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**A BILL**

To amend sections 3734.01, 4501.01, 4503.04, 1  
4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.535, 4503.544, 4507.03, 2  
4511.01, and 4511.53 of the Revised Code and to 3  
amend Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 4  
131st General Assembly to allow employers of 5  
automotive technicians and motor vehicle 6  
technicians to participate in the Incumbent 7  
Workforce Training Voucher Program, to revise 8  
what constitutes treatment of hazardous waste, 9  
to define and regulate autocycles for purposes 10  
of the Motor Vehicles Law, and to amend the 11  
versions of sections 4501.01, 4503.04, 4503.21, 12  
4503.22, 4503.544, and 4511.53 of the Revised 13  
Code that are scheduled to take effect January 14  
1, 2017, to continue the provisions of this act 15  
on and after that effective date. 16

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 3734.01, 4501.01, 4503.04, 17  
4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.535, 4503.544, 4507.03, 4511.01, and 18  
4511.53 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 19

**Sec. 3734.01.** As used in this chapter: 20

(A) "Board of health" means the board of health of a city 21  
or general health district or the authority having the duties of 22  
a board of health in any city as authorized by section 3709.05 23  
of the Revised Code. 24

(B) "Director" means the director of environmental 25  
protection. 26

(C) "Health district" means a city or general health 27  
district as created by or under authority of Chapter 3709. of 28  
the Revised Code. 29

(D) "Agency" means the environmental protection agency. 30

(E) "Solid wastes" means such unwanted residual solid or 31  
semisolid material as results from industrial, commercial, 32  
agricultural, and community operations, excluding earth or 33  
material from construction, mining, or demolition operations, or 34  
other waste materials of the type that normally would be 35  
included in demolition debris, nontoxic fly ash and bottom ash, 36  
including at least ash that results from the combustion of coal 37  
and ash that results from the combustion of coal in combination 38  
with scrap tires where scrap tires comprise not more than fifty 39  
per cent of heat input in any month, spent nontoxic foundry 40  
sand, nontoxic, nonhazardous, unwanted fired and unfired, glazed 41  
and unglazed, structural products made from shale and clay 42  
products, and slag and other substances that are not harmful or 43  
inimical to public health, and includes, but is not limited to, 44  
garbage, scrap tires, combustible and noncombustible material, 45

street dirt, and debris. "Solid wastes" does not include any 46  
material that is an infectious waste or a hazardous waste. 47

(F) "Disposal" means the discharge, deposit, injection, 48  
dumping, spilling, leaking, emitting, or placing of any solid 49  
wastes or hazardous waste into or on any land or ground or 50  
surface water or into the air, except if the disposition or 51  
placement constitutes storage or treatment or, if the solid 52  
wastes consist of scrap tires, the disposition or placement 53  
constitutes a beneficial use or occurs at a scrap tire recovery 54  
facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code. 55

(G) "Person" includes the state, any political subdivision 56  
and other state or local body, the United States and any agency 57  
or instrumentality thereof, and any legal entity defined as a 58  
person under section 1.59 of the Revised Code. 59

(H) "Open burning" means the burning of solid wastes in an 60  
open area or burning of solid wastes in a type of chamber or 61  
vessel that is not approved or authorized in rules adopted by 62  
the director under section 3734.02 of the Revised Code or, if 63  
the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, in rules adopted under 64  
division (V) of this section or section 3734.73 of the Revised 65  
Code, or the burning of treated or untreated infectious wastes 66  
in an open area or in a type of chamber or vessel that is not 67  
approved in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.021 68  
of the Revised Code. 69

(I) "Open dumping" means the depositing of solid wastes 70  
into a body or stream of water or onto the surface of the ground 71  
at a site that is not licensed as a solid waste facility under 72  
section 3734.05 of the Revised Code or, if the solid wastes 73  
consist of scrap tires, as a scrap tire collection, storage, 74  
monocell, monofill, or recovery facility under section 3734.81 75

of the Revised Code; the depositing of solid wastes that consist 76  
of scrap tires onto the surface of the ground at a site or in a 77  
manner not specifically identified in divisions (C) (2) to (5), 78  
(7), or (10) of section 3734.85 of the Revised Code; the 79  
depositing of untreated infectious wastes into a body or stream 80  
of water or onto the surface of the ground; or the depositing of 81  
treated infectious wastes into a body or stream of water or onto 82  
the surface of the ground at a site that is not licensed as a 83  
solid waste facility under section 3734.05 of the Revised Code. 84

