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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of the 1  
Revised Code to redefine "hybrid motor vehicle" 2  
under the motor vehicle law for purposes of the 3  
additional registration fee applicable to those 4  
vehicles and to delay the effect of those 5  
changes until January 1, 2024. 6

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of the 7  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 4501.01.** As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 9  
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of 10  
the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise 11  
provided: 12

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 13  
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric 14  
personal assistive mobility devices, low-speed micromobility 15  
devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively on rails or 16  
tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and vehicles 17  
that belong to any police department, municipal fire department, 18  
or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such a 19

department in the discharge of its functions. 20

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 71  
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 72  
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 73  
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 74  
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 75

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 76  
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 77  
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 78  
not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 79

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 80  
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 81  
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 82

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 83  
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 84  
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 85  
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 86  
fourteen inches in diameter. 87

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 88  
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 89  
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 90  
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 91  
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 92  
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 93  
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 94  
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 95  
bicycle. 96

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 97  
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 98  
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 99  
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 100  
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 101  
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 102  
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 103  
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 104  
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 105  
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 106  
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 107  
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 108  
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 109

more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 110  
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 111  
travel trailer. 112

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 113  
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 114  
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 115  
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 116  
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 117  
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 118  
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 119  
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 120  
personal or recreational purposes. 121

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 122  
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 123  
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 124  
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 125  
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 126  
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 127  
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 128  
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 129  
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 130

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 131  
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 132  
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 133  
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 134  
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 135  
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 136  
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 137  
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 138  
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 139

semitrailer into a trailer.	140
(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable structure that meets all of the following conditions:	141 142
(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational travel.	143 144
(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business for profit.	145 146
(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in intrastate commerce.	147 148
(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended.	149 150
(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code.	151 152
(6) It is classed as one of the following:	153
(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself-propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.	154 155 156 157 158
(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and consuming of food, and for sleeping.	159 160 161 162
(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and	163 164 165 166

a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to 167  
be used as a dwelling. 168

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 169  
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 170  
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 171  
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 172  
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 173  
installed in the bed of a truck. 174

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 175  
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 176  
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 177  
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 178  
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 179  
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 180  
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 181  
appliances. 182

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 183  
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 184

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 185  
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 186  
the load. 187

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 188  
equipped with two or more solid tires. 189

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 190  
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, 191  
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural 192  
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 193  
place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 194  
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 195

hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 196  
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 197

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 198  
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 199  
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 200  
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 201

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 202  
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 203  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 204  
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 205  
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 206  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 207  
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 208  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 209  
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 210  
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 211  
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 212  
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 213  
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 214  
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 215  
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 216  
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 217  
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 218  
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 219  
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 220  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 221  
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 222  
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 223  
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 224  
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 225  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or 226



dealing in motor vehicles.	227
(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways.	228 229
(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, compensation, or profit.	230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238
(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts of the United States, and the provinces of Canada.	239 240
(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts.	241 242
(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the chassis or other part of the motor vehicle.	243 244 245
(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor of the vehicle.	246 247 248
(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of business that is used exclusively for the purpose of distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the	249 250 251 252 253 254 255

location of the distributor's licensed dealership.	256
(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and buspools.	257 258 259 260 261
(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is used or intended for use in two or more international registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and that meets any of the following qualifications:	262 263 264 265 266 267 268
(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds;	269 270
(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless of the gross vehicle weight;	271 272
(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds.	273 274
"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the United States, this state, or any political subdivisions thereof.	275 276 277 278 279
(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the United States department of transportation, for the purpose of	280 281 282 283 284

group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 285  
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 286  
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 287

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 288  
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 289  
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 290  
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 291  
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 292  
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 293  
member jurisdictions. 294

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 295  
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 296  
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 297  
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 298

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 299  
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 300  
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 301  
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 302  
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 303  
vehicle. 304

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 305  
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 306  
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 307  
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 308  
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 309  
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 310  
vehicles. 311

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 312  
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 313

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

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 322  
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 323

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 324  
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 325  
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 326  
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 327  
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 328  
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 329  
mobile homes. 330

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 331  
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 332  
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 333

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 334  
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 335  
an information system or for transmission from one information 336  
system to another. 337

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 338  
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 339  
electronic record. 340

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 341  
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 342

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

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

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

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

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

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled

vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 372  
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 373  
twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 374  
less than three thousand pounds. 375

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 376  
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 377  
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 378  
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 379  
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic 380  
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 381  
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 382  
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 383

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 384  
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 385  
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 386  
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 387  
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 388

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 389  
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 390  
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 391  
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 392  
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 393

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 394  
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 395  
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 396  
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 397  
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 398  
hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed 399  
cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup 400  
truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 401

vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 402  
motor vehicle safety standards. 403

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 404  
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 405  
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 406  
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 407  
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 408

~~(DDD) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a 409  
passenger car powered in part by a battery cell energy system 410  
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 411~~

~~(EEE)~~ "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered 412  
by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the 413  
following: 414

(1) A combustion engine; 415

(2) A battery cell energy system that ~~cannot be is~~ 416  
recharged ~~via both by an~~ external source of electricity ~~but can~~ 417  
~~be recharged by and~~ other vehicle mechanisms that capture and 418  
store electric energy. 419

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

~~(GGG)~~ (FFF) "Specialty license plate" means a license 425  
plate, authorized by the general assembly, that displays a 426  
combination of words, markings, logos, or other graphic artwork 427  
that is in addition to the words, images, and distinctive 428  
numbers and letters required by section 4503.22 of the Revised 429  
Code. 430

