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**A BILL**

To amend sections 5.10 and 5.101 of the Revised Code to allow the state motto to be used alongside the state seal.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 5.10 and 5.101 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 5.10.** All official seals shall have engraved thereon the coat of arms of the state, as described in section 5.04 of the Revised Code.

The great seal of the state shall be two and one-half inches in diameter and shall consist of the coat of arms of the state within a circle having a diameter of one and three-fourths inches, surrounded by the words "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OHIO" in news gothic capitals. The great seal of the state shall correspond substantially with the following design:



The design of the great seal shall not be reproduced, 16  
except as required by any provision of the Ohio Constitution and 17  
the Revised Code, unless permission to do so is first obtained 18  
from the governor. The governor may authorize reproduction of 19  
the design of the great seal when the purpose is to: 20

(A) Permit publication of a reproduction of the great seal 21  
of the state of Ohio; 22

(B) Aid educational or historical programs; 23

(C) Promote the economic or cultural development of the 24  
state in a manner deemed appropriate by the governor. 25

A permanent record shall be kept in the governor's office 26  
of each permit to reproduce the design of the great seal. 27

No person shall use or permit to be used any reproduction 28  
or facsimile of the great seal or a counterfeit or nonofficial 29  
version of the great seal for any purpose not authorized by the 30  
governor. 31

The seal of the supreme court shall consist of the coat of 32  
arms of the state within a circle one and one-half inches in 33

diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SUPREME COURT 34  
OF THE STATE OF OHIO." 35

The seal of each court of appeals, court of common pleas, 36  
and probate court shall consist of the coat of arms of the state 37  
within a circle one and one-fourth inches in diameter, and each 38  
seal shall be surrounded by the words "COURT OF 39

APPEALS, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Ohio"; "COMMON PLEAS 40

COURT, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Ohio"; or "PROBATE 41

COURT, \_\_\_\_\_ County, Ohio." 42

(Insert the name of the proper county.) 43

The seals of all other courts of record shall be of the 44  
same size as the seal of the court of common pleas, and each 45  
shall be surrounded by the proper name of the court. 46

The seal of the secretary of state shall consist of the 47  
coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth 48  
inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE 49  
SEAL OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF OHIO." 50

The seal of the auditor of state shall consist of the coat 51  
of arms of the state within a circle of one and one-fourth 52  
inches in diameter, and shall be surrounded by the words "THE 53  
SEAL OF THE AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO." 54

The seal of the treasurer of state shall consist of the 55  
coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth 56  
inches in diameter, and shall be surrounded by the words "THE 57  
SEAL OF THE TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO." 58

The seal of the lieutenant governor shall consist of the 59  
coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth 60

inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE 61

SEAL OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF STATE OF OHIO." 62

The seal of the attorney general shall consist of the coat 63

of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth inches 64

in diameter and shall be surrounded by the words "THE SEAL OF 65

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF STATE OF OHIO." 66

The seal of each benevolent institution shall consist of 67

the coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth 68

inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the proper name of 69

the institution. 70

The seals of all other state, county, and municipal 71

agencies, divisions, boards and commissions shall consist of the 72

coat of arms of the state within a circle one and one-fourth 73

inches in diameter and shall be surrounded by the proper name of 74

the office. 75

All seals mentioned in this section shall contain the 76

words and devices mentioned in this section and no other. The 77

official motto of the state, as described in section 5.06 of the 78

Revised Code, may be displayed alongside any seal described in 79

this section. 80

**Sec. 5.101.** Any official seal acquired on or after March 81

1, 2003, shall contain the official coat of arms of the state as 82

described in section 5.04 of the Revised Code and surrounded by 83

the appropriate words. Prior to that date, any official seal 84

authorized by statute is valid for all purposes. The official 85

motto of the state, as described in section 5.06 of the Revised 86

Code, may be displayed alongside any seal described in this 87

section. 88

**Section 2.** That existing sections 5.10 and 5.101 of the 89

Revised Code are hereby repealed.

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