

(123rd General Assembly)
(Substitute House Bill Number 86)

AN ACT

To amend sections 4511.99, 4513.02, 5501.01, and 5525.011 and to enact section 4511.213 of the Revised Code and to amend Section 16 of Am. Sub. H.B. 163 of the 123rd General Assembly to require the driver of a motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary public safety vehicle that is displaying its red or blue emergency light, to proceed with due caution and, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather, and traffic conditions, change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to that of the stationary public safety vehicle or, if it is not possible to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather, and traffic conditions; to establish that a person who owns 15 or more vehicles that are subject to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission may not administer vehicle inspections of the person's vehicle; to specify that the Department of Transportation road and highway contracts are not subject to the general public improvements requirement for separate bids for certain classes of work; to extend until August 1, 1999, the deadline for the task force studying the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' existing method of random selection to verify financial responsibility to complete its duties; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 4511.99, 4513.02, 5501.01, and 5525.011 be amended and section 4511.213 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4511.213. (A) The driver of a motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary public safety vehicle that is displaying a flashing red light, flashing combination red and white light, oscillating or rotating red light, oscillating or rotating combination red and white light, flashing blue light, flashing combination blue and white light, oscillating or rotating blue light, or oscillating or rotating combination blue and white light, shall do either of the following:

(1) If the driver of the motor vehicle is traveling on a highway that consists of at least two lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the driver's motor vehicle, the driver shall proceed with due caution and, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather, and traffic conditions, shall change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to that of the stationary public safety vehicle.

(2) If the driver is not traveling on a highway of a type described in division (A)(1) of this section, or if the driver is traveling on a highway of that type but it is not possible to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather, and traffic conditions.

(B) This section does not relieve the driver of a public safety vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the highway.

(C) No person shall fail to drive a motor vehicle in compliance with division (A)(1) or (2) of this section when so required by division (A) of this section.

(D) As used in this section, "public safety vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4511.99. (A) Whoever violates division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, in addition to the license suspension or revocation provided in section 4507.16 of the Revised Code and any disqualification imposed under section 4506.16 of the Revised Code, shall be punished as provided in division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and the court shall sentence the offender to a term of imprisonment of three consecutive days and may sentence the offender pursuant to section 2929.21

of the Revised Code to a longer term of imprisonment. In addition, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not less than two hundred and not more than one thousand dollars.

The court may suspend the execution of the mandatory three consecutive days of imprisonment that it is required to impose by this division, if the court, in lieu of the suspended term of imprisonment, places the offender on probation and requires the offender to attend, for three consecutive days, a drivers' intervention program that is certified pursuant to section 3793.10 of the Revised Code. The court also may suspend the execution of any part of the mandatory three consecutive days of imprisonment that it is required to impose by this division, if the court places the offender on probation for part of the three consecutive days; requires the offender to attend, for that part of the three consecutive days, a drivers' intervention program that is certified pursuant to section 3793.10 of the Revised Code; and sentences the offender to a term of imprisonment equal to the remainder of the three consecutive days that the offender does not spend attending the drivers' intervention program. The court may require the offender, as a condition of probation, to attend and satisfactorily complete any treatment or education programs that comply with the minimum standards adopted pursuant to Chapter 3793. of the Revised Code by the director of alcohol and drug addiction services, in addition to the required attendance at a drivers' intervention program, that the operators of the drivers' intervention program determine that the offender should attend and to report periodically to the court on the offender's progress in the programs. The court also may impose any other conditions of probation on the offender that it considers necessary.

Of the fine imposed pursuant to this division, twenty-five dollars shall be paid to an enforcement and education fund established by the legislative authority of the law enforcement agency in this state that primarily was responsible for the arrest of the offender, as determined by the court that imposes the fine. This share shall be used by the agency to pay only those costs it incurs in enforcing section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance and in informing the public of the laws governing the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, the dangers of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and other information relating to the operation of a motor vehicle and the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Twenty-five dollars of the fine imposed pursuant to this division shall be deposited into the county indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund or municipal indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund under the control of that court, as created by the county or

municipal corporation pursuant to division (N) of section 4511.191 of the Revised Code. The balance of the fine shall be disbursed as otherwise provided by law.

