of the security, investigations, and policing fund created 18
by section 4501.11 of the Revised Code to be used for the purposes 19
specified in division (B) (1) of that section." 20

After line 123794, insert: 21

"**Sec. 5503.02.** (A) The state highway patrol shall enforce 22
the laws of the state relating to the titling, registration, and 23
licensing of motor vehicles; enforce on all roads and highways, 24
notwithstanding section 4513.39 of the Revised Code, the laws 25
relating to the operation and use of vehicles on the highways; 26
enforce and prevent the violation of the laws relating to the 27
size, weight, and speed of commercial motor vehicles and all 28
laws designed for the protection of the highway pavements and 29
structures on the highways; investigate and enforce rules and 30
laws of the public utilities commission governing the 31
transportation of persons and property by motor carriers and 32
report violations of such rules and laws to the commission; 33
enforce against any motor carrier as defined in section 4923.01 34
of the Revised Code those rules and laws that, if violated, may 35
result in a forfeiture as provided in section 4923.99 of the 36
Revised Code; investigate and report violations of all laws 37
relating to the collection of excise taxes on motor vehicle 38
fuels; and regulate the movement of traffic on the roads and 39
highways of the state, notwithstanding section 4513.39 of the 40
Revised Code. 41

The patrol, whenever possible, shall determine the 42
identity of the persons who are causing or who are responsible 43
for the breaking, damaging, or destruction of any improved 44
surfaced roadway, structure, sign, marker, guardrail, or other 45
appurtenance constructed or maintained by the department of 46

transportation and shall arrest the persons who are responsible 47
for the breaking, damaging, or destruction and bring them before 48
the proper officials for prosecution. 49

State highway patrol troopers shall investigate and report 50
all motor vehicle accidents on all roads and highways outside of 51
municipal corporations. The superintendent of the patrol or any 52
state highway patrol trooper may arrest, without a warrant, any 53
person, who is the driver of or a passenger in any vehicle 54
operated or standing on a state highway, whom the superintendent 55
or trooper has reasonable cause to believe is guilty of a 56
felony, under the same circumstances and with the same power 57
that any peace officer may make such an arrest. 58

The superintendent or any state highway patrol trooper may 59
enforce the criminal laws on all state properties and state 60
institutions, owned or leased by the state, and, when so ordered 61
by the governor in the event of riot, civil disorder, or 62
insurrection, may, pursuant to sections 2935.03 to 2935.05 of 63
the Revised Code, arrest offenders against the criminal laws 64
wherever they may be found within the state if the violations 65
occurred upon, or resulted in injury to person or property on, 66
state properties or state institutions, or under the conditions 67
described in division (B) of this section. This authority of the 68
superintendent and any state highway patrol trooper to enforce 69
the criminal laws shall extend to the Lake Erie Correctional 70
Institution and the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center, to the 71
same extent as if those prisons were owned by this state. 72

(B) In the event of riot, civil disorder, or insurrection, 73
or the reasonable threat of riot, civil disorder, or 74
insurrection, and upon request, as provided in this section, of 75
the sheriff of a county or the mayor or other chief executive of 76

a municipal corporation, the governor may order the state 77
highway patrol to enforce the criminal laws within the area 78
threatened by riot, civil disorder, or insurrection, as 79
designated by the governor, upon finding that law enforcement 80
agencies within the counties involved will not be reasonably 81
capable of controlling the riot, civil disorder, or insurrection 82
and that additional assistance is necessary. In cities in which 83
the sheriff is under contract to provide exclusive police 84
services pursuant to section 311.29 of the Revised Code, in 85
villages, and in the unincorporated areas of the county, the 86
sheriff has exclusive authority to request the use of the 87
patrol. In cities in which the sheriff does not exclusively 88
provide police services, the mayor, or other chief executive 89
performing the duties of mayor, has exclusive authority to 90
request the use of the patrol. 91

