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**A BILL**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 1  
4503.97 of the Revised Code to create the "I 2  
Stand with Israel" license plate. 3

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

**Section 1.** That section 4501.21 be amended and section 4  
4503.97 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 8  
and collected by the registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to 9  
sections 4503.491, 4503.492, 4503.493, 4503.494, 4503.496, 10  
4503.498, 4503.499, 4503.50, 4503.501, 4503.502, 4503.505, 11  
4503.51, 4503.522, 4503.523, 4503.524, 4503.525, 4503.526, 12  
4503.531, 4503.534, 4503.545, 4503.55, 4503.551, 4503.552, 13  
4503.553, 4503.554, 4503.561, 4503.562, 4503.564, 4503.576, 14  
4503.591, 4503.67, 4503.68, 4503.69, 4503.701, 4503.71, 15  
4503.711, 4503.712, 4503.713, 4503.72, 4503.73, 4503.732, 16  
4503.74, 4503.75, 4503.751, 4503.85, 4503.86, 4503.89, 4503.90, 17

4503.92, ~~and~~ 4503.94, and 4503.97 of the Revised Code. 18

(B) The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar collects in the fund as follows: 19  
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The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant to section 4503.491 of the Revised Code to the breast cancer fund of Ohio, which shall use that money only to pay for programs that provide assistance and education to Ohio breast cancer patients and that improve access for such patients to quality health care and clinical trials and shall not use any of the money for abortion information, counseling, services, or other abortion-related activities. 21  
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The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.492 of the Revised Code to the organization cancer support community central Ohio, which shall deposit the money into the Sheryl L. Kraner Fund of that organization. Cancer support community central Ohio shall expend the money it receives pursuant to this division only in the same manner and for the same purposes as that organization expends other money in that fund. 29  
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The registrar shall pay the contributions received pursuant to section 4503.493 of the Revised Code to the autism society of Ohio, which shall use the contributions for programs and autism awareness efforts throughout the state. 37  
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The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 4503.494 of the Revised Code to the national multiple sclerosis society for distribution in equal amounts to the northwestern Ohio, Ohio buckeye, and Ohio valley chapters of the national multiple sclerosis society. These chapters shall use the money they receive under this section to 41  
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assist in paying the expenses they incur in providing services 47  
directly to their clients. 48

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 49  
receives pursuant to section 4503.496 of the Revised Code to the 50  
Ohio sickle cell and health association, which shall use the 51  
contributions to help support educational, clinical, and social 52  
support services for adults who have sickle cell disease. 53

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 54  
receives pursuant to section 4503.498 of the Revised Code to 55  
special olympics Ohio, inc., which shall use the contributions 56  
for its programs, charitable efforts, and other activities. 57

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 58  
receives pursuant to section 4503.499 of the Revised Code to the 59  
children's glioma cancer foundation, which shall use the 60  
contributions for its research and other programs. 61

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 62  
receives pursuant to section 4503.50 of the Revised Code to the 63  
future farmers of America foundation, which shall deposit the 64  
contributions into its general account to be used for 65  
educational and scholarship purposes of the future farmers of 66  
America foundation. 67

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 68  
receives pursuant to section 4503.501 of the Revised Code to the 69  
4-H youth development program of the Ohio state university 70  
extension program, which shall use those contributions to pay 71  
the expenses it incurs in conducting its educational activities. 72

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 73  
pursuant to section 4503.502 of the Revised Code to the Ohio 74  
cattlemen's foundation, which shall use those contributions for 75

scholarships and other educational activities. 76

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 77  
pursuant to section 4503.505 of the Revised Code to the 78  
organization Ohio region phi theta kappa, which shall use those 79  
contributions for scholarships for students who are members of 80  
that organization. 81

The registrar shall pay each contribution the registrar 82  
receives pursuant to section 4503.51 of the Revised Code to the 83  
university or college whose name or marking or design appears on 84  
collegiate license plates that are issued to a person under that 85  
section. A university or college that receives contributions 86  
from the fund shall deposit the contributions into its general 87  
scholarship fund. 88

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 89  
receives pursuant to section 4503.522 of the Revised Code to the 90  
"friends of Perry's victory and international peace memorial, 91  
incorporated," a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws 92  
of this state, to assist that organization in paying the 93  
expenses it incurs in sponsoring or holding charitable, 94  
educational, and cultural events at the monument. 95

