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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4503.10, 4503.103, 4503.11, and 1  
4503.191 and to enact section 4503.107 of the 2  
Revised Code to provide for a permanent 3  
registration option for noncommercial trailers. 4

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4503.10, 4503.103, 4503.11, and 5  
4503.191 be amended and section 4503.107 of the Revised Code be 6  
enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 4503.10.** (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 8  
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 9  
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 10  
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 11  
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 12  
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 13  
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 14  
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 15  
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 16  
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 17  
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 18

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

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 43  
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 44  
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 45  
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 46  
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 47

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 48  
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 49

(3) The district of registration, which shall be	50
determined as follows:	51
(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for	52
hire or principally in connection with any established business	53
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the	54
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which	55
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal	56
corporation, the county and township in which that place is	57
located.	58
(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of	59
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the	60
owner resides at the time of making the application.	61
(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor	62
vehicle;	63
(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle;	64
(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the	65
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the	66
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of	67
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application	68
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually	69
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited	70
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration,	71
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner	72
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with	73
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature	74
is not required.	75
(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license	76
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor	77
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in	78

connection with any established business, the owner's federal 79  
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 80  
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 81  
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 82  
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 83

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 84  
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 85  
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 86  
any of the following: 87

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 88  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 89  
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 90

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 91  
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 92  
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 93

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 94  
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 95

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 96  
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 97  
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 98  
the registrar. 99

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 100  
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 101  
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 102  
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 103  
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate 104  
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. 105

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 106  
any of the following applies: 107

(a) The application is not in proper form.	108
(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by	109
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section	110
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of	111
section 4510.22, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 of the	112
Revised Code.	113
(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or	114
confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section.	115
(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor	116
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the	117
current registration year, have not been paid.	118
(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection	119
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14	120
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section	121
is applicable.	122
(4) This section does not require the payment of license	123
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year,	124
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was	125
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections	126
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504.	127
of the Revised Code.	128
(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the	129
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the	130
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the	131
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum	132
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of	133
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic	134
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the	135
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for	136

the motor vehicle, if any. 137

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 138  
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 139  
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 140  
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 141  
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 142  
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 143  
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 144  
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 145  
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 146  
certificate of registration. 147

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 148  
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 149  
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 150  
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 151  
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 152  
under this division. 153

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 154  
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 155  
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 156  
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 157  
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 158  
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 159  
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 160  
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 161  
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 162  
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 163  
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 164  
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 165  
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 166

transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) 167  
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 168  
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 169  
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 170  
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 171

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 172  
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 173  
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 174  
identification sticker or each set of county identification 175  
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 176  
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 177  
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 178  
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 179  
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 180  
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 181  
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 182  
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 183  
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 184  
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 185  
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 186  
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 187  
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 188  
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 189  
Code. 190

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 191  
an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application 192  
for registration or registration renewal received for any plug- 193  
in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery electric motor 194  
vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months 195  
for which the plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or battery 196  
electric motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall 197

transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) 198  
(3) of this section to the treasurer of state for distribution 199  
in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the 200  
Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the 201  
Revised Code. 202

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 203  
an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application 204  
for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid 205  
motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of 206  
months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The 207  
registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed 208  
by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for 209  
distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 210  
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 211  
of the Revised Code. 212

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 213  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 214  
Code for each application for registration and registration 215  
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 216  
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 217  
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 218  
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 219  
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 220  
notices and the issuing of registrations. 221

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 222  
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 223  
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 224

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 225  
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 226  
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 227



pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 228  
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 229  
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 230  
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 231  
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 232  
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 233  
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 234  
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 235  
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 236  
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 237  
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 238  
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 239  
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 240  
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 241  
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 242  
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 243  
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 244  
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 245  
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 246  
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 247  
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 248  
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 249  
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 250  
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 251  
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 252  
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 253  
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 254  
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 255  
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 256  
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 257

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 258

an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 259  
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 260  
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 261  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 262  
Code for each application. 263

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 264  
district of registration in an application required by division 265  
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 266  
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 267  
specified in that section. 268

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 269  
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 270  
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 271  
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 272  
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 273  
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 274  
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 275  
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 276  
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 277  
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 278  
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 279  
Code. 280

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 281  
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 282  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 283  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 284  
receives information about the requirements established in that 285  
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 286  
present an inspection certificate with an application for 287  
registration or preregistration. 288

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

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

- (1) A uniform mileage schedule;
- (2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by the registrant;
- (3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule.