(2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(4) of this section, if, within six years of the offense, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine, section 2903.04 of the Revised Code in a case in which the offender was subject to the sanctions described in division (D) of that section, section 2903.06, 2903.07, or 2903.08 of the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to section 2903.07 of the Revised Code in a case in which the jury or judge found that the offender was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, or a statute of the United States or of any other state or a municipal ordinance of a municipal corporation located in any other state that is substantially similar to division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and, except as provided in this division, the court shall sentence the offender to a term of imprisonment of ten consecutive days and may sentence the offender pursuant to section 2929.21 of the Revised Code to a longer term of imprisonment. As an alternative to the term of imprisonment required to be imposed by this division, but subject to division (A)(8) of this section, the court may impose upon the offender a sentence consisting of both a term of imprisonment of five consecutive days and not less than eighteen consecutive days of electronically monitored house arrest as defined in division (A) of section 2929.23 of the Revised Code. The five consecutive days of imprisonment and the period of electronically monitored house arrest shall not exceed six months. The five consecutive days of imprisonment do not have to be served prior to or consecutively with the period of electronically monitored house arrest.

In addition, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not less than three hundred and not more than one thousand five hundred dollars.

In addition to any other sentence that it imposes upon the offender, the court may require the offender to attend a drivers' intervention program that is certified pursuant to section 3793.10 of the Revised Code. If the officials of the drivers' intervention program determine that the offender is alcohol dependent, they shall notify the court, and the court shall order the offender

to obtain treatment through an alcohol and drug addiction program authorized by section 3793.02 of the Revised Code. The cost of the treatment shall be paid by the offender.

Of the fine imposed pursuant to this division, thirty-five dollars shall be paid to an enforcement and education fund established by the legislative authority of the law enforcement agency in this state that primarily was responsible for the arrest of the offender, as determined by the court that imposes the fine. This share shall be used by the agency to pay only those costs it incurs in enforcing division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance and in informing the public of the laws governing the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, the dangers of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and other information relating to the operation of a motor vehicle and the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Sixty-five dollars of the fine imposed pursuant to this division shall be paid to the political subdivision responsible for housing the offender during the offender's term of incarceration. This share shall be used by the political subdivision to pay or reimburse incarceration costs it incurs in housing persons who violate section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance and to pay for ignition interlock devices and electronic house arrest equipment for persons who violate that section, and shall be paid to the credit of the fund that pays the cost of the incarceration. Fifty dollars of the fine imposed pursuant to this division shall be deposited into the county indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund or municipal indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund under the control of that court, as created by the county or municipal corporation pursuant to division (N) of section 4511.191 of the Revised Code. The balance of the fine shall be disbursed as otherwise provided by law.

(b) Regardless of whether the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense is registered in the offender's name or in the name of another person, the court, in addition to the penalties imposed under division (A)(2)(a) of this section and all other penalties provided by law and subject to section 4503.235 of the Revised Code, shall order the immobilization for ninety days of the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense and the impoundment for ninety days of the identification license plates of that vehicle. The order for the immobilization and impoundment shall be issued and enforced in accordance with section 4503.233 of the Revised Code.

(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(4) of this section, if, within six years of the offense, the offender has been convicted of or

pleaded guilty to two violations of division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine, section 2903.04 of the Revised Code in a case in which the offender was subject to the sanctions described in division (D) of that section, section 2903.06, 2903.07, or 2903.08 of the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to section 2903.07 of the Revised Code in a case in which the jury or judge found that the offender was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, or a statute of the United States or of any other state or a municipal ordinance of a municipal corporation located in any other state that is substantially similar to division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, except as provided in this division, the court shall sentence the offender to a term of imprisonment of thirty consecutive days and may sentence the offender to a longer definite term of imprisonment of not more than one year. As an alternative to the term of imprisonment required to be imposed by this division, but subject to division (A)(8) of this section, the court may impose upon the offender a sentence consisting of both a term of imprisonment of fifteen consecutive days and not less than fifty-five consecutive days of electronically monitored house arrest as defined in division (A) of section 2929.23 of the Revised Code. The fifteen consecutive days of imprisonment and the period of electronically monitored house arrest shall not exceed one year. The fifteen consecutive days of imprisonment do not have to be served prior to or consecutively with the period of electronically monitored house arrest.

