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To amend sections 4501.01 and 4503.181 of the  
Revised Code to allow for the registration of a  
high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle  
manufactured for military purposes, otherwise  
known as a humvee, as a historical motor  
vehicle.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4501.01 and 4503.181 of the  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 4501.01.** As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503.,  
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of the  
Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise  
provided:

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners,  
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric  
personal assistive mobility devices, low-speed micromobility  
devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively on rails or  
tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and vehicles  
that belong to any police department, municipal fire department,  
or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such a

department in the discharge of its functions. 20

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 21  
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 22  
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 23  
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 24  
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 25  
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 26  
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 27  
motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction 28  
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 29  
in construction work and not designed for or employed in general 30  
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 31  
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 32  
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 33  
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 34  
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 35  
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 36

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 37  
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 38  
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 39  
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 40  
used principally for agricultural purposes. 41

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 42  
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 43  
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 44  
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 45  
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 46  
its load, or both. 47

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 48  
designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 49

includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 50  
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 51  
arrangement. 52

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 53  
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 54  
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 55  
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 56  
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 57  
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 58  
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 59  
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 60  
agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 61  
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 62  
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 63  
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 64  
provisions in the laws of other states. 65

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 66  
~~that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a~~ 67  
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 68  
exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 69  
event is used for general transportation, and is either of the 70  
following: 71

(1) Over twenty-five years old; 72

(2) A high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle 73  
manufactured for military purposes. 74

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 75  
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 76  
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 77  
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 78

purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 79

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 80  
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 81  
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 82  
not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 83

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 84  
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 85  
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 86

(K) "Bicycle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 87  
of the Revised Code. 88

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 89  
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 90  
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 91  
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 92  
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 93  
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 94  
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 95  
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 96  
bicycle. 97

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 98  
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 99  
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 100  
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 101  
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 102  
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 103  
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 104  
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 105  
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 106  
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 107

designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 108  
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 109  
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 110  
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 111  
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 112  
travel trailer. 113

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 114  
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 115  
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 116  
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 117  
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 118  
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 119  
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 120  
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 121  
personal or recreational purposes. 122

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 123  
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 124  
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 125  
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 126  
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 127  
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 128  
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 129  
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 130  
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 131

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 132  
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 133  
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 134  
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 135  
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 136  
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 137

and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 138  
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 139  
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 140  
semitrailer into a trailer. 141

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 142  
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 143

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 144  
travel. 145

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 146  
for profit. 147

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in 148  
intrastate commerce. 149

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined 150  
in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 151

(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission 152  
pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code. 153

(6) It is classed as one of the following: 154

(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself- 155  
propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall 156  
length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or 157  
coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping 158  
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 159

(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational 160  
vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with 161  
permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and 162  
consuming of food, and for sleeping. 163

(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational 164

vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed 165  
to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck 166  
camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and 167  
a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to 168  
be used as a dwelling. 169

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 170  
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 171  
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 172  
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 173  
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 174  
installed in the bed of a truck. 175

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 176  
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 177  
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 178  
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 179  
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 180  
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 181  
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 182  
appliances. 183

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 184  
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 185

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 186  
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 187  
the load. 188

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 189  
equipped with two or more solid tires. 190

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 191  
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, 192  
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural 193

produce or agricultural production materials between a local 194  
place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 195  
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 196  
hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 197  
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 198

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 199  
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 200  
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 201  
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 202

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 203  
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 204  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 205  
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 206  
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 207  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 208  
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 209  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 210  
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 211  
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 212  
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 213  
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 214  
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 215  
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 216  
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 217  
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 218  
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 219  
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 220  
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 221  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 222  
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 223  
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 224

vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 225  
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 226  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or 227  
dealing in motor vehicles. 228

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates 229  
a motor vehicle upon the public highways. 230

(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor 231  
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any 232  
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than 233  
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, 234  
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by 235  
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily 236  
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an 237  
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, 238  
compensation, or profit. 239

(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts 240  
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada. 241

(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all 242  
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts. 243

(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's 244  
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the 245  
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle. 246

(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original 247  
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor 248  
of the vehicle. 249

(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a 250  
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to 251  
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of 252  
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of 253

distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle 254  
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle 255  
dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the 256  
location of the distributor's licensed dealership. 257

(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 258  
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is 259  
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 260  
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 261  
buspools. 262

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is 263  
used or intended for use in two or more international 264  
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or 265  
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the 266  
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 267  
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and 268  
that meets any of the following qualifications: 269

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in 270  
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; 271

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless 272  
of the gross vehicle weight; 273