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 318  
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 319  
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 320  
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 321  
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 322  
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 323  
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 324  
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 325  
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 326

If international registration plan guidelines and 327  
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 328  
registrations under the international registration plan to be 329  
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 330  
division shall permit such action. 331

**Sec. 4503.103.** (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may 332  
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee, other than a person 333  
receiving an apportioned license plate under the international 334  
registration plan, who owns or leases one or more motor vehicles 335  
to file a written application for registration for no more than 336  
five succeeding registration years. The rules adopted by the 337  
registrar may designate the classes of motor vehicles that are 338  
eligible for such registration. At the time of application, all 339  
annual taxes and fees shall be paid for each year for which the 340  
person is registering. 341

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit any 342  
person or lessee who owns or leases a trailer or semitrailer 343  
that is subject to the tax rate prescribed in either division 344  
(C) (1) or, beginning January 1, 2022, (C) (2) of section 4503.042 345  
of the Revised Code to file a written application for 346  
registration for any number of succeeding registration years, 347

including a permanent registration, for such trailers or 348  
semitrailers. 349

At the time of application, the applicant shall pay all of 350  
the following: 351

(i) As applicable, either the annual tax prescribed in 352  
division (C) (1) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code for each 353  
year for which the applicant is registering or the annual tax 354  
prescribed in division (C) (2) of section 4503.042 of the Revised 355  
Code, unless the applicant previously paid the tax specified in 356  
division (C) (2) of that section for the trailer or semitrailer 357  
being registered. However, an applicant paying the annual tax 358  
under division (C) (1) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code 359  
shall not pay more than eight times the annual taxes due, 360  
regardless of the number of years for which the applicant is 361  
registering. 362

(ii) The additional fee established under division (C) (1) 363  
of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code for each year of 364  
registration, provided that not more than eight times the 365  
additional fee due shall be paid, regardless of the number of 366  
years for which the applicant is registering. 367

(iii) One single deputy registrar service fee in the 368  
amount specified in division (D) of section 4503.10 of the 369  
Revised Code or one single bureau of motor vehicles service fee 370  
in the amount specified in division (G) of that section, as 371  
applicable, regardless of the number of years for which the 372  
applicant is registering. 373

(b) In addition, each applicant registering a trailer or 374  
semitrailer under division (A) (2) (a) of this section shall pay 375  
any applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under 376

Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code for each year for which the 377  
applicant is registering, provided that not more than eight 378  
times any such annual local taxes shall be due upon 379  
registration. 380

(c) The period of registration for a trailer or 381  
semitrailer registered under division (A) (2) (a) of this section 382  
is exclusive to the trailer or semitrailer for which that 383  
certificate of registration is issued and is not transferable to 384  
any other trailer or semitrailer if the registration is a 385  
permanent registration. 386

(3) Except as provided in division (A) (4) of this section, 387  
the registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person who owns a 388  
motor vehicle to file an application for registration for not 389  
more than five succeeding registration years. At the time of 390  
application, the person shall pay the annual taxes and fees for 391  
each registration year, calculated in accordance with division 392  
(C) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. A person who is 393  
registering a vehicle under division (A) (3) of this section 394  
shall pay for each year of registration the additional fee 395  
established under division (C) (1), (3), or (4) of section 396  
4503.10 of the Revised Code, as applicable. The person shall 397  
also pay the deputy registrar service fee or the bureau of motor 398  
vehicles service fee equal to the amount established under 399  
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 400

(4) Division (A) (3) of this section does not apply to a 401  
person receiving an apportioned license plate under the 402  
international registration plan, or the owner of a commercial 403  
car used solely in intrastate commerce, or the owner of a bus as 404  
defined in section 4513.50 of the Revised Code. 405

(5) A person registering a noncommercial trailer 406

permanently shall register the trailer under section 4503.107 of 407  
the Revised Code. 408

