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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4503.042 and 4503.103 of the 1  
Revised Code to alter the annual registration 2  
tax for non-apportioned commercial trailers and 3  
semitrailers. 4

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4503.042 and 4503.103 of the 5  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 4503.042.** The rates established under this section 7  
apply to commercial cars, buses, trailers, and semitrailers that 8  
are not subject to apportioned rates under the international 9  
registration plan. 10

(A) The rates of the annual registration taxes imposed by 11  
section 4503.02 of the Revised Code, based on gross vehicle 12  
weight or combined gross vehicle weight, for commercial cars 13  
that are not apportionable are as follows: 14

(1) For not more than two thousand pounds, forty-five 15  
dollars; 16

(2) For more than two thousand but not more than six thousand pounds, seventy dollars;	17 18
(3) For more than six thousand but not more than ten thousand pounds, eighty-five dollars;	19 20
(4) For more than ten thousand but not more than fourteen thousand pounds, one hundred five dollars;	21 22
(5) For more than fourteen thousand but not more than eighteen thousand pounds, one hundred twenty-five dollars;	23 24
(6) For more than eighteen thousand but not more than twenty-two thousand pounds, one hundred fifty dollars;	25 26
(7) For more than twenty-two thousand but not more than twenty-six thousand pounds, one hundred seventy-five dollars;	27 28
(8) For more than twenty-six thousand but not more than thirty thousand pounds, three hundred fifty-five dollars;	29 30
(9) For more than thirty thousand but not more than thirty-four thousand pounds, four hundred twenty dollars;	31 32
(10) For more than thirty-four thousand but not more than thirty-eight thousand pounds, four hundred eighty dollars;	33 34
(11) For more than thirty-eight thousand but not more than forty-two thousand pounds, five hundred forty dollars;	35 36
(12) For more than forty-two thousand but not more than forty-six thousand pounds, six hundred dollars;	37 38
(13) For more than forty-six thousand but not more than fifty thousand pounds, six hundred sixty dollars;	39 40
(14) For more than fifty thousand but not more than fifty-four thousand pounds, seven hundred twenty-five dollars;	41 42

(15) For more than fifty-four thousand but not more than	43
fifty-eight thousand pounds, seven hundred eighty-five dollars;	44
(16) For more than fifty-eight thousand but not more than	45
sixty-two thousand pounds, eight hundred fifty-five dollars;	46
(17) For more than sixty-two thousand but not more than	47
sixty-six thousand pounds, nine hundred twenty-five dollars;	48
(18) For more than sixty-six thousand but not more than	49
seventy thousand pounds, nine hundred ninety-five dollars;	50
(19) For more than seventy thousand but not more than	51
seventy-four thousand pounds, one thousand eighty dollars;	52
(20) For more than seventy-four thousand but not more than	53
seventy-eight thousand pounds, one thousand two hundred dollars;	54
(21) For more than seventy-eight thousand pounds, one	55
thousand three hundred forty dollars.	56
(B) The rates of the annual registration taxes imposed by	57
section 4503.02 of the Revised Code, based on gross vehicle	58
weight or combined gross vehicle weight, for buses that are not	59
apportionable are as follows:	60
(1) For not more than two thousand pounds, ten dollars;	61
(2) For more than two thousand but not more than six	62
thousand pounds, forty dollars;	63
(3) For more than six thousand but not more than ten	64
thousand pounds, one hundred dollars;	65
(4) For more than ten thousand but not more than fourteen	66
thousand pounds, one hundred eighty dollars;	67
(5) For more than fourteen thousand but not more than	68
eighteen thousand pounds, two hundred sixty dollars;	69