In addition, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not less than five hundred and not more than two thousand five hundred dollars.

In addition to any other sentence that it imposes upon the offender, the court shall require the offender to attend an alcohol and drug addiction program authorized by section 3793.02 of the Revised Code. The cost of the treatment shall be paid by the offender. If the court determines that the offender is unable to pay the cost of attendance at the treatment program, the court may order that payment of the cost of the offender's attendance at the treatment program be made from that court's indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund.

Of the fine imposed pursuant to this division, one hundred twenty-three dollars shall be paid to an enforcement and education fund established by the legislative authority of the law enforcement agency in this state that primarily was responsible for the arrest of the offender, as determined by the

court that imposes the fine. This share shall be used by the agency to pay only those costs it incurs in enforcing section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance and in informing the public of the laws governing the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, the dangers of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and other information relating to the operation of a motor vehicle and the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Two hundred twenty-seven dollars of the fine imposed pursuant to this division shall be paid to the political subdivision responsible for housing the offender during the offender's term of incarceration. This share shall be used by the political subdivision to pay or reimburse incarceration costs it incurs in housing persons who violate division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance and to pay for ignition interlock devices and electronic house arrest equipment for persons who violate that section and shall be paid to the credit of the fund that pays the cost of incarceration. The balance of the fine shall be disbursed as otherwise provided by law.

(b) Regardless of whether the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense is registered in the offender's name or in the name of another person, the court, in addition to the penalties imposed under division (A)(3)(a) of this section and all other penalties provided by law and subject to section 4503.235 of the Revised Code, shall order the immobilization for one hundred eighty days of the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense and the impoundment for one hundred eighty days of the identification license plates of that vehicle. The order for the immobilization and impoundment shall be issued and enforced in accordance with section 4503.233 of the Revised Code.

(4)(a) If, within six years of the offense, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine, section 2903.04 of the Revised Code in a case in which the offender was subject to the sanctions described in division (D) of that section, section 2903.06, 2903.07, or 2903.08 of the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to section 2903.07 of the Revised Code in a case in which the jury or judge found that the offender was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, or a statute of the United States or of any other state or a municipal ordinance of a municipal

corporation located in any other state that is substantially similar to division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, or if the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code under circumstances in which the violation was a felony and regardless of when the violation and the conviction or guilty plea occurred, the offender is guilty of a felony of the fourth degree. The court shall sentence the offender in accordance with sections 2929.11 to 2929.19 of the Revised Code and shall impose as part of the sentence a mandatory term of local incarceration of sixty consecutive days of imprisonment in accordance with division (G)(1) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code or a mandatory prison term of sixty consecutive days of imprisonment in accordance with division (G)(2) of that section, whichever is applicable. If the offender is required to serve a mandatory term of local incarceration of sixty consecutive days of imprisonment in accordance with division (G)(1) of section 2929.13 of the Revised Code, the court, pursuant to section 2929.17 of the Revised Code, may impose upon the offender a sentence that includes a term of electronically monitored house arrest, provided that the term of electronically monitored house arrest shall not commence until after the offender has served the mandatory term of local incarceration.

In addition to all other sanctions imposed, the court shall impose upon the offender, pursuant to section 2929.18 of the Revised Code, a fine of not less than seven hundred fifty nor more than ten thousand dollars.

In addition to any other sanction that it imposes upon the offender, the court shall require the offender to attend an alcohol and drug addiction program authorized by section 3793.02 of the Revised Code. The cost of the treatment shall be paid by the offender. If the court determines that the offender is unable to pay the cost of attendance at the treatment program, the court may order that payment of the cost of the offender's attendance at the treatment program be made from the court's indigent drivers alcohol treatment fund.

