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A BILL

To amend sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of the
Revised Code to eliminate the additional
registration fee applicable to hybrid motor
vehicles and to delay the effect of that change
until January 1, 2025.

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

Section 1. That sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 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., 4511., 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,



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or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such a 18
department in the discharge of its functions. 19

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 20
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 21
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 22
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 23
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 24
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 25
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 26
motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction 27
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 28
in construction work and not designed for or employed in general 29
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 30
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 31
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 32
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 33
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 34
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 35

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 36
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 37
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 38
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 39
used principally for agricultural purposes. 40

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 41
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 42
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 43
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 44
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 45
its load, or both. 46

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 47

designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 48
includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 49
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 50
arrangement. 51

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 52
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 53
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 54
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 55
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 56
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 57
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 58
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 59
agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 60
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 61
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 62
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 63
provisions in the laws of other states. 64

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 65
that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a 66
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 67
exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 68
event is used for general transportation. 69

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 70
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 71
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 72
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 73
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 74

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 75
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 76
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 77

not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 78

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 79
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 80
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 81

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 82
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 83
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 84
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 85
fourteen inches in diameter. 86

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 87
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 88
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 89
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 90
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 91
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 92
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 93
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 94
bicycle. 95

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 96
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 97
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 98
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 99
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 100
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 101
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 102
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 103
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 104
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 105
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 106
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 107

drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 108
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 109
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 110
travel trailer. 111

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 112
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 113
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 114
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 115
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 116
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 117
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 118
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 119
personal or recreational purposes. 120

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 121
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 122
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 123
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 124
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 125
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 126
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 127
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 128
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 129

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 130
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 131
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 132
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 133
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 134
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 135
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 136
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 137

trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 138
semitrailer into a trailer. 139

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 140
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 141

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 142
travel. 143

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 144
for profit. 145

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in 146
intrastate commerce. 147

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined 148
in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 149

(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission 150
pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code. 151

(6) It is classed as one of the following: 152

(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself- 153
propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall 154
length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or 155
coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping 156
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 157

(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational 158
vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with 159
permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and 160
consuming of food, and for sleeping. 161

(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational 162
vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed 163
to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck 164

camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and 165
a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to 166
be used as a dwelling. 167

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 168
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 169
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 170
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 171
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 172
installed in the bed of a truck. 173

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 174
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 175
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 176
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 177
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 178
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 179
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 180
appliances. 181

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 182
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 183

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 184
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 185
the load. 186

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 187
equipped with two or more solid tires. 188

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 189
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, 190
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural 191
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 192
place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 193

threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 194
hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 195
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 196

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 197
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 198
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 199
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 200

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 201
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 202
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 203
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 204
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 205
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 206
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 207
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 208
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 209
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 210
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 211
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 212
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 213
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 214
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 215
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 216
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 217
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 218
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 219
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 220
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 221
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 222
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 223
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 224

manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or	225
dealing in motor vehicles.	226
(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates	227
a motor vehicle upon the public highways.	228
(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor	229
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any	230
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than	231
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain,	232
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by	233
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily	234
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an	235
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain,	236
compensation, or profit.	237
(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts	238
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada.	239
(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all	240
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts.	241
(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's	242
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the	243
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle.	244
(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original	245
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor	246
of the vehicle.	247
(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a	248
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to	249
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of	250
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of	251
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle	252
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle	253

dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the 254
location of the distributor's licensed dealership. 255

(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 256
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is 257
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 258
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 259
buspools. 260

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is 261
used or intended for use in two or more international 262
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or 263
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the 264
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 265
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and 266
that meets any of the following qualifications: 267

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in 268
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; 269

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless 270
of the gross vehicle weight; 271

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 272
in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 273

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 274
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up 275
and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the 276
United States, this state, or any political subdivisions 277
thereof. 278

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who 279
contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger- 280
carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in 281
accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 282

United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 283
group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 284
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 285
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 286

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 287
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 288
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 289
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 290
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 291
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 292
member jurisdictions. 293

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 294
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 295
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 296
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 297

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 298
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 299
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 300
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 301
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 302
vehicle. 303

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 304
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 305
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 306
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 307
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 308
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 309
vehicles. 310

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 311

designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 312
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation 313
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under 314
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 315
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 316
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 317
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 318
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 319
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 320

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 321
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 322

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 323
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 324
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 325
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 326
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 327
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 328
mobile homes. 329

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 330
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 331
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 332

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 333
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 334
an information system or for transmission from one information 335
system to another. 336

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 337
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 338
electronic record. 339

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 340

as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 341

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 342
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 343
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 344
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 345
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 346
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 347

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 348
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 349
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 350
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 351
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 352
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 353
hour. 354

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 355
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 356
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 357
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 358
privilege has been suspended. 359

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 360
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 361
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 362
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 363
handling, or similar activities. 364

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 365
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 366
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 367
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 368
rating less than three thousand pounds. 369

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 370
vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 371
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 372
twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 373
less than three thousand pounds. 374

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 375
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 376
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 377
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 378
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic 379
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 380
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 381
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 382

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 383
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 384
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 385
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 386
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 387

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 388
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 389
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 390
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 391
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 392

