

H. B. No. 346
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 2 of the title, delete "alter" and insert "expand"; delete 1
"definitions" and insert "definition"; delete "'plugin" 2

In line 3 of the title, delete "electric motor vehicle" and" 3

In line 4 of the title, delete "and" and insert "to include vehicles 4
with plug-in capability," 5

In line 5 of the title, delete "halve" and insert "reduce"; delete 6
"those" 7

In line 6 of the title, delete "two types of" and insert "all 8
hybrid"; after "vehicles" insert ", and to delay the effective date of 9
those changes until January 1, 2023" 10

Delete lines 9 through 427 11

After line 427, insert: 12

"Sec. 4501.01. As used in this chapter and Chapters 13
4503., 4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 14
4517. of the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as 15
otherwise provided: 16

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 17
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric 18
personal assistive mobility devices, low-speed micromobility 19
devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively on rails or 20
tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and vehicles 21
that belong to any police department, municipal fire department, 22
or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such a 23
department in the discharge of its functions. 24

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 25
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 26
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 27
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 28
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 29
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 30
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 31
motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction 32
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 33
in construction work and not designed for or employed in general 34
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 35
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 36
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 37
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 38
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 39
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 40

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 41
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 42
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 43
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 44
used principally for agricultural purposes. 45

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 46

(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or its load, or both.

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing arrangement.

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

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a collector's item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no event is used for general transportation.

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the

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" means every device, other than a device that 87
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 88
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 89
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 90
fourteen inches in diameter. 91

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 92
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 93
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 94
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 95
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 96
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 97
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 98
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 99
bicycle. 100

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 101
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 102
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 103
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 104
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 105

such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 106
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 107
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 108
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 109
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 110
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 111
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 112
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 113
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 114
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 115
travel trailer. 116

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 117
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 118
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 119
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 120
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 121
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 122
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 123
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 124
personal or recreational purposes. 125

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 126
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 127
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 128
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 129
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 130
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 131
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 132
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 133
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 134

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 135

that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 136
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 137
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 138
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 139
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 140
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 141
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 142
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 143
semitrailer into a trailer. 144

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 145
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 146

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 147
travel. 148

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 149
for profit. 150

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in 151
intrastate commerce. 152

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined 153
in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 154

(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission 155
pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code. 156

(6) It is classed as one of the following: 157

(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself- 158
propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall 159
length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or 160
coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping 161
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 162

(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational 163

vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with 164
permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and 165
consuming of food, and for sleeping. 166

(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational 167
vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed 168
to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck 169
camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and 170
a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to 171
be used as a dwelling. 172

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 173
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 174
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 175
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 176
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 177
installed in the bed of a truck. 178

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 179
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 180
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 181
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 182
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 183
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 184
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 185
appliances. 186

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 187
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 188

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 189
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 190
the load. 191

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 192

equipped with two or more solid tires.	193
(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between a local place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, hammermills, and machinery used in the production of horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products.	194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201
(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, "owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers.	202 203 204 205
(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and firms that are regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last federal census, even though a department in a place of business is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by	206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222

means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the	223
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of	224
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or	225
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in	226
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor	227
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as	228
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the	229
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or	230
dealing in motor vehicles.	231
(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates	232
a motor vehicle upon the public highways.	233
(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor	234
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any	235
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than	236
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain,	237
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by	238
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily	239
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an	240
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain,	241
compensation, or profit.	242
(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts	243
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada.	244
(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all	245
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts.	246
(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's	247
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the	248
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle.	249
(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original	250
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor	251

of the vehicle. 252

(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a 253
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to 254
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of 255
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of 256
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle 257
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle 258
dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the 259
location of the distributor's licensed dealership. 260

(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 261
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is 262
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 263
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 264
buspools. 265

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is 266
used or intended for use in two or more international 267
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or 268
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the 269
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 270
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and 271
that meets any of the following qualifications: 272

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in 273
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; 274

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless 275
of the gross vehicle weight; 276

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 277
in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 278

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 279

vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up 280
and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the 281
United States, this state, or any political subdivisions 282
thereof. 283

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who 284
contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger- 285
carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in 286
accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 287
United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 288
group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 289
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 290
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 291

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 292
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 293
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 294
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 295
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 296
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 297
member jurisdictions. 298

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 299
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 300
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 301
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 302

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 303
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 304
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 305
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 306
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 307
vehicle. 308

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 309
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 310
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 311
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 312
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 313
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 314
vehicles. 315

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 316
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 317
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation 318
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under 319
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 320
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 321
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 322
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 323
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 324
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 325

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 326
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 327

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 328
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 329
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 330
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 331
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 332
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 333
mobile homes. 334

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 335
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 336
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 337

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 338
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 339
an information system or for transmission from one information 340
system to another. 341

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 342
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 343
electronic record. 344

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 345
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 346

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 347
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 348
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 349
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 350
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 351
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 352

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 353
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 354
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 355
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 356
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 357
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 358
hour. 359

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 360
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 361
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 362
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 363
privilege has been suspended. 364

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 365
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 366

material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 367
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 368
handling, or similar activities. 369

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 370
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 371
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 372
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 373
rating less than three thousand pounds. 374

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 375
vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 376
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 377
twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 378
less than three thousand pounds. 379

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 380
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 381
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 382
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 383
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic 384
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 385
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 386
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 387

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 388
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 389
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 390
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 391
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 392

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 393
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 394
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 395

contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 396
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 397

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 398
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 399
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 400
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 401
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 402
hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed 403
cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup 404
truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 405
vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 406
motor vehicle safety standards. 407

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 408
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 409
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 410
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 411
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 412

~~(DDD) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a 413
passenger car powered in part by a battery cell energy system 414
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 415~~