Of the fine imposed pursuant to this division, two hundred ten dollars shall be paid to an enforcement and education fund established by the legislative authority of the law enforcement agency in this state that primarily was responsible for the arrest of the offender, as determined by the court that imposes the fine. This share shall be used by the agency to pay only those costs it incurs in enforcing section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance and in informing the public of the laws governing operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, the dangers of operation of a motor vehicle while under the

influence of alcohol, and other information relating to the operation of a motor vehicle and the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Three hundred ninety dollars of the fine imposed pursuant to this division shall be paid to the political subdivision responsible for housing the offender during the offender's term of incarceration. This share shall be used by the political subdivision to pay or reimburse incarceration costs it incurs in housing persons who violate division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance and to pay for ignition interlock devices and electronic house arrest equipment for persons who violate that section, and shall be paid to the credit of the fund that pays the cost of incarceration. The balance of the fine shall be disbursed as otherwise provided by law.

(b) Regardless of whether the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense is registered in the offender's name or in the name of another person, the court, in addition to the sanctions imposed under division (A)(4)(a) of this section and all other sanctions provided by law and subject to section 4503.235 of the Revised Code, shall order the criminal forfeiture to the state of the vehicle the offender was operating at the time of the offense. The order of criminal forfeiture shall be issued and enforced in accordance with section 4503.234 of the Revised Code.

(c) As used in division (A)(4)(a) of this section, "mandatory prison term" and "mandatory term of local incarceration" have the same meanings as in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.

If title to a motor vehicle that is subject to an order for criminal forfeiture under this section is assigned or transferred and division (C)(2) or (3) of section 4503.234 of the Revised Code applies, in addition to or independent of any other penalty established by law, the court may fine the offender the value of the vehicle as determined by publications of the national auto dealer's association. The proceeds from any fine imposed under this division shall be distributed in accordance with division (D)(4) of section 4503.234 of the Revised Code.

(5)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(5)(b) of this section, upon a showing that imprisonment would seriously affect the ability of an offender sentenced pursuant to division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section to continue the offender's employment, the court may authorize that the offender be granted work release from imprisonment after the offender has served the three, ten, or thirty consecutive days of imprisonment or the mandatory term of local incarceration of sixty consecutive days that the court is required by division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section to impose. No court shall authorize work release from imprisonment during the three,

ten, or thirty consecutive days of imprisonment or the mandatory term of local incarceration or mandatory prison term of sixty consecutive days that the court is required by division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section to impose. The duration of the work release shall not exceed the time necessary each day for the offender to commute to and from the place of employment and the place of imprisonment and the time actually spent under employment.

(b) An offender who is sentenced pursuant to division (A)(2) or (3) of this section to a term of imprisonment followed by a period of electronically monitored house arrest is not eligible for work release from imprisonment, but that person shall be permitted work release during the period of electronically monitored house arrest. The duration of the work release shall not exceed the time necessary each day for the offender to commute to and from the place of employment and the offender's home or other place specified by the sentencing court and the time actually spent under employment.

(6) Notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code that authorizes the suspension of the imposition or execution of a sentence, the placement of an offender in any treatment program in lieu of imprisonment, or the use of a community control sanction for an offender convicted of a felony, no court shall suspend the ten or thirty consecutive days of imprisonment required to be imposed on an offender by division (A)(2) or (3) of this section, no court shall place an offender who is sentenced pursuant to division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section in any treatment program in lieu of imprisonment until after the offender has served the ten or thirty consecutive days of imprisonment or the mandatory term of local incarceration or mandatory prison term of sixty consecutive days required to be imposed pursuant to division (A)(2), (3), or (4) of this section, no court that sentences an offender under division (A)(4) of this section shall impose any sanction other than a mandatory term of local incarceration or mandatory prison term to apply to the offender until after the offender has served the mandatory term of local incarceration or mandatory prison term of sixty consecutive days required to be imposed pursuant to division (A)(4) of this section, and no court that imposes a sentence of imprisonment and a period of electronically monitored house arrest upon an offender under division (A)(2) or (3) of this section shall suspend any portion of the sentence or place the offender in any treatment program in lieu of imprisonment or electronically monitored house arrest. Notwithstanding any section of the Revised Code that authorizes the suspension of the imposition or execution of a sentence or the placement of an offender in any treatment program in lieu of

