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A BILL

To amend sections 122.87, 122.925, 125.08, 125.081, 1
and 4503.03 and to enact section 122.926 of the 2
Revised Code to establish a veteran-owned 3
business enterprise certification program and to 4
allow duly certified veteran-owned business 5
enterprises and duly certified women-owned 6
business enterprises to compete for purchases 7
set aside by state agencies. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 122.87, 122.925, 125.08, 125.081, 9
and 4503.03 be amended and section 122.926 of the Revised Code 10
be enacted to read as follows: 11

Sec. 122.87. As used in sections 122.87 to 122.90 of the 12
Revised Code: 13

(A) "Surety company" means a company that is authorized by 14
the department of insurance to issue bonds as surety. 15

(B) "Minority business" means any of the following 16
occupations: 17

(1) Minority construction contractor; 18

(2) Minority seller;	19
(3) Minority service vendor.	20
(C) "Minority construction contractor" means a person who is both a construction contractor and an owner of a minority business enterprise certified under division (B) of section 122.921 of the Revised Code.	21 22 23 24
(D) "Minority seller" means a person who is both a seller of goods and an owner of a minority business enterprise listed on the special minority business enterprise bid -notification list under section 125.08 of the Revised Code.	25 26 27 28
(E) "Minority service vendor" means a person who is both a vendor of services and an owner of a minority business enterprise listed on the special minority business enterprise- bid -notification list under section 125.08 of the Revised Code.	29 30 31 32
(F) "Minority business enterprise" has the meaning given in section 122.71 of the Revised Code.	33 34
(G) "EDGE business enterprise" means a sole proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or joint venture certified as a participant in the encouraging diversity, growth, and equity program by the director of administrative services under section 122.922 of the Revised Code.	35 36 37 38 39 40
Sec. 122.925. (A) As used in this section <u>and section</u> <u>122.926 of the Revised Code:</u>	41 42
"Armed forces" means the armed forces of the United States, including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or any reserve component of those forces; the national guard of any state; the commissioned corps of the United States	43 44 45 46

public health service; the merchant marine service during 47
wartime; such other service as may be designated by congress; 48
and the Ohio organized militia when engaged in full-time 49
national guard duty for a period of more than thirty days. 50

"State agency" has the meaning defined in section 1.60 of 51
the Revised Code. 52

"Veteran" means any person who has completed service in 53
the armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or 54
a reserve component of the armed forces, who has been honorably 55
discharged or discharged under honorable conditions from the 56
armed forces or who has been transferred to the reserve with 57
evidence of satisfactory service. 58

"Veteran-friendly business enterprise" means a sole 59
proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited 60
liability company, or joint venture that meets veteran 61
employment standards established by the director of development 62
and the director of transportation under this section. 63

(B) The director of development and the director of 64
transportation shall establish and maintain the veteran-friendly 65
business procurement program. The director of development shall 66
adopt rules to administer the program for all state agencies 67
except the department of transportation, and the director of 68
transportation shall adopt rules to administer the program for 69
the department of transportation. The rules shall be adopted 70
under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The rules, as adopted 71
separately by but with the greatest degree of consistency 72
possible between the two directors, shall do all of the 73
following: 74

(1) Establish criteria, based on the percentage of an 75

applicant's employees who are veterans, that qualifies an	76
applicant for certification as a veteran-friendly business	77
enterprise;	78
(2) Establish procedures by which a sole proprietorship,	79
association, partnership, corporation, limited liability	80
company, or joint venture may apply for certification as a	81
veteran-friendly business enterprise;	82
(3) Establish procedures for certifying a sole	83
proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited	84
liability company, or joint venture as a veteran-friendly	85
business enterprise;	86
(4) Establish standards for determining when a veteran-	87
friendly business enterprise no longer qualifies for	88
certification as a veteran-friendly business enterprise;	89
(5) Establish procedures, to be used by state agencies or	90
the department of transportation, for the evaluation and ranking	91
of proposals, which provide preference or bonus points to each	92
certified veteran-friendly business enterprise that submits a	93
bid or other proposal for a contract with the state or an agency	94
of the state other than the department of transportation, or	95
with the department of transportation, for the rendering of	96
services, or the supplying of materials, or for the	97
construction, demolition, alteration, repair, or reconstruction	98
of any public building, structure, highway, or other	99
improvement;	100
(6) Implement an outreach program to educate potential	101
participants about the veteran-friendly business procurement	102
program; and	103
(7) Establish a process for monitoring overall performance	104

of the veteran-friendly business procurement program. 105

Sec. 122.926. (A) As used in this section: 106

(1) "Veteran-owned business enterprise" means a sole 107
proprietorship, association, partnership, corporation, limited 108
liability company, or joint venture of any kind that is owned 109
and controlled by a veteran who is a United States citizen and 110
resident of this state. 111