The superintendent or any state highway patrol trooper may 92
enforce the criminal laws within the area designated by the 93
governor during the emergency arising out of the riot, civil 94
disorder, or insurrection until released by the governor upon 95
consultation with the requesting authority. State highway patrol 96
troopers shall never be used as peace officers in connection 97
with any strike or labor dispute. 98

When a request for the use of the patrol is made pursuant 99
to this division, the requesting authority shall notify the law 100
enforcement authorities in contiguous communities and the 101
sheriff of each county within which the threatened area, or any 102
part of the threatened area, lies of the request, but the 103
failure to notify the authorities or a sheriff shall not affect 104
the validity of the request. 105

(C) Any person who is arrested by the superintendent or a 106

state highway patrol trooper shall be taken before any court or 107
magistrate having jurisdiction of the offense with which the 108
person is charged. Any person who is arrested or apprehended 109
within the limits of a municipal corporation shall be brought 110
before the municipal court or other tribunal of the municipal 111
corporation. 112

(D) (1) State highway patrol troopers have the same right 113
and power of search and seizure as other peace officers. 114

No state official shall command, order, or direct any 115
state highway patrol trooper to perform any duty or service that 116
is not authorized by law. The powers and duties conferred on the 117
patrol are supplementary to, and in no way a limitation on, the 118
powers and duties of sheriffs or other peace officers of the 119
state. 120

(2) (a) A state highway patrol trooper, pursuant to the 121
policy established by the superintendent of the state highway 122
patrol under division (D) (2) (b) of this section, may render 123
emergency assistance to any other peace officer who has arrest 124
authority under section 2935.03 of the Revised Code, if both of 125
the following apply: 126

(i) There is a threat of imminent physical danger to the 127
peace officer, a threat of physical harm to another person, or 128
any other serious emergency situation; 129

(ii) Either the peace officer requests emergency 130
assistance, or it appears that the peace officer is unable to 131
request emergency assistance and the circumstances observed by 132
the state highway patrol trooper reasonably indicate that 133
emergency assistance is appropriate, or the peace officer 134
requests emergency assistance and in the request the peace 135

officer specifies a particular location and the state highway 136
patrol trooper arrives at that location prior to the time that 137
the peace officer arrives at that location and the circumstances 138
observed by the state highway patrol trooper reasonably indicate 139
that emergency assistance is appropriate. 140

(b) The superintendent of the state highway patrol shall 141
establish, within sixty days of August 8, 1991, a policy that 142
sets forth the manner and procedures by which a state highway 143
patrol trooper may render emergency assistance to any other 144
peace officer under division (D) (2) (a) of this section. The 145
policy shall include a provision that a state highway patrol 146
trooper never be used as a peace officer in connection with any 147
strike or labor dispute. 148

(3) (a) A state highway patrol trooper who renders 149
emergency assistance to any other peace officer under the policy 150
established by the superintendent pursuant to division (D) (2) (b) 151
of this section shall be considered to be performing regular 152
employment for the purposes of compensation, pension, indemnity 153
fund rights, workers' compensation, and other rights or benefits 154
to which the trooper may be entitled as incident to regular 155
employment. 156

(b) A state highway patrol trooper who renders emergency 157
assistance to any other peace officer under the policy 158
established by the superintendent pursuant to division (D) (2) (b) 159
of this section retains personal immunity from liability as 160
specified in section 9.86 of the Revised Code. 161

(c) A state highway patrol trooper who renders emergency 162
assistance under the policy established by the superintendent 163
pursuant to division (D) (2) (b) of this section has the same 164
authority as the peace officer for or with whom the state 165

highway patrol trooper is providing emergency assistance. 166

(E) (1) Subject to the availability of funds specifically 167
appropriated by the general assembly for security detail 168
purposes, the state highway patrol shall provide security as 169
follows: 170

(a) For the governor; 171

(b) At the direction of the governor, for other officials 172
of the state government of this state; officials of the state 173
governments of other states who are visiting this state; 174
officials of the United States government who are visiting this 175
state; officials of the governments of foreign countries or 176
their political subdivisions who are visiting this state; or 177
other officials or dignitaries who are visiting this state, 178
including, but not limited to, members of trade missions; 179