imprisonment, no court, except as specifically authorized by division (A)(1) of this section, shall suspend the three consecutive days of imprisonment required to be imposed by division (A)(1) of this section or place an offender who is sentenced pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section in any treatment program in lieu of imprisonment until after the offender has served the three consecutive days of imprisonment required to be imposed pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section.

(7) No court shall sentence an offender to an alcohol treatment program pursuant to division (A)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section unless the treatment program complies with the minimum standards adopted pursuant to Chapter 3793. of the Revised Code by the director of alcohol and drug addiction services.

(8) No court shall impose the alternative sentence of a term of imprisonment of five consecutive days plus not less than eighteen consecutive days of electronically monitored house arrest permitted to be imposed by division (A)(2) of this section, or the alternative sentence of a term of imprisonment of fifteen consecutive days plus not less than fifty-five consecutive days of electronically monitored house arrest permitted to be imposed pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section, unless within sixty days of the date of sentencing, the court issues a written finding, entered into the record, that due to the unavailability of space at the incarceration facility where the offender is required to serve the term of imprisonment imposed upon the offender, the offender will not be able to commence serving the term of imprisonment within the sixty-day period following the date of sentencing. If the court issues such a finding, the court may impose the alternative sentence comprised of a term of imprisonment and a term of electronically monitored house arrest permitted to be imposed by division (A)(2) or (3) of this section.

(B) Whoever violates section 4511.192, 4511.251, or 4511.85 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. The court, in addition to or independent of all other penalties provided by law, may suspend for a period not to exceed one year the driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege of any person who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a violation of section 4511.192 of the Revised Code.

(C) Whoever violates section 4511.63, 4511.76, 4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 of the Revised Code is guilty of one of the following:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C)(2) of this section, a minor misdemeanor.

(2) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one or more violations of section 4511.63, 4511.76, 4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 of the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any of those sections, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(D)(1) Whoever violates any provision of sections 4511.01 to 4511.76 or section 4511.84 of the Revised Code, for which no penalty otherwise is provided in this section is guilty of one of the following:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (D)(1)(b), (1)(c), (2), ~~or (3)~~, or (4) of this section, a minor misdemeanor;

(b) If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of any provision of sections 4511.01 to 4511.76 or section 4511.84 of the Revised Code for which no penalty otherwise is provided in this section or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any provision of sections 4511.01 to 4511.76 or section 4511.84 of the Revised Code for which no penalty otherwise is provided in this section, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;

(c) If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of any provision described in division (D)(1)(b) of this section or any municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any of those provisions, a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(2) When any person is found guilty of a first offense for a violation of section 4511.21 of the Revised Code upon a finding that the person operated a motor vehicle faster than thirty-five miles an hour in a business district of a municipal corporation, or faster than fifty miles an hour in other portions, or faster than thirty-five miles an hour while passing through a school zone during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during the opening or closing hours, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(3) Notwithstanding section 2929.21 of the Revised Code, upon a finding that such person operated a motor vehicle in a construction zone where a sign was then posted in accordance with section 4511.98 of the Revised Code, the court, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation. No court shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation upon an offender who alleges, in an affidavit filed with the court prior to the offender's sentencing, that the offender is indigent and is unable to pay the fine imposed pursuant to this division, provided the court determines the offender is an indigent person and is unable to pay the fine.

(4) Notwithstanding section 2929.21 of the Revised Code, upon a finding that a person operated a motor vehicle in violation of division (C) of section 4511.213 of the Revised Code, the court, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation.

