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A BILL

To amend section 4509.05 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to 2
include information regarding who is at fault 3
for a motor vehicle accident on a motor vehicle 4
abstract, when such information is available. 5

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

Section 1. That section 4509.05 of the Revised Code be 6
amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 4509.05. (A) Upon request, the registrar of motor 8
vehicles shall search and furnish a certified abstract of the 9
following information with respect to any person: 10

(1) An enumeration of the motor vehicle accidents in which 11
such person has been involved except accidents certified as 12
described in division (D) of section 3937.41 of the Revised 13
Code; 14

(2) Such person's record of convictions for violation of 15
the motor vehicle laws. 16

(B) The registrar shall include with the enumeration of 17
motor vehicle accidents, as listed on a person's abstract under 18
division (A)(1) of this section, a specification of whether that 19
person was found to be at fault or not at fault for each 20
accident listed on the abstract, if that information is 21
available. To determine fault and for purposes of providing the 22
specification, the registrar may use motor vehicle accident 23
reports, citations issued by law enforcement officers that are 24
relevant to accidents listed on the abstract, and information 25
given to the registrar by an insurance carrier regarding such 26
accidents. 27

(C) The registrar shall collect for each abstract a fee of 28
five dollars. 29

~~(C)~~ (D) The registrar may permit deputy registrars to 30
perform a search and furnish a certified abstract under this 31
section. A deputy registrar performing this function shall 32
comply with section 4501.27 of the Revised Code concerning the 33
disclosure of personal information, shall collect and transmit 34
to the registrar the five-dollar fee established under division 35
~~(B)~~ (C) of this section, and may collect and retain a service 36
fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of 37
the Revised Code. 38

The registrar shall pay each five-dollar fee collected 39
under this section into the state treasury to the credit of the 40
public safety - highway purposes fund established in section 41
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 42

Section 2. That existing section 4509.05 of the Revised 43
Code is hereby repealed. 44