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 96  
receives pursuant to section 4503.523 of the Revised Code to the 97  
fairport lights foundation, which shall use the money to pay for 98  
the restoration, maintenance, and preservation of the 99  
lighthouses of fairport harbor. 100

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 101  
receives pursuant to section 4503.524 of the Revised Code to the 102  
Massillon tiger football booster club, which shall use the 103  
contributions only to promote and support the football team of 104

Washington high school of the Massillon city school district. 105

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 106  
receives pursuant to section 4503.525 of the Revised Code to the 107  
United States power squadron districts seven, eleven, twenty- 108  
four, and twenty-nine in equal amounts. Each power squadron 109  
district shall use the money it receives under this section to 110  
pay for the educational boating programs each district holds or 111  
sponsors within this state. 112

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 113  
receives pursuant to section 4503.526 of the Revised Code to the 114  
Ohio district Kiwanis foundation of the Ohio district of Kiwanis 115  
international, which shall use the money it receives under this 116  
section to pay the costs of its educational and humanitarian 117  
activities. 118

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 119  
receives pursuant to section 4503.531 of the Revised Code to the 120  
thank you foundation, incorporated, a nonprofit corporation 121  
organized under the laws of this state, to assist that 122  
organization in paying for the charitable activities and 123  
programs it sponsors in support of United States military 124  
personnel, veterans, and their families. 125

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 126  
receives pursuant to section 4503.534 of the Revised Code to the 127  
disabled American veterans department of Ohio, to be used for 128  
programs that serve disabled American veterans and their 129  
families. 130

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 131  
receives pursuant to section 4503.55 of the Revised Code to the 132  
pro football hall of fame, which shall deposit the contributions 133

into a special bank account that it establishes and which shall 134  
be separate and distinct from any other account the pro football 135  
hall of fame maintains, to be used exclusively for the purpose 136  
of promoting the pro football hall of fame as a travel 137  
destination. 138

The registrar shall pay the contributions that are paid to 139  
the registrar pursuant to section 4503.545 of the Revised Code 140  
to the national rifle association foundation, which shall use 141  
the money to pay the costs of the educational activities and 142  
programs the foundation holds or sponsors in this state. 143

The registrar shall pay to the Ohio pet fund the 144  
contributions the registrar receives pursuant to section 145  
4503.551 of the Revised Code and any other money from any other 146  
source, including donations, gifts, and grants, that is 147  
designated by the source to be paid to the Ohio pet fund. The 148  
Ohio pet fund shall use the moneys it receives under this 149  
section to support programs for the sterilization of dogs and 150  
cats and for educational programs concerning the proper 151  
veterinary care of those animals, and for expenses of the Ohio 152  
pet fund that are reasonably necessary for it to obtain and 153  
maintain its tax-exempt status and to perform its duties. 154

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 155  
receives pursuant to section 4503.552 of the Revised Code to the 156  
rock and roll hall of fame and museum, incorporated. 157

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 158  
receives pursuant to section 4503.553 of the Revised Code to the 159  
Ohio coalition for animals, incorporated, a nonprofit 160  
corporation. Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 161  
the coalition shall distribute the money to its members, and the 162  
members shall use the money only to pay for educational, 163

charitable, and other programs of each coalition member that 164  
provide care for unwanted, abused, and neglected horses. The 165  
Ohio coalition for animals may use a portion of the money to pay 166  
for reasonable marketing costs incurred in the design and 167  
promotion of the license plate and for administrative costs 168  
incurred in the disbursement and management of funds received 169  
under this section. 170

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 171  
receives pursuant to section 4503.554 of the Revised Code to the 172  
Ohio state council of the knights of Columbus, which shall use 173  
the contributions to pay for its charitable activities and 174  
programs. 175

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 176  
receives pursuant to section 4503.561 of the Revised Code to the 177  
state of Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., which shall 178  
deposit the contributions into a special bank account that it 179  
establishes. The special bank account shall be separate and 180  
distinct from any other account the state of Ohio chapter of 181  
ducks unlimited, inc., maintains and shall be used exclusively 182  
for the purpose of protecting, enhancing, restoring, and 183  
managing wetlands and conserving wildlife habitat. The state of 184  
Ohio chapter of ducks unlimited, inc., annually shall notify the 185  
registrar in writing of the name, address, and account to which 186  
such payments are to be made. 187