(B) No person applying for a multi-year registration under 409  
division (A) of this section is entitled to a refund of any 410  
taxes or fees paid. 411

(C) The registrar shall not issue to any applicant who has 412  
been issued a final, nonappealable order under division (D) of 413  
this section a multi-year registration or renewal thereof under 414  
this division or rules adopted under it for any motor vehicle 415  
that is required to be inspected under section 3704.14 of the 416  
Revised Code the district of registration of which, as 417  
determined under section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, is or is 418  
located in the county named in the order. 419

(D) Upon receipt from the director of environmental 420  
protection of a notice issued under rules adopted under section 421  
3704.14 of the Revised Code indicating that an owner of a motor 422  
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section who 423  
obtained a multi-year registration for the vehicle under 424  
division (A) of this section or rules adopted under that 425  
division has not obtained a required inspection certificate for 426  
the vehicle, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 427  
the Revised Code shall issue an order to the owner impounding 428  
the certificate of registration and identification license 429  
plates for the vehicle. The order also shall prohibit the owner 430  
from obtaining or renewing a multi-year registration for any 431  
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section, the 432  
district of registration of which is or is located in the same 433  
county as the county named in the order during the number of 434  
years after expiration of the current multi-year registration 435  
that equals the number of years for which the current multi-year 436

registration was issued. 437

An order issued under this division shall require the 438  
owner to surrender to the registrar the certificate of 439  
registration and license plates for the vehicle named in the 440  
order within five days after its issuance. If the owner fails to 441  
do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to 442  
the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover 443  
the certificate of registration and license plates for the 444  
vehicle. 445

(E) Upon the occurrence of either of the following 446  
circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 447  
the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order 448  
rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (D) 449  
of this section impounding the certificate of registration and 450  
license plates for the vehicle named in that original order: 451

(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection 452  
of a subsequent notice under rules adopted under section 3704.14 453  
of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection 454  
certificate for the vehicle as required under those rules; 455

(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the 456  
required inspection certificate for the vehicle. 457

(F) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate 458  
of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant 459  
to an order issued under division (D) of this section, upon 460  
issuance of a modified order under division (E) of this section, 461  
may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two 462  
dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the 463  
certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle 464  
named in the application. 465



Sec. 4503.107. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 466  
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee who owns or leases a 467  
noncommercial trailer that is subject to the tax rates 468  
prescribed in division (E) of section 4503.04 of the Revised 469  
Code to file a written application for permanent registration of 470  
that noncommercial trailer. 471

(B) (1) At the time of application, the applicant shall pay 472  
all of the following: 473

(a) The equivalent of eight times the standard tax 474  
established for that noncommercial trailer by division (E) of 475  
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code; 476

(b) The equivalent of eight times the additional fee 477  
established by division (C) (1) of section 4503.10 of the Revised 478  
Code; 479

(c) A single deputy registrar service fee or a single 480  
bureau of motor vehicles service fee, as applicable, equal to 481  
the amount established by section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 482

(2) In addition to any other prescribed tax or fee, if the 483  
noncommercial trailer registered under this section is subject 484  
to local motor vehicle taxes under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 485  
Code, the applicant shall pay the equivalent of eight times any 486  
applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under that 487  
chapter for that noncommercial trailer. 488

(C) Upon submission of a completed application, payment of 489  
all applicable taxes and fees, and compliance with all other 490  
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles, 491  
the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue the applicant a 492  
permanent license plate and a validation sticker. 493

(D) The permanent registration of a noncommercial trailer 494

under this section is exclusive to the trailer for which that 495  
certificate of registration is issued. The registration is not 496  
transferable to any other trailer. 497

(E) No person applying for a permanent registration under 498  
this section is entitled to a refund of any taxes or fees paid. 499

**Sec. 4503.11.** (A) Except as provided by sections 4503.103, 500  
4503.107, 4503.173, 4503.41, 4503.43, and 4503.46 of the Revised 501  
Code, no person who is the owner or chauffeur of a motor vehicle 502  
operated or driven upon the public roads or highways shall fail 503  
to file annually the application for registration or to pay the 504  
tax therefor. 505

