



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4503.574 Smokey Bear license plates.

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(A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, noncommercial trailer used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina or around a marina, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of Smokey Bear license plates. The application for Smokey Bear license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, Smokey Bear license plates, and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, Smokey Bear license plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings designed by the division of forestry in the department of natural resources and approved by the registrar. Smokey Bear license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code.

(B) Smokey Bear license plates and a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle submitted under this section and a contribution as provided in division (C) of this section, payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and an additional fee of ten dollars, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

(C) For each application for registration and registration renewal that the registrar receives under this section, the registrar shall collect a contribution in an amount not to exceed forty dollars as determined by the chief of the division of forestry. The registrar shall transmit this contribution to the treasurer of state for deposit in the state forest fund created in section 1503.05 of the Revised Code to



be used to promote forest fire prevention and education efforts together with an increase in public awareness concerning combating wildfires in this state.

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.