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 188  
receives pursuant to section 4503.562 of the Revised Code to the 189  
Mahoning river consortium, which shall use the money to pay the 190  
expenses it incurs in restoring and maintaining the Mahoning 191  
river watershed. 192

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 193

receives pursuant to section 4503.564 of the Revised Code to 194  
Antioch college for the use of the Glen Helen ecology institute 195  
to pay expenses related to the Glen Helen nature preserve. 196

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 197  
receives pursuant to section 4503.576 of the Revised Code to the 198  
Ohio state beekeepers association, which shall use those 199  
contributions to promote beekeeping, provide educational 200  
information about beekeeping, and to support other state and 201  
local beekeeping programs. 202

The registrar shall pay to a sports commission created 203  
pursuant to section 4503.591 of the Revised Code each 204  
contribution the registrar receives under that section that an 205  
applicant pays to obtain license plates that bear the logo of a 206  
professional sports team located in the county of that sports 207  
commission and that is participating in the license plate 208  
program pursuant to division (E) of that section, irrespective 209  
of the county of residence of an applicant. 210

The registrar shall pay to a community charity each 211  
contribution the registrar receives under section 4503.591 of 212  
the Revised Code that an applicant pays to obtain license plates 213  
that bear the logo of a professional sports team that is 214  
participating in the license plate program pursuant to division 215  
(G) of that section. 216

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 217  
receives pursuant to section 4503.67 of the Revised Code to the 218  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 219  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 220  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 221

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 222



receives pursuant to section 4503.68 of the Revised Code to the 223  
great river council of the girl scouts of the United States of 224  
America. The council shall distribute all contributions in an 225  
equitable manner throughout the state to regional councils of 226  
the girl scouts. 227

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 228  
receives pursuant to section 4503.69 of the Revised Code to the 229  
Dan Beard council of the boy scouts of America. The council 230  
shall distribute all contributions in an equitable manner 231  
throughout the state to regional councils of the boy scouts. 232

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 233  
receives pursuant to section 4503.701 of the Revised Code to the 234  
Prince Hall grand lodge of free and accepted masons of Ohio, 235  
which shall use the contributions for scholarship purposes. 236

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 237  
receives pursuant to section 4503.71 of the Revised Code to the 238  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 239  
deposit the fees into its general account to be used for 240  
purposes of the fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated. 241

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 242  
receives pursuant to section 4503.711 of the Revised Code to the 243  
fraternal order of police of Ohio, incorporated, which shall 244  
deposit the contributions into an account that it creates to be 245  
used for the purpose of advancing and protecting the law 246  
enforcement profession, promoting improved law enforcement 247  
methods, and teaching respect for law and order. 248

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 249  
pursuant to section 4503.712 of the Revised Code to Ohio 250  
concerns of police survivors, which shall use those 251

contributions to provide whatever assistance may be appropriate 252  
to the families of Ohio law enforcement officers who are killed 253  
in the line of duty. 254

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 255  
pursuant to section 4503.713 of the Revised Code to the greater 256  
Cleveland peace officers memorial society, which shall use those 257  
contributions to honor law enforcement officers who have died in 258  
the line of duty and support its charitable purposes. 259

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 260  
receives pursuant to section 4503.72 of the Revised Code to the 261  
organization known on March 31, 2003, as the Ohio CASA/GAL 262  
association, a private, nonprofit corporation organized under 263  
Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code. The Ohio CASA/GAL association 264  
shall use these contributions to pay the expenses it incurs in 265  
administering a program to secure the proper representation in 266  
the courts of this state of abused, neglected, and dependent 267  
children, and for the training and supervision of persons 268  
participating in that program. 269

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 270  
receives pursuant to section 4503.73 of the Revised Code to 271  
Wright B. Flyer, incorporated, which shall deposit the 272  
contributions into its general account to be used for purposes 273  
of Wright B. Flyer, incorporated. 274

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 275  
receives pursuant to section 4503.732 of the Revised Code to the 276  
Siegel & Shuster society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to 277  
commemorating and celebrating the creation of Superman in 278  
Cleveland, Ohio. 279

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 280

receives pursuant to section 4503.74 of the Revised Code to the 281  
Columbus zoological park association, which shall disburse the 282  
moneys to Ohio's major metropolitan zoos, as defined in section 283  
4503.74 of the Revised Code, in accordance with a written 284  
agreement entered into by the major metropolitan zoos. 285