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 274  
in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 275

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 276  
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up 277  
and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the 278  
United States, this state, or any political subdivisions 279  
thereof. 280

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who 281  
contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger- 282

carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in 283  
accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 284  
United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 285  
group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 286  
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 287  
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 288

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 289  
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 290  
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 291  
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 292  
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 293  
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 294  
member jurisdictions. 295

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 296  
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 297  
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 298  
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 299

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 300  
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 301  
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 302  
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 303  
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 304  
vehicle. 305

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 306  
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 307  
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 308  
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 309  
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 310  
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 311  
vehicles. 312

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 313  
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 314  
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation 315  
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under 316  
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 317  
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 318  
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 319  
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 320  
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 321  
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 322

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 323  
division (C)(4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 324

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 325  
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 326  
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 327  
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 328  
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 329  
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 330  
mobile homes. 331

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 332  
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 333  
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 334

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 335  
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 336  
an information system or for transmission from one information 337  
system to another. 338

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 339  
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 340  
electronic record. 341

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 342  
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 343

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 344  
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 345  
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 346  
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 347  
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 348  
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 349

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 350  
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 351  
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 352  
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 353  
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 354  
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 355  
hour. 356

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 357  
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 358  
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 359  
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 360  
privilege has been suspended. 361

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 362  
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 363  
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 364  
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 365  
handling, or similar activities. 366

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 367  
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 368  
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 369  
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 370

rating less than three thousand pounds. 371

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 372  
vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 373  
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 374  
twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 375  
less than three thousand pounds. 376

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 377  
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 378  
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 379  
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 380  
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic 381  
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 382  
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 383  
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 384

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 385  
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 386  
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 387  
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 388  
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 389

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 390  
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 391  
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 392  
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 393  
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 394

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 395  
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 396  
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 397  
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 398  
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 399

hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed 400  
cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup 401  
truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 402  
vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 403  
motor vehicle safety standards. 404

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 405  
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 406  
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 407  
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 408  
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 409

(DDD) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a 410  
passenger car powered in part by a battery cell energy system 411  
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 412

(EEE) "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered 413  
by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the 414  
following: 415

(1) A combustion engine; 416

(2) A battery cell energy system that cannot be recharged 417  
via an external source of electricity but can be recharged by 418  
other vehicle mechanisms that capture and store electric energy. 419

(FFF) "Low-speed micromobility device" means a device 420  
weighing less than one hundred pounds that has handlebars, is 421  
propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an 422  
attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 423  
twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor. 424

(GGG) "Specialty license plate" means a license plate, 425  
authorized by the general assembly, that displays a combination 426  
of words, markings, logos, or other graphic artwork that is in 427  
addition to the words, images, and distinctive numbers and 428

letters required by section 4503.22 of the Revised Code. 429

(HHH) "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a passenger 430  
car powered wholly by a battery cell energy system that can be 431  
recharged via an external source of electricity. 432

(III) "Adaptive mobility vehicle" means a passenger car or 433  
bus that is designed, modified, or equipped to enable an 434  
individual with a disability to operate or to be transported in 435  
the passenger car or bus, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 568 436  
or 595, and contains at least one of the following: 437

(1) An electronic or mechanical lift that enables a person 438  
to enter or exit the motor vehicle while occupying a wheelchair 439  
or scooter; 440

(2) An electronic or mechanical wheelchair ramp; 441

(3) A system to secure a wheelchair or scooter in order to 442  
allow a person to operate or be transported safely while 443  
occupying that wheelchair or scooter. 444

(JJJ) "Replica motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that 445  
is constructed, assembled, or modified so as to replicate the 446  
make, model, and model year of a motor vehicle that is at least 447  
twenty-five years old. 448

**Sec. 4503.181.** (A) As used in this section, "historical 449  
motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle that ~~is more than twenty-~~ 450  
~~five years old and that is~~ owned solely as a collector's item 451  
and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, 452  
parades, and similar uses and is either of the following: 453

(1) Over twenty-five years old; 454

(2) A high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle 455  
manufactured for military purposes. 456

A historical motor vehicle shall not be used for general 457  
transportation, but may be operated on the public roads and 458  
highways to and from a location where maintenance is performed 459  
on the vehicle. 460

(B) In lieu of the annual license tax levied in sections 461  
4503.02 and 4503.04 of the Revised Code, a license fee of ten 462  
dollars is levied on the operation of a historical motor 463  
vehicle. 464