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 393
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 394
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 395
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 396
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 397
hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed 398
cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup 399

truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 400
vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 401
motor vehicle safety standards. 402

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 403
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 404
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 405
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 406
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 407

(DDD) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a 408
passenger car powered in part by a battery cell energy system 409
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 410

~~(EEE) "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered 411
by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the 412
following: 413~~

~~(1) A combustion engine; 414~~

~~(2) A battery cell energy system that cannot be recharged 415
via an external source of electricity but can be recharged by 416
other vehicle mechanisms that capture and store electric energy. 417~~

~~(FFF) "Low-speed micromobility device" means a device 418
weighing less than one hundred pounds that has handlebars, is 419
propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an 420
attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 421
twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor. 422~~

~~(GGG) (FFF) "Specialty license plate" means a license 423
plate, authorized by the general assembly, that displays a 424
combination of words, markings, logos, or other graphic artwork 425
that is in addition to the words, images, and distinctive 426
numbers and letters required by section 4503.22 of the Revised 427
Code. 428~~

~~(HHH)~~-(GGG) "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a 429
passenger car powered wholly by a battery cell energy system 430
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 431

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 432
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 433
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 434
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 435
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 436
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 437
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 438
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 439
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 440
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 441
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 442
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 443
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in sections 444
4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner of every 445
other motor vehicle not previously described in this section and 446
every person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title 447
of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public 448
roads or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 449
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 450
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 451
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 452
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 453
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 454
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 455
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 456
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 457
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 458
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 459

Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 460
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 461
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 462
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 463
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 464
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 465
information: 466

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 467
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 468
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 469
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 470
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 471

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 472
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 473

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 474
determined as follows: 475

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 476
hire or principally in connection with any established business 477
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 478
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 479
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 480
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 481
located. 482

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 483
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 484
owner resides at the time of making the application. 485

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 486
vehicle; 487

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 488

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 489
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 490
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 491
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 492
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 493
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 494
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 495
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 496
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 497
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 498
is not required. 499

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 500
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 501
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 502
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 503
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 504
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 505
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 506
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 507

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 508
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 509
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 510
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 511
approve the application for registration. 512

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 513
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 514
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 515
any of the following: 516

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 517
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 518

the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 519

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 520
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 521
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 522

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 523
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 524

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 525
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 526
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 527
the registrar. 528

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 529
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 530
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 531
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 532
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate 533
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section. 534

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 535
any of the following applies: 536

(a) The application is not in proper form. 537

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 538
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 539
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of 540
section 4510.22, division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or division 541
(B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 542

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 543
confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section. 544

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 545
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 546

current registration year, have not been paid. 547

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 548
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 549
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 550
is applicable. 551

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 552
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 553
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 554
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 555
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 556
of the Revised Code. 557

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 558
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 559
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 560
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 561
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 562
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 563
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 564
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 565
the motor vehicle, if any. 566

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 567
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 568
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 569
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 570
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 571
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 572
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 573
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 574
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 575
certificate of registration. 576

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 577
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 578
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 579
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 580
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 581
under this division. 582

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 583
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 584
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 585
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 586
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 587
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 588
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 589
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 590
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 591
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 592
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 593
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 594
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 595
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1) and (3) of 596
this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 597
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 598
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 599
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 600

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 601
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 602
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 603
identification sticker or each set of county identification 604
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 605
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 606
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 607

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.

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

- ~~(a) One hundred dollars for a hybrid motor vehicle;~~
- ~~(b)~~ One hundred fifty dollars for a plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle;
- ~~(e)~~ (b) Two hundred dollars for a battery electric motor vehicle.

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

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 637
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 638
Code for each application for registration and registration 639
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 640
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 641
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 642
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 643
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 644
notices and the issuing of registrations. 645

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 646
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 647
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 648

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 649
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 650
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 651
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 652
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 653
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 654
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 655
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 656
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 657
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 658
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 659
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 660
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 661
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 662
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 663
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 664
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 665
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 666
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 667

deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 668
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 669
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 670
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 671
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 672
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 673
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 674
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 675
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 676
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 677
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 678
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 679
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 680
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 681

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 682
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 683
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 684
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 685
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 686
Code for each application. 687

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 688
district of registration in an application required by division 689
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 690
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 691
specified in that section. 692

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 693
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 694
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 695
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 696
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 697

the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 698
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 699
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 700
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 701
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 702
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 703
Code. 704

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 705
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 706
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 707
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 708
receives information about the requirements established in that 709
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 710
present an inspection certificate with an application for 711
registration or preregistration. 712

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 713
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 714
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 715
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 716
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 717
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 718
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 719
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 720
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 721
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 722
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 723
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 724
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 725
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 726
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 727
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 728

registration. 729

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 730
for registration under the international registration plan, as 731
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 732
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 733
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 734
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 735
forms shall include the following: 736

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 737

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 738
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 739
the registrant; 740

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 741

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 742
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 743
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 744
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 745
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 746
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 747
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 748
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 749
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 750

If international registration plan guidelines and 751
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 752
registrations under the international registration plan to be 753
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 754
division shall permit such action. 755

Section 2. That existing sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of 756
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 757

Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect on
January 1, 2025.

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