(J) "Hazardous waste" means any waste or combination of 85  
wastes in solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous form 86  
that in the determination of the director, because of its 87  
quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical 88  
characteristics, may do either of the following: 89

(1) Cause or significantly contribute to an increase in 90  
mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or 91  
incapacitating reversible illness; 92

(2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to 93  
human health or safety or to the environment when improperly 94  
stored, treated, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed. 95

"Hazardous waste" includes any substance identified by 96  
regulation as hazardous waste under the "Resource Conservation 97  
and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as 98  
amended, and does not include any substance that is subject to 99  
the "Atomic Energy Act of 1954," 68 Stat. 919, 42 U.S.C.A. 2011, 100  
as amended. 101

(K) "Treat" or "treatment," when used in connection with 102  
hazardous waste, means any method, technique, or process, 103  
including neutralization, designed to change the physical, 104

chemical, or biological ~~characteristics~~character or composition 105  
of any hazardous waste, so as to neutralize the waste; ~~to~~ 106  
recover energy or material resources from the waste; ~~to~~ render 107  
the waste nonhazardous or less hazardous, safer to transport, 108  
store, or dispose of, or amenable for recovery, or storage, ~~or~~ 109  
~~further treatment, or disposal~~; or ~~to~~ reduce the volume of the 110  
waste. When used in connection with infectious wastes, "treat" 111  
or "treatment" means any method, technique, or process that 112  
renders the wastes noninfectious so that it is no longer an 113  
infectious waste and is no longer an infectious substance as 114  
defined in applicable federal law, including, without 115  
limitation, steam sterilization and incineration, and, in the 116  
instance of wastes identified in division (R) (7) of this 117  
section, to substantially reduce or eliminate the potential for 118  
the wastes to cause lacerations or puncture wounds. 119

(L) "Manifest" means the form used for identifying the 120  
quantity, composition, origin, routing, and destination of 121  
hazardous waste during its transportation from the point of 122  
generation to the point of disposal, treatment, or storage. 123

(M) "Storage," when used in connection with hazardous 124  
waste, means the holding of hazardous waste for a temporary 125  
period in such a manner that it remains retrievable and 126  
substantially unchanged physically and chemically and, at the 127  
end of the period, is treated; disposed of; stored elsewhere; or 128  
reused, recycled, or reclaimed in a beneficial manner. When used 129  
in connection with solid wastes that consist of scrap tires, 130  
"storage" means the holding of scrap tires for a temporary 131  
period in such a manner that they remain retrievable and, at the 132  
end of that period, are beneficially used; stored elsewhere; 133  
placed in a scrap tire monocell or monofill facility licensed 134  
under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; processed at a scrap 135

tire recovery facility licensed under that section or a solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to regulation under this chapter; or transported to a scrap tire monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other solid waste facility authorized to dispose of scrap tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires, that is located in another state and is operating in compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is located.

(N) "Facility" means any site, location, tract of land, installation, or building used for incineration, composting, sanitary landfilling, or other methods of disposal of solid wastes or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, for the collection, storage, or processing of the solid wastes; for the transfer of solid wastes; for the treatment of infectious wastes; or for the storage, treatment, or disposal of hazardous waste.

(O) "Closure" means the time at which a hazardous waste facility will no longer accept hazardous waste for treatment, storage, or disposal, the time at which a solid waste facility will no longer accept solid wastes for transfer or disposal or, if the solid wastes consist of scrap tires, for storage or processing, or the effective date of an order revoking the permit for a hazardous waste facility or the registration certificate, permit, or license for a solid waste facility, as applicable. "Closure" includes measures performed to protect public health or safety, to prevent air or water pollution, or to make the facility suitable for other uses, if any, including, but not limited to, the removal of processing residues resulting from solid wastes that consist of scrap tires; the establishment and maintenance of a suitable cover of soil and vegetation over cells in which hazardous waste or solid wastes are buried;

minimization of erosion, the infiltration of surface water into 167  
such cells, the production of leachate, and the accumulation and 168  
runoff of contaminated surface water; the final construction of 169  
facilities for the collection and treatment of leachate and 170  
contaminated surface water runoff, except as otherwise provided 171  
in this division; the final construction of air and water 172  
quality monitoring facilities, except as otherwise provided in 173  
this division; the final construction of methane gas extraction 174  
and treatment systems; or the removal and proper disposal of 175  
hazardous waste or solid wastes from a facility when necessary 176  
to protect public health or safety or to abate or prevent air or 177  
water pollution. With regard to a solid waste facility that is a 178  
scrap tire facility, "closure" includes the final construction 179  
of facilities for the collection and treatment of leachate and 180  
contaminated surface water runoff and the final construction of 181  
air and water quality monitoring facilities only if those 182  
actions are determined to be necessary. 183