(B) Except as provided by sections 4503.12 and 4503.16 of 506  
the Revised Code, the taxes payable on all applications made 507  
under sections 4503.10 and 4503.102 of the Revised Code shall be 508  
the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 509  
section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 510  
section: 511

(1) (a) If the application is made before the second month 512  
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 513  
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 514  
the tax due is the full amount of the tax provided in section 515  
4503.04 of the Revised Code; 516

(b) If the application is made during or after the second 517  
month of the current registration period to which the motor 518  
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 519  
Revised Code, and prior to the beginning of the next such 520  
registration period, the amount of the tax provided in section 521  
4503.04 of the Revised Code shall be reduced by one-twelfth of 522  
the amount of such tax, rounded upward to the nearest cent, 523

multiplied by the number of full months that have elapsed in the 524  
current registration period. The resulting amount shall be 525  
rounded upward to the next highest dollar and shall be the 526  
amount of tax due. 527

(2) (a) If the application is made before the sixth month 528  
of the current registration period to which the motor vehicle is 529  
assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the Revised Code, 530  
the amount of tax due is the full amount of local motor vehicle 531  
license taxes levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code; 532

(b) If the application is made during or after the sixth 533  
month of the current registration period to which the motor 534  
vehicle is assigned as provided in section 4503.101 of the 535  
Revised Code and prior to the beginning of the next such 536  
registration period, the amount of tax due is one-half of the 537  
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 538  
4504. of the Revised Code. 539

(C) The taxes payable on all applications made under 540  
division (A) (3) of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code shall be 541  
the sum of the tax due under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this 542  
section plus the tax due under division (B) (2) (a) or (b) of this 543  
section for the first year plus the full amount of the tax 544  
provided in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and the full 545  
amount of local motor vehicle license taxes levied under Chapter 546  
4504. of the Revised Code for each succeeding year. 547

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 548  
misdemeanor. 549

**Sec. 4503.191.** (A) (1) The identification license plate 550  
shall be issued for a multi-year period as determined by the 551  
director of public safety, and, except as provided in division 552

(A) (3) of this section, shall be accompanied by a validation sticker, to be attached to the license plate. Except as provided in divisions (A) (2) and (3) of this section, the validation sticker shall indicate the expiration of the registration period to which the motor vehicle for which the license plate is issued is assigned, in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar of motor vehicles. During each succeeding year of the multi-year period following the issuance of the plate and validation sticker, upon the filing of an application for registration and the payment of the tax therefor, a validation sticker alone shall be issued. The validation stickers required under this section shall be of different colors or shades each year, the new colors or shades to be selected by the director.

(2) (a) The director shall develop a universal validation sticker that may be issued to any owner of five hundred or more passenger vehicles, so that a sticker issued to the owner may be placed on any passenger vehicle in that owner's fleet. Beginning January 1, 2019, the universal validation sticker shall not have an expiration date on it and shall not need replaced at the time of registration, except in the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction of the validation sticker. The director may establish and charge an additional fee of not more than one dollar per registration to compensate for necessary costs of the universal validation sticker program. The additional fee shall be credited to the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. The director shall select the color or shade of the universal validation sticker.

(b) A validation sticker issued for an all-purpose vehicle that is registered under Chapter 4519. of the Revised Code, for a noncommercial trailer that is permanently registered under section 4503.107 of the Revised Code, or for a trailer or

semitrailer that is permanently registered under division (A) (2) 584  
of section 4503.103 of the Revised Code or is registered for any 585  
number of succeeding registration years may indicate the 586  
expiration of the registration period, if any, by any manner 587  
determined by the registrar by rule. 588

(3) No validation sticker shall be issued, and a 589  
validation sticker is not required for display, on the license 590  
plate of a nonapportioned commercial tractor or any apportioned 591  
motor vehicle. 592

(B) Identification license plates shall be produced by 593  
Ohio penal industries. Validation stickers and county 594  
identification stickers shall be produced by Ohio penal 595  
industries unless the registrar adopts rules expressly 596  
permitting the registrar or deputy registrars to provide for the 597  
printing or production of the stickers. 598

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4503.10, 4503.103, 599  
4503.11, and 4503.191 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 600