(c) For the capitol square, as defined in section 105.41 180
of the Revised Code; 181

(d) For the Vern Riffe center and the James A. Rhodes 182
state office tower, as directed by the department of public 183
safety; 184

(e) For other state property. 185

(2) To carry out the security responsibilities of the 186
patrol listed in division (E) (1) of this section, the 187
superintendent may assign state highway patrol troopers to a 188
separate unit that is responsible for security details. The 189
number of troopers assigned to particular security details shall 190
be determined by the superintendent. 191

(3) The superintendent and any state highway patrol 192
trooper, when providing security pursuant to division ~~(E) (1) (a)~~ 193

~~or (b)~~ (E) (1) of this section, have the same arrest powers as
other peace officers to apprehend offenders against the criminal
laws who endanger or threaten the security of any person or
state property being protected under division (E) of this
section, no matter where the offense occurs. This arrest
authority is concurrent with that of any other peace officer, as
defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code, or any other law
enforcement officer, as defined in section 2901.01 of the
Revised Code, with jurisdiction at the respective location.

The superintendent, any state highway patrol trooper, and
any special police officer designated under section 5503.09 of
the Revised Code, if providing security pursuant to division (E)
(1) (c) of this section, shall enforce any rules governing
capitol square adopted by the capitol square review and advisory
board.

(F) The governor may order the state highway patrol to
undertake major criminal investigations that involve state
property interests. If an investigation undertaken pursuant to
this division results in either the issuance of a no bill or the
filing of an indictment, the superintendent shall file a
complete and accurate report of the investigation with the
president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
representatives, the minority leader of the senate, and the
minority leader of the house of representatives within fifteen
days after the issuance of the no bill or the filing of an
indictment. If the investigation does not have as its result any
prosecutorial action, the superintendent shall, upon reporting
this fact to the governor, file a complete and accurate report
of the investigation with the president of the senate, the
speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of

the senate, and the minority leader of the house of 224
representatives. 225

(G) The superintendent may purchase or lease real property 226
and buildings needed by the patrol, negotiate the sale of real 227
property owned by the patrol, rent or lease real property owned 228
or leased by the patrol, and make or cause to be made repairs to 229
all property owned or under the control of the patrol. Any 230
instrument by which real property is acquired pursuant to this 231
division shall identify the agency of the state that has the use 232
and benefit of the real property as specified in section 233
5301.012 of the Revised Code. 234

Sections 123.01 and 125.02 of the Revised Code do not 235
limit the powers granted to the superintendent by this 236
division." 237

In line 157504, delete "Section" and insert "Sections"; after 238
"127.13" insert ", 4505.09, and 4519.59" 239

Update the title, amend, enact, or repeal clauses accordingly 240

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Certificate of title fee increase

R.C. 4505.09 and 4519.59; Section 820.80

Restores provisions from the Executive version of the bill 244
that increase by \$3 (from \$15 to \$18) beginning January 1, 2026, 245
the general certificate of title fee and allocate the increase 246

to the Security, Investigations, and Policing Fund.	247
Specifies that the \$3 must be used within that Fund for	248
the OSHP's security operations related to protecting specified	249
officials and state property.	250
Delays until January 1, 2026, the bill's modifications to	251
the membership of the Automated Title Processing Board and the	252
potential additional \$5 increase to the certificate of title fee	253
when adopted by a board of county commissioners.	254
Ohio State Highway Patrol jurisdiction	255
R.C. 5503.02	256
Expands the jurisdiction of the OSHP to arrest any person	257
who threatens the security of another person or state property,	258
concurrent with the arresting authority of the local law	259
enforcement, when OSHP is providing security for the Governor,	260
other specified officials, Capital Square, the Vern Riffe	261
Center, the James A. Rhodes State Office Tower, and other state	262
property.	263