~~(EEE)~~ "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered 416
by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the 417
following: 418

(1) A combustion engine; 419

(2) Either of the following: 420

(a) A battery cell energy system that cannot be recharged 421
via an external source of electricity but can be recharged by 422
other vehicle mechanisms that capture and store electric energy; 423

(b) A battery cell energy system that can be recharged 424
both by an external source of electricity and other vehicle 425
mechanisms that capture and store electric energy. 426

~~(FFF)~~(EEE) "Low-speed micromobility device" means a 427
device weighing less than one hundred pounds that has 428
handlebars, is propelled by an electric motor or human power, 429
and has an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more 430
than twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor. 431

~~(GGG)~~(FFF) "Specialty license plate" means a license 432
plate, authorized by the general assembly, that displays a 433
combination of words, markings, logos, or other graphic artwork 434
that is in addition to the words, images, and distinctive 435
numbers and letters required by section 4503.22 of the Revised 436
Code. 437

~~(HHH)~~(GGG) "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a 438
passenger car powered wholly by a battery cell energy system 439
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity." 440

Delete lines 428 through 750 441

After line 750, insert: 442

"Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 443
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 444
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 445
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 446
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 447
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 448
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 449
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 450
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 451
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 452

of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 453
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 454
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in section 455
4503.103 of the Revised Code, every owner of every other motor 456
vehicle not previously described in this section and every 457
person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title of a 458
motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public roads 459
or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 460
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 461
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 462
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 463
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 464
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 465
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 466
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 467
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 468
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 469
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 470
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 471
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 472
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 473
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 474
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 475
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 476
information: 477

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 478
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 479
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 480
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 481
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 482

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 483

township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides;	484
(3) The district of registration, which shall be	485
determined as follows:	486
(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for	487
hire or principally in connection with any established business	488
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the	489
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which	490
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal	491
corporation, the county and township in which that place is	492
located.	493
(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of	494
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the	495
owner resides at the time of making the application.	496
(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor	497
vehicle;	498
(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle;	499
(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the	500
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the	501
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of	502
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application	503
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually	504
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited	505
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration,	506
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner	507
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with	508
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature	509
is not required.	510
(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license	511

number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 512
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 513
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 514
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 515
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 516
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 517
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 518

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 519
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 520
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 521
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 522
approve the application for registration. 523

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 524
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 525
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 526
any of the following: 527

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 528
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 529
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 530

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 531
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 532
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 533

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 534
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 535

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 536
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 537
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 538
the registrar. 539

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

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

(a) The application is not in proper form.

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code.

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

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

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

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

of the Revised Code. 568

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 569
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 570
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 571
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 572
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 573
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 574
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 575
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 576
the motor vehicle, if any. 577

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 578
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 579
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 580
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 581
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 582
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 583
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 584
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 585
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 586
certificate of registration. 587

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 588
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 589
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 590
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 591
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 592
under this division. 593

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 594
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 595
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 596
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 597

specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for registration and registration renewal received. No additional fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division (C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county identification sticker or each set of county identification stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of producing the license plates and stickers, including material, manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license

tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised Code. 629
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(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 631
an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application 632
for registration or registration renewal received for any ~~plug-~~ 633
~~in hybrid electric motor vehicle or~~ battery electric motor 634
vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months 635
for which the ~~plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or~~ battery 636
electric motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall 637
transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) 638
(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution 639
in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the 640
Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the 641
Revised Code. 642

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 643
an additional fee of ~~one hundred~~ fifty dollars for each 644
application for registration or registration renewal received 645
for any hybrid motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on 646
the number of months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is 647
registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from 648
the fee imposed by division (C) (4) of this section to the 649
treasurer of state for distribution in accordance with division 650
(E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised Code, subject to division 651
(D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised Code. 652

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 653
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 654
Code for each application for registration and registration 655
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 656
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 657
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 658

may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal notices and the issuing of registrations.

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

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application for registration or registration renewal notice, together with the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one business day after their collection and shall make reports to the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any other information, some of which may be prescribed by the treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and

transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy registrars are located in communities where banking facilities are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service.

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

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

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official issuing the certificate of registration apply to the registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised

Code. 720

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 721
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 722
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 723
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 724
receives information about the requirements established in that 725
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 726
present an inspection certificate with an application for 727
registration or preregistration. 728

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 729
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 730
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 731
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 732
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 733
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 734
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 735
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 736
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 737
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 738
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 739
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 740
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 741
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 742
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 743
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 744
registration. 745

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 746
for registration under the international registration plan, as 747
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 748
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 749

registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 750
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 751
forms shall include the following: 752

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 753

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 754
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 755
the registrant; 756

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 757

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 758
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 759
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 760
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 761
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 762
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 763
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 764
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 765
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 766

If international registration plan guidelines and 767
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 768
registrations under the international registration plan to be 769
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 770
division shall permit such action. " 771

After line 753, insert: 772

"Section 3. Section 4503.10 of the Revised Code is 773
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 774
by H.B. 21, H.B. 74, and S.B. 162, all of the 134th General 775
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 776
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 777

are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 778
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 779
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 780
as presented in this act. 781

Section 4. Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act take effect on 782
January 1, 2023." 783

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 784

Schedule of fees for hybrid motor vehicles 785

R.C. 4501.01 and 4503.10 786

Clarifies that the additional motor vehicle registration 787
fee for a hybrid motor vehicle, both traditional non-plug-in and 788
plug-in, is \$50, beginning on January 1, 2023. (Under current 789
law, the fee is \$100 for a traditional hybrid and \$200 for a 790
plug-in hybrid.) 791

Makes technical changes to update outdated Revised Code 792
sections and makes other conforming changes. 793