

## Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

### Part A - General Questions

**Rule Number:** 4501-27-10  
**Rule Type:** Amendment  
**Rule Title/Tagline:** Specifications for county stickers.  
**Agency Name:** Department of Public Safety  
**Division:**  
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#### I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** No
  - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 11/1/2026
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** Yes
  - A. **If so, what is the bill number, General Assembly and Sponsor?** HB 74 - 134  
- Oelslager
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 119.03
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** 4503.22
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** 4503.22, 4503.19
6. **Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires?** No
  - A. **If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule?** Not Applicable
7. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

The rule is being amended to due to changes in the county stickers in HB 74 of the 134th GA

8. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

The rule deals with specifications for county stickers. The rule has been amended to meet the new requirements of Section 4503.19 of the Revised Code.

9. **Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
10. **If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

*Not Applicable*

11. **If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

*Not Applicable*

## **II. Fiscal Analysis**

12. **Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not applicable.

13. **What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Not applicable.

14. **Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

15. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

16. **If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not applicable.

### **III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions**

17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? No
18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? No
- A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No
  - B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No
  - C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No
  - D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No

### **IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).**

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? Yes
- A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule? 0
  - B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule? 8

Paragraph Old (B) - "The county sticker shall be made of..."

Paragraph New (D) first sentence - "The sticker material shall consist of..."

Paragraph old (F) , first sentence - "The reflective sheeting shall be free..."

Paragraph old (F) , second sentence - "All sheets shall be free of foreign matter."

Paragraph Old (H), first sentence - "The sticker shall be manufactured...."

Paragraph Old (H), second sentence - "The protective finishing shall be..."

Paragraph Old (I) - "The adhesive on all stickers shall be..."

Paragraph Old (J) - "Stickers.... shall not blister..."

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**
- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

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**Specifications for county stickers.**

- (A) This rule presents the specifications for the manufacture of county identification stickers. The director of public safety shall designate the use of a county name identification sticker or a county number identification sticker for each class of license plates as appropriate.
- ~~(B)~~ The county stickers shall be made of reflective materials having a smooth flat outer surface as exposed in use and pressure sensitive adhesive backing, protected by a removable liner, for convenient and durable attachment to the flat, smooth background surfaces of license plates or upon a previously applied sticker.
- ~~(C)~~(B) The dimensions of the county name identification sticker shall be of a size and shape that fits between the license plate bolt holes without obstructing any alpha-numeric license plate characters ~~five inches in width and seven-eighths inch in height with letter sizes approximately eleven-sixteenths inch in height and each stroke not less than one-eighth inch in width.~~ The county name identification sticker shall be affixed to a clean, dry surface at the bottom center of each license plate unless the director designates a different location for any particular class of plates.
- ~~(D)~~(C) The dimensions of the county number identification sticker shall be of a size and shape that fits at the bottom left corner of the license plate without obstructing any alpha-numeric license plate characters ~~one and one-half inches in width and one inch in height with number sizes approximately seven-eighths inch in height and each stroke approximately one-eighth inch in width.~~ The county number identification sticker shall be affixed to a clean, dry surface at the bottom left corner of the license plate unless the director designates a different location for any particular class of plates.
- ~~(E)~~(D) The sticker material shall consist of sheeting, ~~with the same adhesive and reflective performance values as that used for the validation stickers.~~ The color of the letters for the county name or for the county number may match the color of the plate characters or may be of a different color. Any inventories remaining of the current issue of the county identification stickers may be exhausted prior to the issuance of new stickers as determined by the registrar of motor vehicles.
- ~~(F)~~ The reflective sheeting shall be free from ragged edges, cracks, and blisters, and shall be readily cut without cracking or flaking. All sheets shall be free of foreign matter.
- ~~(G)~~(E) The sticker shall be made of adhesive backed material ~~protective liner~~ which may have a scalloped scoreline or a straight scoreline at or near the center of each sticker for easy removal.

- ~~(H) The sticker shall be manufactured in a manner to insure that it shall not become brittle, flaky, discolored, or acquire a powdery surface within a period of five years or more. The protective finishing shall be of such quality to permit the stacking of at least four stickers.~~
- ~~(I) The adhesive on all stickers shall be of a pressure-sensitive type so that the stickers can be applied while the license plates are attached to the vehicles, without the necessity of additional adhesive coats, water, solvents, or heat techniques.~~
- ~~(J) Stickers applied in accordance with instructions shall not blister, lift, or delaminate when subjected to gasoline, kerosene, diesel oils, water, steam, and cleaning detergents normally encountered in cleaning and washing service, nor shall stickers fade, disintegrate, or come off from extended exposure within a period of five years.~~

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Date

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