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Lipps**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 4503.21 of the Revised Code to 1  
authorize the owner or operator of a specialty 2  
kit car to display a license plate only on the 3  
rear of the car if the owner or operator pays a 4  
\$150 fee. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.21 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 4503.21.** (A) (1) No person who is the owner or 8  
operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view 9  
on the front and rear of the motor vehicle a license plate that 10  
bears the distinctive number and registration mark assigned to 11  
the motor vehicle by the director of public safety, including 12  
any county identification sticker and any validation sticker 13  
issued under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of the Revised Code, 14  
~~furnished by the director of public safety,~~ except ~~that a~~ as 15  
follows: 16

(a) A manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, 17

the holder of an in transit permit, and the owner or operator of 18  
a motorcycle, motorized bicycle or moped, motor-driven cycle or 19  
motor scooter, autocycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, manufactured 20  
home, mobile home, trailer, or semitrailer shall display a 21  
license plate on the rear only. ~~A~~ 22

(b) The owner or operator of a specialty kit car, who pays 23  
a fee of one hundred fifty dollars in accordance with rules, 24  
shall display a license plate on the rear only. The registrar of 25  
motor vehicles shall adopt rules establishing any necessary 26  
procedures governing the payment of the fee and implementation 27  
of division (A) (1) (b) of this section. The registrar shall pay 28  
all fees received under division (A) (1) (b) of this section into 29  
the law enforcement assistance fund established under section 30  
109.802 of the Revised Code. 31

As used in division (A) (1) (b) of this section, "specialty 32  
kit car" means a motor vehicle that is assembled by the 33  
purchaser or a third party from a set of parts that are produced 34  
and sold by a manufacturer. 35

(c) A motor vehicle that is issued two license plates 36  
shall display the validation sticker only on the rear license 37  
plate, except that a commercial tractor that does not receive an 38  
apportioned license plate under the international registration 39  
plan shall display the validation sticker on the front of the 40  
commercial tractor. ~~An~~ 41

(d) An apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned 42  
license plate under the international registration plan shall 43  
display the license plate only on the front of a commercial 44  
tractor and on the rear of all other vehicles. ~~All~~ 45

(2) All license plates shall be securely fastened so as 46

not to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that  
obstructs their visibility.

(B) No person to whom a temporary license placard or  
windshield sticker has been issued for the use of a motor  
vehicle under section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, and no  
operator of that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the  
temporary license placard in plain view from the rear of the  
vehicle either in the rear window or on an external rear surface  
of the motor vehicle, or fail to display the windshield sticker  
in plain view on the rear window of the motor vehicle. No  
temporary license placard or windshield sticker shall be covered  
by any material that obstructs its visibility.

~~(B)~~ (C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor  
misdemeanor.

**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.21 of the Revised  
Code is hereby repealed.