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MICHAEL RANKIN APPOINTED OHIO BMV REGISTRAR

COLUMBUS – Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Henry J. Guzmán today announced the appointment of Michael R. Rankin to serve as Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), effective April 16. Rankin succeeds Acting Registrar Carolyn Williams, who has led the agency since the resignation of Registrar Franklin R. Caltrider on Feb. 12, 2007.

“Michael Rankin brings a wealth of leadership experience from both the public and private sectors in accepting the task of coordinating and overseeing one of Ohio’s most visible governmental units – the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. He will be a strong leader for this vital state agency,” Director Guzmán said. “I truly appreciate Acting BMV Registrar Carolyn Williams’ strong leadership through this transitional period, and I look forward to working very closely with Mike, Carolyn and the many dedicated employees of the Ohio BMV to ensure that Ohioans are receiving the high level of service that they deserve.”

A well-respected attorney with nearly 30 years of experience working with a wide range of public, utility and private clients, Rankin currently serves as Chief Deputy Clerk of Franklin County Municipal Court. He previously served as a senior counsel for major utility provider American Electric Power, Columbus; a former assistant county prosecutor, sheriff’s legal advisor and police academy instructor. In 2001, Rankin co-founded the Mid-Ohio Amber Alert Board and later served as a member of the Governor’s State Amber Alert Task Force.

He is a past-chairman and current member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission. In 2002, he chaired an Ohio Department of Transportation advisory panel to study and identify cost-effective traffic engineering solutions for reducing congestion along the I-71/I-70 area of downtown Columbus.

Rankin is a graduate of The Ohio State University and University of Toledo College of Law. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association and Columbus Bar Association.

The Ohio BMV is a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, which includes the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Emergency Medical Services, the Ohio Homeland Security Division, the Ohio Investigative Unit and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

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