(6) For more than eighteen thousand but not more than	70
twenty-two thousand pounds, three hundred forty dollars;	71
(7) For more than twenty-two thousand but not more than	72
twenty-six thousand pounds, four hundred twenty dollars;	73
(8) For more than twenty-six thousand but not more than	74
thirty thousand pounds, five hundred dollars;	75
(9) For more than thirty thousand but not more than	76
thirty-four thousand pounds, five hundred eighty dollars;	77
(10) For more than thirty-four thousand but not more than	78
thirty-eight thousand pounds, six hundred sixty dollars;	79
(11) For more than thirty-eight thousand but not more than	80
forty-two thousand pounds, seven hundred forty dollars;	81
(12) For more than forty-two thousand but not more than	82
forty-six thousand pounds, eight hundred twenty dollars;	83
(13) For more than forty-six thousand but not more than	84
fifty thousand pounds, nine hundred forty dollars;	85
(14) For more than fifty thousand but not more than fifty-	86
four thousand pounds, one thousand dollars;	87
(15) For more than fifty-four thousand but not more than	88
fifty-eight thousand pounds, one thousand ninety dollars;	89
(16) For more than fifty-eight thousand but not more than	90
sixty-two thousand pounds, one thousand one hundred eighty	91
dollars;	92
(17) For more than sixty-two thousand but not more than	93
sixty-six thousand pounds, one thousand two hundred seventy	94
dollars;	95
(18) For more than sixty-six thousand but not more than	96

seventy thousand pounds, one thousand three hundred sixty	97
dollars;	98
(19) For more than seventy thousand but not more than	99
seventy-four thousand pounds, one thousand four hundred fifty	100
dollars;	101
(20) For more than seventy-four thousand but not more than	102
seventy-eight thousand pounds, one thousand five hundred forty	103
dollars;	104
(21) For more than seventy-eight thousand pounds, one	105
thousand six hundred thirty dollars.	106
(C) The rate of the tax for each trailer and semitrailer	107
is <del>twenty-five</del> <u>forty</u> dollars for the first year of registration	108
by an applicant. No applicant is required to pay a tax for a	109
trailer or semitrailer under this division for any year after	110
the first year of registration.	111
(D) If an application for registration renewal is not	112
applied for prior to the expiration date of the registration or	113
within thirty days after that date, the registrar or deputy	114
registrar shall collect a fee of ten dollars for the issuance of	115
the vehicle registration, but may waive the fee for good cause	116
shown if the application is accompanied by supporting evidence	117
as the registrar may require. The fee shall be in addition to	118
all other fees established by this section. A deputy registrar	119
shall retain fifty cents of the fee and shall transmit the	120
remaining amount to the registrar at the time and in the manner	121
provided by section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. The registrar	122
shall deposit all moneys received under this division into the	123
public safety - highway purposes fund established in section	124
4501.06 of the Revised Code.	125

(E) The rates established by this section shall not apply to any of the following:	126 127
(1) Vehicles equipped, owned, and used by a charitable or nonprofit corporation exclusively for the purpose of administering chest x-rays or receiving blood donations;	128 129 130
(2) Vans used principally for the transportation of handicapped persons that have been modified by being equipped with adaptive equipment to facilitate the movement of such persons into and out of the vans;	131 132 133 134
(3) Buses used principally for the transportation of handicapped persons or persons sixty-five years of age or older;	135 136
(4) Buses used principally for the transportation of persons in a ridesharing arrangement;	137 138
(5) Transit buses having motor power;	139
(6) Noncommercial trailers, mobile homes, or manufactured homes.	140 141
<b>Sec. 4503.103.</b> (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may adopt rules to permit any person or lessee, other than a person receiving an apportioned license plate under the international registration plan, who owns or leases one or more motor vehicles to file a written application for registration for no more than five succeeding registration years. The rules adopted by the registrar may designate the classes of motor vehicles that are eligible for such registration. At the time of application, all annual taxes and fees shall be paid for each year for which the person is registering.	142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151
(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person or lessee who owns or leases a trailer or semitrailer	152 153