(2) "Owned and controlled" means that at least fifty-one 112
per cent of the business enterprise, including corporate stock 113
if it is a corporation, is owned by a veteran and that such an 114
owner has control over the day-to-day operations of the business 115
and an interest in the capital, assets, and profits and losses 116
of the business proportionate to the veteran's percentage of 117
ownership. In order to qualify as a veteran-owned business 118
enterprise, a business enterprise shall have been owned by a 119
veteran for at least one year. 120

(B) The director of development shall adopt rules in 121
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to do all of 122
the following: 123

(1) Establish procedures by which a business enterprise 124
may apply for certification as a veteran-owned business 125
enterprise; 126

(2) Establish standards to determine when a veteran-owned 127
business enterprise no longer qualifies for veteran-owned 128
business enterprise certification; 129

(3) Establish a process to mediate complaints and to 130
review veteran-owned business enterprise certification appeals; 131

(4) Establish a system to assist state agencies in 132

identifying and utilizing veteran-owned business enterprises in 133
their contracting processes; 134

(5) Implement a system of self-reporting by veteran-owned 135
business enterprises as well as an on-site inspection process to 136
validate the qualifications of veteran-owned business 137
enterprises. 138

(C) Business and personal financial information and trade 139
secrets submitted by veteran-owned business enterprise 140
applicants to the director pursuant to this section are not 141
public records for purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised 142
Code, unless the director presents the financial information or 143
trade secrets at a public hearing or public proceeding regarding 144
the applicant's eligibility to participate in the program. 145

Sec. 125.08. (A) Any person who is certified by the 146
director of development in accordance with the rules adopted 147
under division (B) (1) of section 122.921 of the Revised Code as 148
a minority business enterprise may have that person's name 149
placed on a special ~~minority business enterprise~~ notification 150
list to be used in connection with contracts awarded under 151
section 125.081 of the Revised Code. The ~~minority business~~ 152
~~enterprise~~ special notification list shall be used for bidding 153
on contracts set aside for ~~minority business enterprises~~ 154
only persons specified in division (A) of section 125.081 of the 155
Revised Code. 156

(B) Any person who is certified by the director of 157
development in accordance with the rules adopted under division 158
(B) of section 122.924 of the Revised Code as a women-owned 159
business enterprise may have that person's name placed on the 160
special notification list described in division (A) of this 161
section. 162

(C) Any person who is certified by the director of 163
development in accordance with the rules adopted under division 164
(B) of section 122.926 of the Revised Code as a veteran-owned 165
business enterprise may have that person's name placed on the 166
special notification list described in division (A) of this 167
section. 168

Sec. 125.081. (A) As used in this section, "disadvantaged 169
business enterprise" means a person certified by the director of 170
development under division (B) of section 122.921 of the Revised 171
Code, division (B) of section 122.924 of the Revised Code, or 172
division (B) of section 122.926 of the Revised Code. 173

(B) From the purchases that the department of 174
administrative services is required by law to make through 175
competitive selection, the director of administrative services 176
shall select a number of such purchases, the aggregate value of 177
which equals approximately fifteen per cent of the estimated 178
total value of all such purchases to be made in the current 179
fiscal year. The director shall set aside the purchases selected 180
for competition only by ~~minority business enterprises, as~~ 181
~~defined in division (E)(1) of section 122.71 of the Revised Code~~ 182
disadvantaged business enterprises. The competitive selection 183
procedures for such purchases set aside shall be the same as for 184
all other purchases the department is required to make through 185
competitive selection, except that only ~~minority business~~ 186
~~enterprises certified by the director of development in~~ 187
~~accordance with the rules adopted under division (B)(1) of~~ 188
~~section 122.921 of the Revised Code and the persons~~ listed under 189
section 125.08 of the Revised Code shall be qualified to 190
compete. 191

