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A BILL

To amend section 4503.04 of the Revised Code to 1
increase the motor vehicle registration period 2
for a farm bus. 3

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

Section 1. That section 4503.04 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4503.04. Except as provided in sections 4503.042 and 6
4503.65 of the Revised Code for the registration of commercial 7
cars, trailers, semitrailers, and certain buses, the rates of 8
the taxes imposed by section 4503.02 of the Revised Code shall 9
be as follows: 10

(A) (1) For motor vehicles having three wheels or less, the 11
license tax is: 12

(a) For each motorized bicycle or moped, ten dollars; 13

(b) For each motorcycle, autocycle, cab-enclosed 14
motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motor scooter, fourteen 15
dollars. 16

(2) For each low-speed, under-speed, and utility vehicle, 17

and each mini-truck, ten dollars. 18

(B) For each passenger car, twenty dollars; 19

(C) For each manufactured home, each mobile home, and each 20
travel trailer or house vehicle, ten dollars; 21

(D) For each noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the 22
manufacturer to carry a load of no more than three-quarters of 23
one ton and for each motor home, thirty-five dollars; for each 24
noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer to 25
carry a load of more than three-quarters of one ton, but not 26
more than one ton, seventy dollars; 27

(E) For each noncommercial trailer, the license tax is: 28

(1) Eighty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part 29
thereof for the first two thousand pounds or part thereof of 30
weight of vehicle fully equipped; 31

(2) One dollar and forty cents for each one hundred pounds 32
or part thereof in excess of two thousand pounds up to and 33
including ten thousand pounds. 34

(F) Notwithstanding its weight, twelve dollars for any: 35

(1) Vehicle equipped, owned, and used by a charitable or 36
nonprofit corporation exclusively for the purpose of 37
administering chest x-rays or receiving blood donations; 38

(2) Van used principally for the transportation of 39
handicapped persons that has been modified by being equipped 40
with adaptive equipment to facilitate the movement of such 41
persons into and out of the van; 42

(3) Bus used principally for the transportation of 43
handicapped persons or persons sixty-five years of age or older. 44

(G) Notwithstanding its weight, twenty dollars for any bus 45
used principally for the transportation of persons in a 46
ridesharing arrangement. 47

(H) For each transit bus having motor power the license 48
tax is twelve dollars. 49

"Transit bus" means either a motor vehicle having a 50
seating capacity of more than seven persons which is operated 51
and used by any person in the rendition of a public mass 52
transportation service primarily in a municipal corporation or 53
municipal corporations and provided at least seventy-five per 54
cent of the annual mileage of such service and use is within 55
such municipal corporation or municipal corporations or a motor 56
vehicle having a seating capacity of more than seven persons 57
which is operated solely for the transportation of persons 58
associated with a charitable or nonprofit corporation, but does 59
not mean any motor vehicle having a seating capacity of more 60
than seven persons when such vehicle is used in a ridesharing 61
capacity or any bus described by division (F) (3) of this 62
section. 63

The application for registration of such transit bus shall 64
be accompanied by an affidavit prescribed by the registrar of 65
motor vehicles and signed by the person or an agent of the firm 66
or corporation operating such bus stating that the bus has a 67
seating capacity of more than seven persons, and that it is 68
either to be operated and used in the rendition of a public mass 69
transportation service and that at least seventy-five per cent 70
of the annual mileage of such operation and use shall be within 71
one or more municipal corporations or that it is to be operated 72
solely for the transportation of persons associated with a 73
charitable or nonprofit corporation. 74

The form of the license plate, and the manner of its attachment to the vehicle, shall be prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles.

(I) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) or (J) of this section, the minimum tax for any vehicle having motor power is ten dollars and eighty cents, and for each noncommercial trailer, five dollars.

(J) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) of this section, for each farm truck, except a noncommercial motor vehicle, that is owned, controlled, or operated by one or more farmers exclusively in farm use as defined in this section, and not for commercial purposes, and provided that at least seventy-five per cent of such farm use is by or for the one or more owners, controllers, or operators of the farm in the operation of which a farm truck is used, the license tax is five dollars plus:

(a) Fifty cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof for the first three thousand pounds;

(b) Seventy cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of three thousand pounds up to and including four thousand pounds;

(c) Ninety cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of four thousand pounds up to and including six thousand pounds;

(d) Two dollars for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of six thousand pounds up to and including ten thousand pounds;

(e) Two dollars and twenty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of ten thousand pounds;

(f) The minimum license tax for any farm truck shall be 104
twelve dollars. 105

(2) The owner of a farm truck may register the truck for a 106
period of one-half year by paying one-half the registration tax 107
imposed on the truck under this chapter and one-half the amount 108
of any tax imposed on the truck under Chapter 4504. of the 109
Revised Code. 110

(3) A farm bus may be registered for a period of ~~two~~ three 111
hundred ten days from the date of issue of the license plates 112
for the bus, for a fee of ten dollars, provided such license 113
plates shall not be issued for more than one such period in any 114
calendar year. Such use does not include the operation of trucks 115
by commercial processors of agricultural products. 116

(4) License plates for farm trucks and for farm buses 117
shall have some distinguishing marks, letters, colors, or other 118
characteristics to be determined by the director of public 119
safety. 120

(5) Every person registering a farm truck or bus under 121
this section shall furnish an affidavit certifying that the 122
truck or bus licensed to that person is to be so used as to meet 123
the requirements necessary for the farm truck or farm bus 124
classification. 125