that is subject to the tax ~~rates~~ rate prescribed in section 154  
4503.042 of the Revised Code for such trailers or semitrailers 155  
to file a written application for registration for any number of 156  
succeeding registration years, including a permanent 157  
registration. At the time of application, the applicant shall 158  
pay the tax required under section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, 159  
unless the applicant previously paid the tax for the trailer or 160  
semitrailer being registered, plus all annual ~~taxes and fees~~ 161  
~~shall be paid for each year for which the person is registering,~~ 162  
~~provided that the annual taxes due, regardless of the number of~~ 163  
~~years for which the person is registering, shall not exceed two~~ 164  
~~hundred dollars. A person who registers a vehicle under division~~ 165  
~~(A) (2) of this section shall pay for each year of registration~~ 166  
~~the additional fee established required under division (C) (1) of~~ 167  
section 4503.10 of the Revised Code for each year of 168  
registration, ~~provided that the additional fee due, regardless~~ 169  
~~of the number of years for which the person is registering,~~ 170  
~~shall not exceed eighty-eight dollars. However, the applicant~~ 171  
shall pay not more than eight times the amount of that annual 172  
fee regardless of the number of years for which the applicant is 173  
registering. The person also shall pay one single deputy 174  
registrar service fee in the amount specified in division (D) of 175  
section 4503.10 of the Revised Code or one single bureau of 176  
motor vehicles service fee in the amount specified in division 177  
(G) of that section, as applicable, regardless of the number of 178  
years for which the person is registering. 179

(b) In addition, each person registering a trailer or 180  
semitrailer under division (A) (2) (a) of this section shall pay 181  
any applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under 182  
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code for each year for which the 183  
person is registering, provided that not more than eight times 184

any such annual local taxes shall be due upon registration. 185

(c) The period of registration for a trailer or 186  
semitrailer registered under division (A)(2)(a) of this section 187  
is exclusive to the trailer or semitrailer for which that 188  
certificate of registration is issued and is not transferable to 189  
any other trailer or semitrailer if the registration is a 190  
permanent registration. 191

(3) Except as provided in division (A)(4) of this section, 192  
the registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person who owns a 193  
motor vehicle to file an application for registration for not 194  
more than five succeeding registration years. At the time of 195  
application, the person shall pay the annual taxes and fees for 196  
each registration year, calculated in accordance with division 197  
(C) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. A person who is 198  
registering a vehicle under division (A)(3) of this section 199  
shall pay for each year of registration the additional fee 200  
established under division (C)(1), (3), or (4) of section 201  
4503.10 of the Revised Code, as applicable. The person shall 202  
also pay the deputy registrar service fee or the bureau of motor 203  
vehicles service fee equal to the amount established under 204  
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 205

(4) Division (A)(3) of this section does not apply to a 206  
person receiving an apportioned license plate under the 207  
international registration plan, or the owner of a commercial 208  
car used solely in intrastate commerce, or the owner of a bus as 209  
defined in section 4513.50 of the Revised Code. 210

(B) No person applying for a multi-year registration under 211  
division (A) of this section is entitled to a refund of any 212  
taxes or fees paid. 213



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

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

An order issued under this division shall require the  
owner to surrender to the registrar the certificate of  
registration and license plates for the vehicle named in the  
order within five days after its issuance. If the owner fails to  
do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to

the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover 245  
the certificate of registration and license plates for the 246  
vehicle. 247

(E) Upon the occurrence of either of the following 248  
circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 249  
the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order 250  
rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (D) 251  
of this section impounding the certificate of registration and 252  
license plates for the vehicle named in that original order: 253

(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection 254  
of a subsequent notice under rules adopted under section 3704.14 255  
of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection 256  
certificate for the vehicle as required under those rules; 257

(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the 258  
required inspection certificate for the vehicle. 259

(F) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate 260  
of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant 261  
to an order issued under division (D) of this section, upon 262  
issuance of a modified order under division (E) of this section, 263  
may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two 264  
dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the 265  
certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle 266  
named in the application. 267

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4503.042 and 4503.103 of 268  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 269