(P) "Premises" means either of the following: 184

(1) Geographically contiguous property owned by a 185  
generator; 186

(2) Noncontiguous property that is owned by a generator 187  
and connected by a right-of-way that the generator controls and 188  
to which the public does not have access. Two or more pieces of 189  
property that are geographically contiguous and divided by 190  
public or private right-of-way or rights-of-way are a single 191  
premises. 192

(Q) "Post-closure" means that period of time following 193  
closure during which a hazardous waste facility is required to 194  
be monitored and maintained under this chapter and rules adopted 195  
under it, including, without limitation, operation and 196

maintenance of methane gas extraction and treatment systems, or 197  
the period of time after closure during which a scrap tire 198  
monocell or monofill facility licensed under section 3734.81 of 199  
the Revised Code is required to be monitored and maintained 200  
under this chapter and rules adopted under it. 201

(R) "Infectious wastes" means any wastes or combination of 202  
wastes that include cultures and stocks of infectious agents and 203  
associated biologicals, human blood and blood products, and 204  
substances that were or are likely to have been exposed to or 205  
contaminated with or are likely to transmit an infectious agent 206  
or zoonotic agent, including all of the following: 207

(1) Laboratory wastes; 208

(2) Pathological wastes; 209

(3) Animal blood and blood products; 210

(4) Animal carcasses and parts; 211

(5) Waste materials from the rooms of humans, or the 212  
enclosures of animals, that have been isolated because of 213  
diagnosed communicable disease that are likely to transmit 214  
infectious agents. Such waste materials from the rooms of humans 215  
do not include any wastes of patients who have been placed on 216  
blood and body fluid precautions under the universal precaution 217  
system established by the centers for disease control in the 218  
public health service of the United States department of health 219  
and human services, except to the extent specific wastes 220  
generated under the universal precautions system have been 221  
identified as infectious wastes by rules adopted under division 222  
(R) (7) of this section. 223

(6) Sharp wastes used in the treatment, diagnosis, or 224  
inoculation of human beings or animals; 225



(7) Any other waste materials generated in the diagnosis, 226  
treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals, in 227  
research pertaining thereto, or in the production or testing of 228  
biologicals, that the director of health, by rules adopted in 229  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, identifies as 230  
infectious wastes after determining that the wastes present a 231  
substantial threat to human health when improperly managed 232  
because they are contaminated with, or are likely to be 233  
contaminated with, infectious agents. 234

As used in this division, "blood products" does not 235  
include patient care waste such as bandages or disposable gowns 236  
that are lightly soiled with blood or other body fluids unless 237  
those wastes are soiled to the extent that the generator of the 238  
wastes determines that they should be managed as infectious 239  
wastes. 240

(S) "Infectious agent" means a type of microorganism, 241  
pathogen, virus, or proteinaceous infectious particle that can 242  
cause or significantly contribute to disease in or death of 243  
human beings. 244

(T) "Zoonotic agent" means a type of microorganism, 245  
pathogen, or virus that causes disease in vertebrate animals, is 246  
transmissible to human beings, and can cause or significantly 247  
contribute to disease in or death of human beings. 248

(U) "Solid waste transfer facility" means any site, 249  
location, tract of land, installation, or building that is used 250  
or intended to be used primarily for the purpose of transferring 251  
solid wastes that were generated off the premises of the 252  
facility from vehicles or containers into other vehicles for 253  
transportation to a solid waste disposal facility. "Solid waste 254  
transfer facility" does not include any facility that consists 255

solely of portable containers that have an aggregate volume of 256  
fifty cubic yards or less nor any facility where legitimate 257  
recycling activities are conducted. 258

(V) "Beneficially use" includes: 259

(1) With regard to scrap tires, to use a scrap tire in a 260  
manner that results in a commodity for sale or exchange or in 261  
any other manner authorized as a beneficial use in rules adopted 262  
by the director in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 263  
Code; 264

(2) With regard to material from a horizontal well that 265  
has come in contact with a refined oil-based substance and that 266  
is not technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive 267  
material, to use the material in any manner authorized as a 268  
beneficial use in rules adopted by the director under section 269  
3734.125 of the Revised Code. 270

(W) "Commercial car," "commercial tractor," "farm 271  
machinery," "motor bus," "vehicles," "motor vehicle," and 272  
"semitrailer" have the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of 273  
the Revised Code. 274

