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**A B I L L**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.74 1  
of the Revised Code to create "Mahoning River" 2  
license plates. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 4501.21 be amended and section 4  
4503.74 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4501.21.** (A) There is hereby created in the state 6  
treasury the license plate contribution fund. The fund shall 7  
consist of all contributions paid by motor vehicle registrants and 8  
collected by the registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to sections 9  
4503.50, 4503.51, 4503.55, 4503.561, 4503.591, 4503.67, 4503.68, 10  
4503.69, 4503.71, 4503.711, 4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.74, and 4503.75 11  
of the Revised Code. 12

(B) The registrar shall disburse the contributions the 13  
registrar collects in the fund as follows: 14

(1) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 15  
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 16  
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 17  
contributions into its general account to be used for educational 18  
and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of America 19  
foundation. 20

(2) The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the university or college whose name or marking or design appears on collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that section. A university or college that receives contributions from the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general scholarship fund.

(3) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall be separate and distinct from any other account the pro football hall of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel destination.

(4) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing wetlands and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the registrar in writing of the name, address, and account to which payments are to be made under division (B)(4) of this section.

(5) The registrar shall pay to a sports commission created pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of the Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a professional sports team located in the county of that sports commission and that is participating in the license plate program

established by section 4503.591 of the Revised Code, irrespective  
of the county of residence of an applicant. 53  
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(6) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar  
receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code to the  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council shall  
distribute all contributions in an equitable manner throughout the  
state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 55  
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(7) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar  
receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code to the  
great river council of the girl scouts of the United States of  
America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an  
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of the  
girl scouts. 60  
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(8) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar  
receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code to the  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council shall  
distribute all contributions in an equitable manner throughout the  
state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 66  
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(9) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar  
receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code to the  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall  
deposit the fees into its general account to be used for purposes  
of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 71  
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(10) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar  
receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised Code to the  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall  
deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to be  
used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law  
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement  
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 76  
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(11) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 83

receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code to the  
organization known on ~~the effective date of this section~~ March 31,  
2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL association, a private, nonprofit  
corporation organized under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The  
Ohio CASA/GAL association shall use these contributions to pay the  
expenses it incurs in administering a program to secure the proper  
representation in the courts of this state of abused, neglected,  
and dependent children, and for the training and supervision of  
persons participating in that program.

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(12) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar  
receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code to Wright  
B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the contributions into  
its general account to be used for purposes of Wright B. Flyer,  
incorporated.

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(13) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar  
receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code to the  
Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money to pay the  
expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the Mahoning river  
watershed.

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(14) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar  
receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code to the  
rotary foundation, located on ~~the effective date of this section~~  
March 31, 2003, in Evanston, Illinois, to be placed in a fund  
known as the permanent fund and used to endow educational and  
humanitarian programs of the rotary foundation.

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(C) All investment earnings of the license plate contribution  
fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than the first day  
of May of every year, the registrar shall distribute to each  
entity described in divisions (B)(1) to ~~(13)~~ (14) of this section  
the investment income the fund earned the previous calendar year.  
The amount of such a distribution paid to an entity shall be

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proportionate to the amount of money the entity received from the 115  
fund during the previous calendar year. 116

Sec. 4503.74. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 117  
noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of a 118  
class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the 119  
registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of 120  
"Mahoning river" license plates. The application for "Mahoning 121  
river" license plates may be combined with a request for a special 122  
reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 123  
Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 124  
compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall 125  
issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, a set 126  
of "Mahoning river" license plates with a validation sticker, or a 127  
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the 128  
Revised Code. 129

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 130  
on the license plates, "Mahoning river" license plates shall be 131  
inscribed with identifying words or markings selected by the 132  
Mahoning river consortium and approved by the registrar. "Mahoning 133  
river" license plates shall bear county identification stickers 134  
that identify the county of registration by name or number. 135

(B) "Mahoning river" license plates and a validation sticker 136  
or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued 137  
upon submission by the applicant of an application for 138  
registration of a motor vehicle under this section and a 139  
contribution as provided in division (C) of this section; payment 140  
of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of 141  
the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under 142  
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee 143  
prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and 144  
an additional fee of ten dollars; and compliance with all other 145

applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

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(C) For each application for registration and registration  
renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the  
registrar shall collect a contribution not exceeding twenty  
dollars as determined by the Mahoning river consortium. The  
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of  
state for deposit in the license plate contribution fund created  
by section 4501.21 of the Revised Code. The Mahoning river  
consortium may change the amount of the contribution, but such a  
change shall not be made more frequently than once every twelve  
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The additional fee of ten dollars described in division (B)  
of this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the  
bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in  
issuing license plates under this section. The registrar shall  
transmit that fee to the treasurer of state for deposit into the  
state treasury to the credit of the bureau of motor vehicles fund  
created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code.

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**Section 2.** That existing section 4501.21 of the Revised Code  
is hereby repealed.

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