(E) Whenever a person is found guilty in a court of record of a violation of section 4511.761, 4511.762, or 4511.77 of the Revised Code, the trial judge, in addition to or independent of all other penalties provided by law, may suspend for any period of time not exceeding three years, or revoke the license of any person, partnership, association, or corporation, issued under section 4511.763 of the Revised Code.

(F) Whoever violates division (E) or (F) of section 4511.51, division (A), (D), or (E) of section 4511.521, section 4511.681, division (A), (C), or (F) of section 4511.69, section 4511.772, or division (A) or (B) of section 4511.82 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(G) Whoever violates division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code may be fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars. A person who is issued a citation for a violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code is not permitted to enter a written plea of guilty and waive the person's right to contest the citation in a trial, but instead must appear in person in the proper court to answer the charge.

(H)(1) Whoever is a resident of this state and violates division (A) or (B) of section 4511.81 of the Revised Code shall be punished as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (H)(1)(b) of this section, the offender is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

(b) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (A) or (B) of section 4511.81 of the Revised Code or of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to either of those divisions, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(2) Whoever is not a resident of this state, violates division (A) or (B) of section 4511.81 of the Revised Code, and fails to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the offender's use or nonuse of a child restraint system was in accordance with the law of the state of which the offender is a resident is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second or subsequent offense, that person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(3) Sixty-five per cent of every fine imposed pursuant to division (H)(1) or (2) of this section shall be forwarded to the treasurer of state for deposit in the "child highway safety fund" created by division (G) of section 4511.81 of the Revised Code. The balance of the fine shall be disbursed as

otherwise provided by law.

(I) Whoever violates section 4511.202 of the Revised Code is guilty of operating a motor vehicle without being in control of it, a minor misdemeanor.

(J) Whoever violates division (B) of section 4511.74, division (B)(1), (2), or (3), (C), or (E)(1), (2), or (3) of section 4511.83 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(K) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates division (E) of section 4511.11, division (A) or (C) of section 4511.17, or section 4511.18 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. If a violation of division (A) or (C) of section 4511.17 of the Revised Code creates a risk of physical harm to any person, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. A violation of division (A) or (C) of section 4511.17 of the Revised Code that causes serious physical harm to property that is owned, leased, or controlled by a state or local authority is a felony of the fifth degree.

(L) Whoever violates division (H) of section 4511.69 of the Revised Code shall be punished as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (L)(2) of this section, the offender shall be issued a warning.

(2) If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of division (H) of section 4511.69 of the Revised Code or of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to that division, the offender shall not be issued a warning but shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each parking location that is not properly marked or whose markings are not properly maintained.

(M) Whoever violates division (A)(1) or (2) of section 4511.45 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree; and on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

(N)(1) Whoever violates division (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code is guilty of operating a motor vehicle after under-age alcohol consumption and shall be punished as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in division (N)(1)(b) of this section, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(b) If, within one year of the offense, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any violation of division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle

while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, a municipal ordinance relating to operating a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the blood, breath, or urine, section 2903.04 of the Revised Code in a case in which the offender was subject to the sanctions described in division (D) of that section, section 2903.06, 2903.07, or 2903.08 of the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to section 2903.07 of the Revised Code in a case in which the jury or judge found that the offender was under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or alcohol and a drug of abuse, or a statute of the United States or of any other state or a municipal ordinance of a municipal corporation located in any other state that is substantially similar to division (A) or (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(2) In addition to or independent of all other penalties provided by law, the offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege shall be suspended in accordance with, and for the period of time specified in, division (E) of section 4507.16 of the Revised Code.

(O) Whoever violates section 4511.62 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

Sec. 4513.02. (A) No person shall drive or move, or cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved, on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person.

(B) When directed by any state highway patrol trooper, the operator of any motor vehicle shall stop and submit such motor vehicle to an inspection under division (B)(1) or (2) of this section, as appropriate, and such tests as are necessary.

(1) Any motor vehicle not subject to inspection by the public utilities commission shall be inspected and tested to determine whether it is unsafe or not equipped as required by law, or that its equipment is not in proper adjustment or repair, or in violation of the equipment provisions of Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code.