~~(B)~~ (C) To the extent that any agency of the state, other 192

than the department of administrative services, the legislative 193
and judicial branches, boards of elections, and the adjutant 194
general, is authorized to make purchases, the agency shall set 195
aside a number of purchases, the aggregate value of which equals 196
approximately fifteen per cent of the aggregate value of such 197
purchases for the current fiscal year for competition by 198
~~minority business enterprises~~ persons listed under section 199
125.08 of the Revised Code only. The procedures for such 200
purchases shall be the same as for all other such purchases made 201
by the agency, except that only ~~minority business enterprises~~ 202
~~certified by the director of development in accordance with~~ 203
~~rules adopted under division (B) (1) of section 123.151~~ persons 204
listed under section 125.08 of the Revised Code shall be 205
qualified to compete. 206

~~(C)~~ (D) In the case of purchases set aside under division 207
~~(A)~~ (B) or ~~(B)~~ (C) of this section, if no bid is submitted by a 208
~~minority disadvantaged~~ business enterprise, the purchase shall 209
be made according to usual procedures. The contracting agency 210
shall from time to time set aside such additional purchases for 211
which only ~~minority disadvantaged~~ business enterprises may 212
compete, as are necessary to replace those purchases previously 213
set aside for which no ~~minority disadvantaged~~ business 214
enterprises bid and to ensure that, in any fiscal year, the 215
aggregate amount of contracts awarded to ~~minority disadvantaged~~ 216
business enterprises will equal approximately fifteen per cent 217
of the total amount of contracts awarded by the agency. 218

~~(D)~~ (E) The provisions of this section shall not preclude 219
any ~~minority disadvantaged~~ business enterprise from competing 220
for any other state purchases that are not specifically set 221
aside for ~~minority disadvantaged~~ business enterprises. 222

~~(E)~~—(F) No funds of any state agency shall be expended in 223
any fiscal year for any purchase for which competitive selection 224
is required, until the director of the department of 225
administrative services certifies to the clerk of the senate and 226
the clerk of the house of representatives of the general 227
assembly that approximately fifteen per cent of the aggregate 228
amount of the projected expenditure for such purchases in the 229
fiscal year has been set aside as provided for in this section. 230

~~(F)~~—(G) Any person who intentionally misrepresents self as 231
owning, controlling, operating, or participating in a ~~minority-~~ 232
disadvantaged business enterprise for the purpose of obtaining 233
contracts, subcontracts, or any other benefits under this 234
section shall be guilty of theft by deception as provided for in 235
section 2913.02 of the Revised Code. 236

Sec. 4503.03. (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) 237
of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate 238
one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy 239
registrar in each county: 240

(i) The county auditor in any county, subject to division 241
(A) (1) (b) (i) of this section; 242

(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county, 243
subject to division (A) (1) (b) (ii) of this section; 244

(iii) An individual; 245

(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of 246
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 247

(b) (i) If the population of a county is forty thousand or 248
less according to the most recent federal decennial census and 249
if the county auditor is designated by the registrar as a deputy 250
registrar, no other person need be designated in the county to 251

act as a deputy registrar. 252

(ii) The registrar may designate a clerk of a court of 253
common pleas as a deputy registrar if the population of the 254
county is forty thousand or less according to the last federal 255
census. In a county with a population greater than forty 256
thousand but not more than fifty thousand according to the last 257
federal census, the clerk of a court of common pleas is eligible 258
to act as a deputy registrar and may participate in the 259
competitive selection process for the award of a deputy 260
registrar contract by applying in the same manner as any other 261
person. All fees collected and retained by a clerk for 262
conducting deputy registrar services shall be paid into the 263
county treasury to the credit of the certificate of title 264
administration fund created under section 325.33 of the Revised 265
Code. 266

Notwithstanding the county population restrictions in 267
division (A)(1)(b) of this section, if no person applies to act 268
under contract as a deputy registrar in a county and the county 269
auditor is not designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar 270
may ask the clerk of a court of common pleas to serve as the 271
deputy registrar for that county. 272

(c) As part of the selection process in awarding a deputy 273
registrar contract, the registrar shall consider the customer 274
service performance record of any person previously awarded a 275
deputy registrar contract pursuant to division (A)(1) of this 276
section. 277

(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the 278
annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 279
4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers 280
in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be 281

located in such locations in the county as the registrar sees 282
fit. There shall be at least one deputy registrar in each 283
county. 284

Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions 285
of division ~~(B)~~(C) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code. 286

(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act 287
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if 288
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member 289
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current 290
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, 291
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred 292
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of 293
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, 294
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of 295
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any 296
political party and any "continuing association" as defined in 297
division (C) (4) of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code or 298
"political action committee" as defined in division (C) (8) of 299
that section that is primarily associated with that political 300
party. For purposes of this division, contributions to any 301
continuing association or any political action committee that is 302
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 303
with contributions to that political party. 304

