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A BILL

To amend sections 4503.47, 4503.471, 4503.71, and 1
4503.711 of the Revised Code to eliminate the 2
Bureau of Motor Vehicles administrative fee for 3
nonstandard license plates related to 4
firefighters and police officers. 5

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

Section 1. That sections 4503.47, 4503.471, 4503.71, and 6
4503.711 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 4503.47. (A) Any person who is a volunteer 8
firefighter may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the 9
registration of one passenger car or other vehicle of a class 10
approved by the registrar the person owns or leases. The 11
application shall be accompanied by such written evidence as the 12
registrar may require by rule, that the person is a volunteer 13
firefighter. 14

Upon receipt of an application for the registration of a 15
passenger car or other vehicle of a class approved by the 16
registrar under this section and presentation of satisfactory 17
evidence of such volunteer firefighter status, the registrar 18
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 19

registration and a set of license plates and a validation 20
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 21
4503.191 of the Revised Code. In addition to the letters and 22
numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, the license plates shall 23
be inscribed with the letters "F.D." inside a Maltese cross 24
emblem. The license plates and validation stickers shall be 25
issued upon payment of the regular license fees as prescribed 26
under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any local motor 27
vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, ~~and~~ 28
~~upon the payment of an additional fee of ten dollars for~~ 29
~~issuance under this section. The fee shall be for the purpose of~~ 30
~~compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional~~ 31
~~services required in the issuing of such license plates, and~~ 32
~~shall be transmitted by the registrar to the treasurer of state~~ 33
~~for deposit in the public safety highway purposes fund created~~ 34
~~by section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. No person shall apply~~ 35
for more than one set of volunteer firefighter license plates 36
annually. 37

The chief of a fire department or the fire chief shall 38
immediately notify the registrar whenever any person under the 39
chief's supervision is no longer a volunteer firefighter. 40

Whenever a person is no longer eligible to be issued 41
volunteer firefighter license plates, the person shall surrender 42
the volunteer firefighter license plates to the bureau in 43
exchange for plates without the "F.D." emblem. A fee of five 44
dollars shall be charged for the services required in the 45
issuing of replacement plates when an individual is no longer 46
eligible to be issued volunteer firefighter license plates. 47

Application for volunteer firefighter license plates may 48
be made, and such license plates and replacement plates shall be 49

issued, at any time of year. 50

No person who is not a volunteer firefighter shall 51
willfully and falsely represent that the person is a volunteer 52
firefighter for the purpose of obtaining volunteer firefighter 53
license plates under this section. No person shall own a vehicle 54
bearing such license plates unless the person is eligible to be 55
issued such license plates. 56

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a 57
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 58

Sec. 4503.471. (A) Any person who is a member in good 59
standing of the international association of firefighters may 60
apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of 61
any passenger car, noncommercial vehicle, recreational vehicle, 62
or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar that the 63
person owns or leases and the issuance of international 64
association of firefighters license plates. The application 65
shall be accompanied by the written evidence that the registrar 66
may require by rule showing that the person is a member in good 67
standing of the international association of firefighters. The 68
application for international association of firefighters 69
license plates may be combined with a request for a special 70
reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 71
Revised Code. 72

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 73
vehicle under this section and presentation of satisfactory 74
evidence showing that the person is a member in good standing of 75
the international association of firefighters, the registrar 76
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 77
registrations, sets of license plates and validation stickers, 78
or validation stickers alone when required by section 4503.191 79

of the Revised Code. 80

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 81
inscribed on the license plates, international association of 82
firefighters license plates shall be inscribed with a Maltese 83
cross emblem designed by the international association of 84
firefighters and approved by the registrar. International 85
association of firefighters license plates shall bear county 86
identification stickers that identify the county of registration 87
as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 88

The license plates and validation stickers shall be issued 89
upon payment of the regular license fee as prescribed under 90
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, and payment of any local 91
motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 92
Code, ~~and payment of an additional fee of ten dollars for the~~ 93
~~purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for~~ 94
~~additional services required in the issuing of license plates~~ 95
~~under this section.~~ If the application for international 96
association of firefighters license plates is combined with a 97
request for a special reserved license plate under section 98
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the license plate and 99
validation sticker shall be issued upon payment of the fees and 100
taxes contained in this division and the additional fee 101
prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 102
~~The registrar shall deposit the additional fee of ten dollars in~~ 103
~~the public safety - highway purposes fund created by section~~ 104
~~4501.06 of the Revised Code.~~ 105

Whenever a person no longer is eligible to be issued 106
international association of firefighters license plates, the 107
person shall surrender the international association of 108
firefighters license plates to the bureau in exchange for 109

license plates without the Maltese cross emblem described in 110
this section. A fee of five dollars shall be charged for the 111
services required in the issuing of replacement plates when a 112
person no longer is eligible to be issued international 113
association of firefighters license plates. 114

