



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4503.182 Temporary motor vehicle license registration.

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(A) A purchaser of a motor vehicle, upon application and proof of purchase of the vehicle, may be issued a temporary motor vehicle license registration for the motor vehicle.

The purchaser of a motor vehicle that was previously issued a license plate during the current registration year that can legally transfer the license plate to that motor vehicle shall not be issued a temporary motor vehicle license registration.

A temporary motor vehicle license registration shall be issued only for the applicant's use of the motor vehicle to enable the applicant to legally operate the motor vehicle while proper title, license plates, and a certificate of registration are being obtained, and shall be displayed on no other motor vehicle.

A temporary motor vehicle license registration issued under division (A) of this section is valid for a period of forty-five days from date of issuance and is not transferable or renewable.

The fee for a temporary motor vehicle license registration issued under this section is two dollars plus a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The registrar of motor vehicles may issue temporary motor vehicle license registrations to an Ohio motorized bicycle dealer or a licensed motor vehicle dealer to be issued to purchasers for use on motor vehicles sold by the dealer, in accordance with rules prescribed by the registrar. An Ohio motorized bicycle dealer or a licensed motor vehicle dealer shall issue temporary motor vehicle license registrations by electronic means via computer equipment purchased and maintained by the dealer unless otherwise authorized by the registrar.

(2) The fee for each temporary motor vehicle license registration issued by the registrar to a dealer is two dollars, in addition to the fees charged under division (D) of this section.



(3) When a dealer issues a temporary motor vehicle license registration to a purchaser, the dealer shall collect and retain the fees established under divisions (A) and (D) of this section.

(C) The registrar of motor vehicles, at the registrar's discretion, may issue a temporary motor vehicle license registration in the case of extreme hardship encountered by a citizen from this state or another state who has attempted to comply with all registration laws, but for extreme circumstances is unable to properly register the citizen's vehicle. A temporary motor vehicle license registration issued under division (C) of this section is valid for a period of thirty days from the date of issuance and is not transferable or renewable.

(D) In addition to the fees charged under divisions (A) and (B) of this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect a fee of thirteen dollars for each temporary motor vehicle license registration issued. The additional fee is for the purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. At the time and in the manner provided by section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, the deputy registrar shall transmit to the registrar the fees collected under this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under this division into the public safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.

(E) The registrar may adopt rules, in accordance with division (B) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, to specify the procedures for reporting the information from applications for temporary motor vehicle license registrations and for providing the information from these applications to law enforcement agencies.

(F) Temporary motor vehicle license registrations issued under this section shall bear a distinctive combination of seven letters, numerals, or letters and numerals, and shall incorporate a security feature that, to the greatest degree possible, prevents tampering with any of the information that is entered upon it when it is issued.

(G) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Whoever violates division (B) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(H) As used in this section, "motorized bicycle dealer" means any person engaged in the business of



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selling at retail, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motorized bicycles who is not subject to section 4503.09 of the Revised Code.