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 305
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 306
pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 307
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 308
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 309
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 310
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 311

contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 312

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 313
following to act as a deputy registrar: 314

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 315
auditor or, as authorized by division (A) (1) (b) of this section, 316
a clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 317
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 318
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 319
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 320
office of a political subdivision; 321

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 322
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 323
Revised Code. 324

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 325
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 326
Revised Code. 327

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 328
section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 329
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 330
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 331
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 332
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 333
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 334
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 335
the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 336
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 337
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 338
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 339
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 340

withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 341
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 342
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 343
contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 344
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 345
the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 346
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 347
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 348

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 349
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 350
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 351
Revised Code. 352

(D) (1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 353
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 354
do all of the following: 355

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 356
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 357
services to be performed; 358

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to 359
be given as provided in this section; 360

(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location 361
of the deputy's office; 362

(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of 363
equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required 364
under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the 365
use of the equipment; 366

(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public 367
of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of 368
operation by means of public service announcements; 369

(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to 370
the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including 371
allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar 372
to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by 373
the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable 374
organization or philanthropic cause; 375

(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to 376
the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in 377
each county be open to the public for at least four hours each 378
weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located 379
within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the 380
office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend; 381

(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, 382
provide any person with information about the location and 383
office hours of all deputy registrars in the county; 384

(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a 385
nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 386

(j) Except as provided in division (D) (2) of this section, 387
prohibit any deputy registrar from operating more than one 388
deputy registrar's office at any time; 389

(k) For the duration of any deputy registrar contract, 390
require that the deputy registrar occupy a primary residence in 391
a location that is within a one-hour commute time from the 392
deputy registrar's office or offices. The rules shall require 393
the registrar to determine commute time by using multiple 394
established internet-based mapping services. 395

(l) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request 396
the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 397
4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 398

4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the 399
reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected 400
under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least 401
one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 402
and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 403
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 404
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 405
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 406
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 407
with accepting reinstatement fees. 408

(m) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 409
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 410
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 411
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 412

(n) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 413
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 414
vending machine; 415

(o) Establish such other requirements as the registrar and 416
director consider necessary to provide a high level of service. 417

(2) Notwithstanding division (D)(1)(j) of this section, 418
the rules may allow both of the following: 419

(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy 420
registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if 421
determined by the registrar to be practical; 422

(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of 423
providing automobile-related services to its members or the 424
public and that provides such services from more than one 425
location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at 426
any location. 427

(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles 428
shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under 429
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license 430
plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a 431
service to a member of the public. 432

(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each 433
deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy 434
registrar's office any business that is consistent with the 435
functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically 436
mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised 437
Code or by implementing rules of the registrar. 438

(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public 439
safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or 440
contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy 441
registrar location if products of the vending machine are 442
consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar. 443

(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with 444
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 445
division (A)(11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 446
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 447
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 448
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 449
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 450
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 451
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 452
necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 453

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 454
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 455
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 456

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 457
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 458
deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 459
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 460

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 461
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 462
more than three years; 463

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 464
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 465
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 466
registrar. 467

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 468
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 469
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 470
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 471
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 472
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 473

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 474
reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 475
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 476
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 477
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 478
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 479
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 480
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 481
conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 482
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 483
office. 484

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 485

determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 486
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 487
has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 488
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 489
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 490
registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 491
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 492
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 493
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 494
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 495
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 496
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 497
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 498
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 499
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 500
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 501
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 502
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 503
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 504
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 505
paid. 506

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 507
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 508
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 509
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 510
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 511
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 512
by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 513
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 514
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 515

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 516

construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 517
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 518
with the approval of the director, for cause. 519

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 520
Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 521
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 522
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 523
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 524
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 525
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 526
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 527
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 528
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 529
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 530
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 531
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 532

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 533
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 534
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 535
keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 536
the series assigned. Except as otherwise provided in section 537
3.061 of the Revised Code, each deputy shall be required to give 538
bond in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or 539
in such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, 540
based on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 541
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 542
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 543
registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 544
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 545
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 546
department. 547

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 548
application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 549
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 550

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 551
physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 552
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 553
Revised Code. 554

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 555
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 556
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 557
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 558
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 559
registration applications declined. 560

Section 2. That existing sections 122.87, 122.925, 125.08, 561
125.081, and 4503.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 562