Any farmer may use a truck owned by the farmer for 126
commercial purposes by paying the difference between the 127
commercial truck registration fee and the farm truck 128
registration fee for the remaining part of the registration 129
period for which the truck is registered. Such remainder shall 130
be calculated from the beginning of the semiannual period in 131
which application for such commercial license is made. 132

Taxes at the rates provided in this section are in lieu of 133
all taxes on or with respect to the ownership of such motor 134
vehicles, except as provided in sections 4503.042, 4503.06, and 135
4503.65 of the Revised Code. 136

(K) Other than trucks registered under the international 137
registration plan in another jurisdiction and for which this 138
state has received an apportioned registration fee, the license 139
tax for each truck which is owned, controlled, or operated by a 140
nonresident, and licensed in another state, and which is used 141
exclusively for the transportation of nonprocessed agricultural 142
products intrastate, from the place of production to the place 143
of processing, is twenty-four dollars. 144

"Truck," as used in this division, means any pickup truck, 145
straight truck, semitrailer, or trailer other than a travel 146
trailer. Nonprocessed agricultural products, as used in this 147
division, does not include livestock or grain. 148

A license issued under this division shall be issued for a 149
period of one hundred thirty days in the same manner in which 150
all other licenses are issued under this section, provided that 151
no truck shall be so licensed for more than one one-hundred- 152
thirty-day period during any calendar year. 153

The license issued pursuant to this division shall consist 154
of a windshield decal to be designed by the director of public 155
safety. 156

Every person registering a truck under this division shall 157
furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck licensed to the 158
person is to be used exclusively for the purposes specified in 159
this division. 160

(L) Every person registering a motor vehicle as a 161

noncommercial motor vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the 162
Revised Code, or registering a trailer as a noncommercial 163
trailer as defined in that section, shall furnish an affidavit 164
certifying that the motor vehicle or trailer so licensed to the 165
person is to be so used as to meet the requirements necessary 166
for the noncommercial vehicle classification. 167

(M) Every person registering a van or bus as provided in 168
divisions (F) (2) and (3) of this section shall furnish a 169
notarized statement certifying that the van or bus licensed to 170
the person is to be used for the purposes specified in those 171
divisions. The form of the license plate issued for such motor 172
vehicles shall be prescribed by the registrar. 173

(N) Every person registering as a passenger car a motor 174
vehicle designed and used for carrying more than nine but not 175
more than fifteen passengers, and every person registering a bus 176
as provided in division (G) of this section, shall furnish an 177
affidavit certifying that the vehicle so licensed to the person 178
is to be used in a ridesharing arrangement and that the person 179
will have in effect whenever the vehicle is used in a 180
ridesharing arrangement a policy of liability insurance with 181
respect to the motor vehicle in amounts and coverages no less 182
than those required by section 4509.79 of the Revised Code. The 183
form of the license plate issued for such a motor vehicle shall 184
be prescribed by the registrar. 185

(O) (1) If an application for registration renewal is not 186
applied for prior to the expiration date of the registration or 187
within thirty days after that date, the registrar or deputy 188
registrar shall collect a fee of ten dollars for the issuance of 189
the vehicle registration. For any motor vehicle that is used on 190
a seasonal basis, whether used for general transportation or 191

not, and that has not been used on the public roads or highways 192
since the expiration of the registration, the registrar or 193
deputy registrar shall waive the fee established under this 194
division if the application is accompanied by supporting 195
evidence of seasonal use as the registrar may require. The 196
registrar or deputy registrar may waive the fee for other good 197
cause shown if the application is accompanied by supporting 198
evidence as the registrar may require. The fee shall be in 199
addition to all other fees established by this section. A deputy 200
registrar shall retain fifty cents of the fee and shall transmit 201
the remaining amount to the registrar at the time and in the 202
manner provided by section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. The 203
registrar shall deposit all moneys received under this division 204
into the public safety - highway purposes fund established in 205
section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 206

(2) Division (O)(1) of this section does not apply to a 207
farm truck or farm bus registered under division (J) of this 208
section. 209

(P) As used in this section: 210

(1) "Van" means any motor vehicle having a single rear 211
axle and an enclosed body without a second seat. 212

(2) "Handicapped person" means any person who has lost the 213
use of one or both legs, or one or both arms, or is blind, deaf, 214
or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without 215
the aid of crutches or a wheelchair. 216

(3) "Farm truck" means a truck used in the transportation 217
from the farm of products of the farm, including livestock and 218
its products, poultry and its products, floricultural and 219
horticultural products, and in the transportation to the farm of 220

supplies for the farm, including tile, fence, and every other 221
thing or commodity used in agricultural, floricultural, 222
horticultural, livestock, and poultry production and livestock, 223
poultry, and other animals and things used for breeding, 224
feeding, or other purposes connected with the operation of the 225
farm. 226

(4) "Farm bus" means a bus used only for the 227
transportation of agricultural employees and used only in the 228
transportation of such employees as are necessary in the 229
operation of the farm. 230

(5) "Farm supplies" includes fuel used exclusively in the 231
operation of a farm, including one or more homes located on and 232
used in the operation of one or more farms, and furniture and 233
other things used in and around such homes. 234

Section 2. That existing section 4503.04 of the Revised 235
Code is hereby repealed. 236