Such inspection shall be made with respect to the brakes, lights, turn signals, steering, horns and warning devices, glass, mirrors, exhaust system, windshield wipers, tires, and such other items of equipment as designated by the superintendent of the state highway patrol by rule or regulation adopted pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code.

Upon determining that a motor vehicle is in safe operating condition and its equipment in conformity with Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code, the inspecting officer shall issue to the operator an official inspection sticker,

which shall be in such form as the superintendent prescribes except that its color shall vary from year to year.

(2) Any motor vehicle subject to inspection by the public utilities commission shall be inspected and tested in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. Upon determining that the vehicle and operator are in compliance with rules adopted by the commission, the inspecting officer shall issue to the operator an appropriate official inspection sticker.

(C) The superintendent of the state highway patrol, pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, shall determine and promulgate standards for any inspection program conducted by a political subdivision of this state. These standards shall exempt licensed collector's vehicles and historical motor vehicles from inspection. Any motor vehicle bearing a valid certificate of inspection issued by another state or a political subdivision of this state whose inspection program conforms to the superintendent's standards, and any licensed collector's vehicle or historical motor vehicle which is not in a condition which endangers the safety of persons or property, shall be exempt from the tests provided in division (B) of this section.

(D) Every person, firm, association, or corporation ~~which that~~, in the conduct of its business, owns and operates not less than fifteen motor vehicles in this state that are not subject to regulation by the public utilities commission and ~~which that~~, for the purpose of storing, repairing, maintaining, and servicing such motor vehicles, equips and operates one or more service departments within this state, may file with the superintendent of the state highway patrol applications for permits for such service departments as official inspection stations for its own motor vehicles. Upon receiving an application for each such service department, and after determining that it is properly equipped and has competent personnel to perform the inspections referred to in this section, the superintendent shall issue the necessary inspection stickers and permit to operate as an official inspection station. Any such person who has had one or more service departments so designated as official inspection stations may have ~~his~~ motor vehicles that are owned and operated by the person and that are not subject to regulation by the public utilities commission, excepting private passenger cars owned by ~~him~~ the person or ~~his~~ the person's employees, inspected at such service department; and any motor vehicle bearing a valid certificate of inspection issued by such service department shall be exempt from the tests provided in division (B) of this section.

No permit for an official inspection station shall be assigned or transferred or used at any location other than therein designated, and every

such permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the location designated.

If a person, firm, association, or corporation owns and operates fifteen or more motor vehicles in the conduct of business and is subject to regulation by the public utilities commission, that person, firm, association, or corporation is not eligible to apply to the superintendent for permits to enable any of its service departments to serve as official inspection stations for its own motor vehicles.

(E) When any motor vehicle is found to be unsafe for operation, the inspecting officer may order it removed from the highway and not operated, except for purposes of removal and repair, until it has been repaired pursuant to a repair order as provided in division (F) of this section.

(F) When any motor vehicle is found to be defective or in violation of Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code, the inspecting officer may issue a repair order, in such form and containing such information as the superintendent shall prescribe, to the owner or operator of the motor vehicle. The owner or operator shall thereupon obtain such repairs as are required and shall, as directed by the inspecting officer, return the repair order together with proof of compliance with its provisions. When any motor vehicle or operator subject to rules of the public utilities commission fails the inspection, the inspecting officer shall issue an appropriate order to obtain compliance with such rules.

(G) Sections 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, with respect to equipment on vehicles, do not apply to implements of husbandry, road machinery, road rollers, or agricultural tractors except as made applicable to such articles of machinery.

Sec. 5501.01. As used in Chapters 5501., 5503., 5511., 5513., 5515., 5516., 5517., 5519., 5521., 5523., 5525., 5527., 5528., 5529., 5531., 5533., and 5535. of the Revised Code:

(A) "Transportation facilities" means all publicly owned modes and means of transporting people and goods, including the physical facilities, garages, district offices, and other related buildings therefor, and including, but not limited to, highways, rights-of-way, roads and bridges, parking facilities, aviation facilities, port facilities, rail facilities, public transportation facilities, rest areas, and roadside parks.