~~(HHH)~~-(GGG) "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a 431  
passenger car powered wholly by a battery cell energy system 432  
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 433

**Sec. 4503.10.** (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 434  
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 435  
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 436  
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 437  
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 438  
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 439  
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 440  
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 441  
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 442  
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 443  
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 444  
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 445  
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in section 446  
4503.103 of the Revised Code, every owner of every other motor 447  
vehicle not previously described in this section and every 448  
person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title of a 449  
motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public roads 450  
or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 451  
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 452  
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 453  
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 454  
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 455  
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 456  
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 457  
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 458  
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 459  
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 460  
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 461



Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 462  
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 463  
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 464  
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 465  
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 466  
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 467  
information: 468

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 469  
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 470  
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 471  
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 472  
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 473

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 474  
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 475

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 476  
determined as follows: 477

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 478  
hire or principally in connection with any established business 479  
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 480  
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 481  
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 482  
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 483  
located. 484

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 485  
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 486  
owner resides at the time of making the application. 487

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 488  
vehicle; 489

(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 490

(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 491  
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 492  
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 493  
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 494  
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 495  
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 496  
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 497  
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 498  
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 499  
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 500  
is not required. 501

(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 502  
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 503  
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 504  
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 505  
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 506  
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 507  
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 508  
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 509

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 510  
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 511  
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 512  
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 513  
approve the application for registration. 514

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 515  
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 516  
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 517  
any of the following: 518

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 519  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 520

the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant.	521
(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar.	522 523 524
(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle.	525 526
An applicant is not required to present a certificate of title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar.	527 528 529 530
(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.	531 532 533 534 535 536
(3) An application for registration shall be refused if any of the following applies:	537 538
(a) The application is not in proper form.	539
(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.	540 541 542 543 544
(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section.	545 546
(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the	547 548

current registration year, have not been paid. 549

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 550  
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 551  
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section 552  
is applicable. 553

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 554  
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 555  
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 556  
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 557  
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 558  
of the Revised Code. 559

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 560  
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 561  
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 562  
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 563  
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 564  
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 565  
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 566  
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 567  
the motor vehicle, if any. 568

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 569  
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 570  
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 571  
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 572  
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 573  
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 574  
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 575  
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 576  
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 577  
certificate of registration. 578

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 579  
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 580  
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 581  
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 582  
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 583  
under this division. 584

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 585  
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 586  
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 587  
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 588  
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 589  
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 590  
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 591  
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 592  
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 593  
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 594  
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 595  
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 596  
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 597  
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1), (3), and (4) 598  
of this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 599  
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 600  
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 601  
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 602

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 603  
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 604  
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 605  
identification sticker or each set of county identification 606  
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 607  
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 608  
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 609

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 an additional fee of two hundred dollars for each application for registration or registration renewal received for any ~~plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or~~ battery electric motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months for which the ~~plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle or~~ battery electric motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) (3) of this section 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.

(4) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect an additional fee of one hundred dollars for each application for registration or registration renewal received for any hybrid motor vehicle. The fee shall be prorated based on the number of months for which the hybrid motor vehicle is registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from the fee imposed by division (C) (4) of this section to the treasurer of state for

distribution in accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 641  
of the Revised Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 642  
of the Revised Code. 643

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 644  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 645  
Code for each application for registration and registration 646  
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 647  
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 648  
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 649  
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 650  
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 651  
notices and the issuing of registrations. 652

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 653  
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 654  
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 655

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 656  
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 657  
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 658  
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 659  
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 660  
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 661  
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 662  
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 663  
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 664  
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 665  
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 666  
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 667  
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 668  
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 669  
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 670

other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 671  
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 672  
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 673  
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 674  
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 675  
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 676  
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 677  
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 678  
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 679  
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 680  
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 681  
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 682  
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 683  
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 684  
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 685  
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 686  
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 687  
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 688

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 689  
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 690  
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 691  
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 692  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 693  
Code for each application. 694

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 695  
district of registration in an application required by division 696  
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 697  
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 698  
specified in that section. 699

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 700



of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 701  
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 702  
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 703  
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 704  
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 705  
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 706  
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 707  
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 708  
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 709  
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 710  
Code. 711

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 712  
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 713  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 714  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 715  
receives information about the requirements established in that 716  
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 717  
present an inspection certificate with an application for 718  
registration or preregistration. 719

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 720  
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 721  
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 722  
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 723  
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 724  
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 725  
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 726  
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 727  
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 728  
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 729  
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 730  
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 731

the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 732  
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 733  
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 734  
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 735  
registration. 736

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 737  
for registration under the international registration plan, as 738  
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 739  
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 740  
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 741  
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 742  
forms shall include the following: 743

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 744

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 745  
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 746  
the registrant; 747

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 748

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 749  
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 750  
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 751  
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 752  
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 753  
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 754  
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 755  
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 756  
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 757

If international registration plan guidelines and 758  
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 759  
registrations under the international registration plan to be 760

made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 761  
division shall permit such action. 762

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4501.01 and 4503.10 of 763  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 764

**Section 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect on 765  
January 1, 2024. 766

**Section 4.** Section 4503.10 of the Revised Code is 767  
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 768  
by H.B. 21, H.B. 74 and S.B. 162, all of the 134th General 769  
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 770  
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 771  
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 772  
operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of 773  
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section 774  
as presented in this act. 775