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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 5.04 and 5.10 of the Revised Code 1  
to add a representation of the Wright Brothers' 2  
first piloted airplane to the Coat of Arms and 3  
Great Seal of the State of Ohio. 4

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

**Section 1.** That sections 5.04 and 5.10 of the Revised Code be 5  
amended to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 5.04.** The coat of arms of the state shall consist of the 7  
following device: a circular shield; in the right foreground of 8  
the shield a full sheaf of wheat bound and standing erect; in the 9  
left foreground, a cluster of seventeen arrows bound in the center 10  
and resembling in form the sheaf of wheat; in the background, a 11  
representation of Mount Logan, Ross county, as viewed from Adena 12  
state memorial; over the mount, a rising sun three-quarters 13  
exposed and radiating thirteen rays to represent the thirteen 14

original colonies shining over the first state in the northwest 15  
territory, the exterior extremities of which rays form a 16  
semicircle; above and to the left of the sun, a representation of 17  
the first piloted airplane, flown by the Wright brothers in 1903; 18  
and uniting the background and foreground, a representation of the 19  
Scioto river and cultivated fields. 20

The coat of arms of the state shall correspond substantially 21  
with the following design: 22



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When the coat of arms of the state is reproduced in color, the 25  
colors used shall be substantially the same as the natural color 26  
of the terrain and objects shown. 27

Sec. 5.10. All official seals shall have engraved thereon the  
coat of arms of the state, as described in section 5.04 of the  
Revised Code.

The great seal of the state shall be two and one-half inches  
in diameter and shall consist of the coat of arms of the state  
within a circle having a diameter of one and three-fourths inches,  
surrounded by the words "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OHIO" in  
news gothic capitals. The great seal of the state shall correspond  
substantially with the following design:



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The design of the great seal shall not be reproduced, except 40  
as required by any provision of the Ohio Constitution and the 41  
Revised Code, unless permission to do so is first obtained from 42  
the governor. The governor may authorize reproduction of the 43  
design of the great seal when the purpose is to do any of the 44  
following: 45

(A) Permit publication of a reproduction of the great seal of 46  
the state of Ohio; 47

(B) Aid educational or historical programs; 48

(C) Promote the economic or cultural development of the state 49  
in a manner deemed appropriate by the governor. 50

A permanent record shall be kept in the governor's office of 51  
each permit to reproduce the design of the great seal. 52

No person shall use or permit to be used any reproduction or 53  
facsimile of the great seal or a counterfeit or nonofficial 54  
version of the great seal for any purpose not authorized by the 55  
governor. 56

The seal of the supreme court shall consist of the coat of 57  
arms of the state within a circle one and one-half inches in 58  
diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SUPREME COURT 59  
OF THE STATE OF OHIO." 60

The seal of each court of appeals, court of common pleas, and 61  
probate court shall consist of the coat of arms of the state 62  
within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter, and each 63  
seal shall be surrounded by the words "COURT OF APPEALS, 64  
..... County, Ohio"; "COMMON PLEAS COURT, 65  
..... County, Ohio"; or "PROBATE COURT, 66  
..... County, Ohio." 67

(Insert the name of the proper county.) 68

The seals of all other courts of record shall be of the same 69

size as the seal of the court of common pleas, and each shall be 70  
surrounded by the proper name of the court. 71

The seal of the secretary of state shall consist of the coat 72  
of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in 73  
diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE 74  
SECRETARY OF STATE OF OHIO." 75

The seal of the auditor of state shall consist of the coat of 76  
arms of the state within a circle of one and one-fourth inches in 77  
diameter, and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE 78  
AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO." 79

The seal of the treasurer of state shall consist of the coat 80  
of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in 81  
diameter, and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE 82  
TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO." 83

The seal of the lieutenant governor shall consist of the coat 84  
of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in 85  
diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE 86  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF STATE OF OHIO." 87

The seal of the attorney general shall consist of the coat of 88  
arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in 89  
diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF THE 90  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF STATE OF OHIO." 91

The seal of each benevolent institution shall consist of the 92  
coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth 93  
inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the proper name of 94  
the institution. 95

The seals of all other state, county, and municipal agencies, 96  
divisions, boards and commissions shall consist of the coat of 97  
arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches in 98  
diameter and shall be surrounded by the proper name of the office. 99

All seals mentioned in this section shall contain the words 100  
and devices mentioned in this section and no other. 101

**Section 2.** That existing sections 5.04 and 5.10 of the 102  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 103

**Section 3.** On the effective date of this act, supplies and 104  
materials bearing the state seal as it existed before the 105  
effective date of this act shall be exhausted before new supplies 106  
and materials bearing the new state seal are purchased or 107  
produced. All other state property bearing the state seal as it 108  
existed before the effective date of this act shall be replaced in 109  
the ordinary course of business and shall not be replaced solely 110  
because the state seal has been changed. 111