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 286  
receives pursuant to section 4503.75 of the Revised Code to the 287  
rotary foundation, located on March 31, 2003, in Evanston, 288  
Illinois, to be placed in a fund known as the permanent fund and 289  
used to endow educational and humanitarian programs of the 290  
rotary foundation. 291

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 292  
receives pursuant to section 4503.751 of the Revised Code to the 293  
Ohio association of realtors, which shall deposit the 294  
contributions into a property disaster relief fund maintained 295  
under the Ohio realtors charitable and education foundation. 296

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 297  
receives pursuant to section 4503.85 of the Revised Code to the 298  
Ohio sea grant college program to be used for Lake Erie area 299  
research projects. 300

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 301  
receives pursuant to section 4503.86 of the Revised Code to the 302  
Ohio Lincoln highway historic byway, which shall use those 303  
contributions solely to promote and support the historical 304  
preservation and advertisement of the Lincoln highway in this 305  
state. 306

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 307  
receives pursuant to section 4503.89 of the Revised Code to the 308  
American red cross of greater Columbus on behalf of the Ohio 309

chapters of the American red cross, which shall use the 310  
contributions for disaster readiness, preparedness, and response 311  
programs on a statewide basis. 312

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 313  
receives pursuant to section 4503.90 of the Revised Code to the 314  
nationwide children's hospital foundation. 315

The registrar shall pay the contributions received 316  
pursuant to section 4503.92 of the Revised Code to support our 317  
troops, incorporated, a national nonprofit corporation, which 318  
shall use those contributions in accordance with its articles of 319  
incorporation and for the benefit of servicemembers of the armed 320  
forces of the United States and their families when they are in 321  
financial need. 322

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 323  
receives pursuant to section 4503.94 of the Revised Code to the 324  
Michelle's leading star foundation, which shall use the money 325  
solely to fund the rental, lease, or purchase of the simulated 326  
driving curriculum of the Michelle's leading star foundation by 327  
boards of education of city, exempted village, local, and joint 328  
vocational school districts. 329

The registrar shall pay the contributions the registrar 330  
receives pursuant to section 4503.97 of the Revised Code to the 331  
friends of united Hatzalah of Israel, which shall use the money 332  
to support united Hatzalah of Israel, which provides free 333  
emergency medical first response throughout Israel. 334

(C) All investment earnings of the license plate 335  
contribution fund shall be credited to the fund. Not later than 336  
the first day of May of every year, the registrar shall 337  
distribute to each entity described in division (B) of this 338

section the investment income the fund earned the previous 339  
calendar year. The amount of such a distribution paid to an 340  
entity shall be proportionate to the amount of money the entity 341  
received from the fund during the previous calendar year. 342

Sec. 4503.97. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger 343  
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 344  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles 345  
may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle 346  
and issuance of "I Stand with Israel" license plates. The 347  
application may be combined with a request for a special 348  
reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 349  
Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 350  
compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this 351  
section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 352  
appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "I Stand with 353  
Israel" license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation 354  
sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised 355  
Code. 356

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 357  
inscribed on the license plates, "I Stand with Israel" license 358  
plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings 359  
that are designed by the friends of united Hatzalah of Israel, 360  
and approved by the registrar. "I Stand with Israel" license 361  
plates shall display county identification stickers that 362  
identify the county of registration by name or number. 363

(B) "I Stand with Israel" license plates and a validation 364  
sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon 365  
receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle 366  
under this section; payment of the regular license tax as 367  
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 368

applicable motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. 369  
of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by 370  
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a bureau of 371  
motor vehicles administrative fee of ten dollars, and a 372  
contribution as provided in division (C) of this section; and 373  
compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the 374  
registration of motor vehicles. 375

(C) For each application for registration and registration 376  
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the 377  
registrar shall collect a contribution of twenty dollars. The 378  
registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of 379  
state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the 380  
license plate contribution fund created by section 4501.21 of 381  
the Revised Code. 382

The registrar shall transmit the bureau of motor vehicles 383  
administrative fee of ten dollars, the purpose of which is to 384  
compensate the bureau for the additional services required in 385  
the issuing of "I Stand with Israel" license plates, to the 386  
treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the 387  
credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created by 388  
section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 389

**Section 2.** That existing section 4501.21 of the Revised 390  
Code is hereby repealed. 391