(B) "Public transportation" means publicly owned or operated transportation by bus, rail, or other conveyance, which provides to the public transit or paratransit service on a regular and continuing basis within the state, and may include demand-responsive transportation, subscription bus service, shared-ride taxi service, car pools, van pools, or jitney service.

"Public transportation" does not include school bus transportation or charter or sightseeing services.

(C) "Road" or "highway" includes all appurtenances to the road or highway, including but not limited to, bridges, viaducts, grade separations, appurtenances culverts, lighting, signalization, and approaches on or to such road or highway.

(D) "Right-of-way" has the same meaning as in division (UU)(2) of section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

(E) "Telecommunications service provider" means an entity that, for a fee, provides telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, voice, data, interactive or two-way telecommunications services, without regard to the way such services are delivered.

(F) "Telecommunications facility" means a facility for the provision of telecommunications services. The facility may include, but is not limited to, a tower, monopole, antenna or other ancillary equipment, or buildings used to deliver telecommunications services.

Sec. 5525.011. (A) The director of transportation shall award contracts pursuant to this chapter in conformity to the requirements of subsection (f) of section 105 of the federal "Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982," 96 Stat. 2099, 23 U.S.C.A. 105.

(B) Notwithstanding sections 153.50 to 153.52 of the Revised Code, neither the director nor any political subdivision or other public authority is required to solicit separate bids or award separate contracts for any branch of work in a contract for the construction or improvement of a road or highway funded in whole or in part by or through the department of transportation.

(C) When the director estimates that more than fifty-one per cent of the dollar amount of work to be performed in a contract is to be performed by one branch of work, the director shall designate the prime contractor for the contract from that one branch of work. This division does not apply if the director does not receive any bids from a prequalified prime contractor from that branch of work.

(D) As used in this section:

(1) "Road" or "highway" does not include physical facilities, garages, district offices, or other buildings funded in whole or in part by or through the department of transportation.

(2) "Branch of work" means any of the following:

(a) Plumbing and gas-fitting;

(b) Steam and hot-water heating, ventilating apparatus, and steam-powered plant;

(c) Electrical equipment.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 4511.99, 4513.02, 5501.01, and 5525.011 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That Section 16 of Am. Sub. H.B. 163 of the 123rd General Assembly be amended to read as follows:

" Sec. 16. A task force to study the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' existing method of random selection to verify financial responsibility is hereby established. The task force shall study the method and make recommendations on changes to the General Assembly on or before ~~June~~ August 1, 1999. The task force shall consist of twelve members, including the Director of Public Safety, or the Director's designee and the Superintendent of Insurance. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members of the House of Representatives to the task force, no more than three of whom shall be from the same political party as the Speaker. The President of the Senate shall appoint five members of the Senate to the task force, no more than three of whom shall be from the same political party as the President. The Speaker and President shall make their appointments within two weeks after the effective date of this section, and shall jointly select the chairperson of the task force. The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's designee, and the legislative members of the task force shall be voting members. The Superintendent of Insurance shall be a nonvoting member. After making its recommendations to the General Assembly, the task force shall cease to exist.

This section is not subject to the referendum. Therefore, under Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and section 1.471 of the Revised Code, this section goes into immediate effect when ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. No. 163 of the 123rd General Assembly becomes law."

SECTION 4. That existing Section 16 of Am. Sub. H.B. 163 of the 123rd General Assembly is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Sections 4511.213 and 4511.99 of the Revised Code, as enacted and amended by this act, shall take effect on the ninety-first day after this act becomes law.

SECTION 6. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that specifying that the requirement to solicit separate bids for certain classes of work does not apply to Department of Transportation contracts for road and highway will enable imminent road and highway projects to proceed as scheduled and also that the task force created in Am. Sub. H.B. No. 163 of the 123rd General Assembly to study the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' existing method of random selection to verify financial responsibility requires additional time to complete its study and make recommendations. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the
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Secretary of State.

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