(C) A person who owns a historical motor vehicle and 465  
applies for a historical license plate under this section shall 466  
execute an affidavit that the vehicle for which the plate is 467  
requested is owned and operated solely for the purposes 468  
enumerated in division (A) of this section. The affidavit also 469  
shall set forth that the vehicle has been inspected and found 470  
safe to operate on the public roads and highways in the state. A 471  
person who owns a historical motor vehicle and desires to 472  
display a model year license plate on the vehicle as permitted 473  
by this section shall execute at the time of registration an 474  
affidavit setting forth that the model year license plate the 475  
person desires to display on the person's historical motor 476  
vehicle is a legible and serviceable license plate that 477  
originally was issued by this state. No registration issued 478  
pursuant to this section need specify the weight of the vehicle. 479

(D) A vehicle registered under this section may display 480  
either a historical vehicle license plate issued by the 481  
registrar of motor vehicles or a model year license plate 482  
procured by the applicant. A historical vehicle license plate 483  
shall not bear a date, but shall bear the inscription 484  
"Historical Vehicle--Ohio" and the registration number, which 485  
shall be shown thereon. A model year license plate shall be a 486

legible and serviceable license plate issued by this state and 487  
inscribed with the date of the year corresponding to the model 488  
year when the vehicle was manufactured. Two model year license 489  
plates, duplicates of each other, may be displayed on the 490  
historical motor vehicle at any time, one plate on the front and 491  
one plate on the rear of the vehicle. The registration 492  
certificate and the historical vehicle license plate issued by 493  
the registrar shall be kept in the vehicle at all times the 494  
vehicle is operated on the public roads and highways in this 495  
state. 496

Notwithstanding section 4503.21 of the Revised Code, the 497  
owner of a historical motor vehicle that was manufactured for 498  
military purposes and that is registered under this section may 499  
display the assigned registration number of the vehicle by 500  
painting the number on the front and rear of the vehicle. The 501  
number shall be painted, in accordance with the size and style 502  
specifications established for numerals and letters shown on 503  
license plates in section 4503.22 of the Revised Code, in a 504  
color that contrasts clearly with the color of the vehicle, and 505  
shall be legible and visible at all times. Upon application for 506  
registration under this section and payment of the license fee 507  
prescribed in division (B) of this section, the owner of such a 508  
historical motor vehicle shall be issued a historical vehicle 509  
license plate. The registration certificate and the license 510  
plate shall be kept in the vehicle at all times the vehicle is 511  
operated on the public roads and highways in this state. If 512  
ownership of such a vehicle is transferred, the transferor shall 513  
surrender the historical vehicle license plate or transfer it to 514  
another historical motor vehicle the transferor owns, and remove 515  
or obliterate the registration numbers painted on the vehicle. 516

(E) Historical vehicle and model year license plates are 517

valid without renewal as long as the vehicle for which they were 518  
issued or procured is in existence. A historical vehicle plate 519  
is issued for the owner's use only for such vehicle unless later 520  
transferred to another historical motor vehicle owned by that 521  
person. In order to effect such a transfer, the owner of the 522  
historical motor vehicle that originally displayed the 523  
historical vehicle plate shall comply with division (C) of this 524  
section. In the event of a transfer of title, the transferor 525  
shall surrender the historical vehicle license plate or transfer 526  
it to another historical motor vehicle owned by the transferor, 527  
but a model year license plate or plates may be retained by the 528  
transferor. The registrar may revoke license plates issued under 529  
this section, for cause shown and after hearing, for failure of 530  
the applicant to comply with this section. Upon revocation, a 531  
historical vehicle license plate shall be surrendered; a model 532  
year license plate or plates may be retained, but the plate or 533  
plates are no longer valid for display on the vehicle. 534

(F) The owner of a historical motor vehicle bearing a 535  
historical vehicle license plate may replace it with a model 536  
year license plate by surrendering the historical vehicle 537  
license plate and motor vehicle certificate of registration to 538  
the registrar. The owner, at the time of registration, shall 539  
execute an affidavit setting forth that the model year plate is 540  
a legible and serviceable license plate that originally was 541  
issued by this state. Such an owner is required to pay the 542  
license fee prescribed by division (B) of this section, but the 543  
owner is not required to have the historical motor vehicle 544  
reinspected under division (C) of this section. 545

A person who owns a historical motor vehicle bearing a 546  
model year license plate may replace it with a historical 547  
vehicle license plate by surrendering the motor vehicle 548

certificate of registration and applying for issuance of a 549  
historical vehicle license plate. Such a person is required to 550  
pay the license fee prescribed by division (B) of this section, 551  
but the person is not required to have the historical motor 552  
vehicle reinspected under division (C) of this section. 553

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4501.01 and 4503.181 of 554  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 555