A person may make application for international 115
association of firefighters license plates at any time of year, 116
and the registrar shall issue international association of 117
firefighters license plates and replacement plates at any time 118
of year. 119

(B) No person who is not a member in good standing of the 120
international association of firefighters shall willfully and 121
falsely represent that the person is a member in good standing 122
of the international association of firefighters for the purpose 123
of obtaining international association of firefighters license 124
plates under this section. No person shall own or lease a 125
vehicle bearing international association of firefighters 126
license plates unless the person is eligible to be issued 127
international association of firefighters license plates. 128

(C) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is 129
guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 130

Sec. 4503.71. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger 131
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 132
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles 133
who also is a member in good standing of the fraternal order of 134
police may apply to the registrar for the registration of the 135
vehicle and issuance of fraternal order of police license 136
plates. The application for fraternal order of police license 137
plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved 138
license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised 139

Code. Upon receipt of the completed application, presentation by 140
the applicant of the required evidence that the applicant is a 141
member in good standing of the fraternal order of police, and 142
compliance by the applicant with this section, the registrar 143
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 144
registration and a set of fraternal order of police license 145
plates with a validation sticker or a validation sticker alone 146
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 147

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 148
inscribed thereon, fraternal order of police license plates 149
shall be inscribed with identifying words and a symbol or logo 150
designed by the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, 151
and approved by the registrar. Fraternal order of police license 152
plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify 153
the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of 154
the Revised Code. 155

Fraternal order of police license plates and validation 156
stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular license fee 157
required by section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, payment of any 158
local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of 159
the Revised Code, ~~payment of a fee of ten dollars,~~ and 160
compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the 161
registration of motor vehicles. If the application for fraternal 162
order of police license plates is combined with a request for a 163
special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 164
of the Revised Code, the license plates and validation sticker 165
shall be issued upon payment of the fees and taxes contained in 166
this section and the additional fee prescribed under section 167
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. ~~The fee of ten dollars~~ 168
~~shall be for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor~~ 169
~~vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of~~ 170

~~fraternal order of police license plates, and shall be~~ 171
~~transmitted by the registrar to the treasurer of state for~~ 172
~~deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the public~~ 173
~~safety highway purposes fund created by section 4501.06 of the~~ 174
~~Revised Code.~~ 175

(B) For each application for registration and registration 176
renewal the registrar receives under this section, the registrar 177
shall collect an additional fee of two dollars. The registrar 178
shall transmit this additional fee to the treasurer of state for 179
deposit in the license plate contribution fund created in 180
section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 181

Sec. 4503.711. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger 182
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 183
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles 184
who is a member in good standing of the fraternal order of 185
police associates of Ohio, inc., may apply to the registrar for 186
the registration of the vehicle and issuance of fraternal order 187
of police associate license plates. The application for 188
fraternal order of police associate license plates may be 189
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate 190
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon 191
receipt of the completed application, presentation by the 192
applicant of the required evidence that the applicant is a 193
member in good standing of the fraternal order of police 194
associates of Ohio, inc., and compliance with division (B) of 195
this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 196
appropriate vehicle registration and a set of fraternal order of 197
police associate license plates with a validation sticker or a 198
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 199
the Revised Code. 200

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 201
inscribed thereon, fraternal order of police associate license 202
plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings 203
designed by the fraternal order of police of Ohio, inc., and 204
approved by the registrar. Fraternal order of police associate 205
plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify 206
the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of 207
the Revised Code. 208

(B) The registrar shall issue a set of fraternal order of 209
police associate license plates with a validation sticker or a 210
validation sticker alone upon receipt of a contribution as 211
provided in division (C) of this section and upon payment of the 212
regular license fees prescribed under section 4503.04 of the 213
Revised Code, ~~an additional fee of ten dollars for the purpose~~ 214
~~of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional~~ 215
~~services required in the issuing of the fraternal order of~~ 216
~~police associate license plates, payment of any applicable motor~~ 217
vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and 218
compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the 219
registration of motor vehicles. If the application for fraternal 220
order of police associate license plates is combined with a 221
request for a special reserved license plate under section 222
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the license plate and 223
validation sticker shall be issued upon payment of the 224
contribution, fees, and taxes contained in this division and the 225
additional fee prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of 226
the Revised Code. 227

(C) For each application for registration and registration 228
renewal the registrar receives under this section, the registrar 229
shall collect a contribution of fifteen dollars. The registrar 230
shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of state for 231

deposit in the license plate contribution fund created in 232
section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. 233

~~The registrar shall transmit the additional fee of ten 234
dollars specified in division (B) of this section to the 235
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 236
credit of the public safety — highway purposes fund created by 237
section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 238~~

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.47, 4503.471, 239
4503.71, and 4503.711 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 240