(X) "Construction equipment" means road rollers, traction 275  
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 276  
in construction work, or in mining or producing or processing 277  
aggregates, and not designed for or used in general highway 278  
transportation. 279

(Y) "Motor vehicle salvage dealer" has the same meaning as 280  
in section 4738.01 of the Revised Code. 281

(Z) "Scrap tire" means an unwanted or discarded tire. 282

(AA) "Scrap tire collection facility" means any facility 283

that meets all of the following qualifications:	284
(1) The facility is used for the receipt and storage of	285
whole scrap tires from the public prior to their transportation	286
to a scrap tire storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery	287
facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; a	288
solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to	289
regulation under this chapter; a premises within the state where	290
the scrap tires will be beneficially used; or a scrap tire	291
storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other	292
solid waste disposal facility authorized to dispose of scrap	293
tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires,	294
that is located in another state, and that is operating in	295
compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is	296
located.	297
(2) The facility exclusively stores scrap tires in	298
portable containers.	299
(3) The aggregate storage of the portable containers in	300
which the scrap tires are stored does not exceed five thousand	301
cubic feet.	302
(BB) "Scrap tire monocell facility" means an individual	303
site within a solid waste landfill that is used exclusively for	304
the environmentally sound storage or disposal of whole scrap	305
tires or scrap tires that have been shredded, chipped, or	306
otherwise mechanically processed.	307
(CC) "Scrap tire monofill facility" means an engineered	308
facility used or intended to be used exclusively for the storage	309
or disposal of scrap tires, including at least facilities for	310
the submergence of whole scrap tires in a body of water.	311
(DD) "Scrap tire recovery facility" means any facility, or	312

portion thereof, for the processing of scrap tires for the 313  
purpose of extracting or producing usable products, materials, 314  
or energy from the scrap tires through a controlled combustion 315  
process, mechanical process, or chemical process. "Scrap tire 316  
recovery facility" includes any facility that uses the 317  
controlled combustion of scrap tires in a manufacturing process 318  
to produce process heat or steam or any facility that produces 319  
usable heat or electric power through the controlled combustion 320  
of scrap tires in combination with another fuel, but does not 321  
include any solid waste incineration or energy recovery facility 322  
that is designed, constructed, and used for the primary purpose 323  
of incinerating mixed municipal solid wastes and that burns 324  
scrap tires in conjunction with mixed municipal solid wastes, or 325  
any tire retreading business, tire manufacturing finishing 326  
center, or tire adjustment center having on the premises of the 327  
business a single, covered scrap tire storage area at which not 328  
more than four thousand scrap tires are stored. 329

(EE) "Scrap tire storage facility" means any facility 330  
where whole scrap tires are stored prior to their transportation 331  
to a scrap tire monocell, monofill, or recovery facility 332  
licensed under section 3734.81 of the Revised Code; a solid 333  
waste incineration or energy recovery facility subject to 334  
regulation under this chapter; a premises within the state where 335  
the scrap tires will be beneficially used; or a scrap tire 336  
storage, monocell, monofill, or recovery facility, any other 337  
solid waste disposal facility authorized to dispose of scrap 338  
tires, or a facility that will beneficially use the scrap tires, 339  
that is located in another state, and that is operating in 340  
compliance with the laws of the state in which the facility is 341  
located. 342

(FF) "Used oil" means any oil that has been refined from 343

crude oil, or any synthetic oil, that has been used and, as a 344  
result of that use, is contaminated by physical or chemical 345  
impurities. "Used oil" includes only those substances identified 346  
as used oil by the United States environmental protection agency 347  
under the "Used Oil Recycling Act of 1980," 94 Stat. 2055, 42 348  
U.S.C.A. 6901a, as amended. 349

(GG) "Accumulated speculatively" has the same meaning as 350  
in rules adopted by the director under section 3734.12 of the 351  
Revised Code. 352

(HH) "Horizontal well" has the same meaning as in section 353  
1509.01 of the Revised Code. 354

(II) "Technologically enhanced naturally occurring 355  
radioactive material" has the same meaning as in section 3748.01 356  
of the Revised Code. 357

**Sec. 4501.01.** As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 358  
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of 359  
the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise 360  
provided: 361

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 362  
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric 363  
personal assistive mobility devices, vehicles that are operated 364  
exclusively on rails or tracks or from overhead electric trolley 365  
wires, and vehicles that belong to any police department, 366  
municipal fire department, or volunteer fire department, or that 367  
are used by such a department in the discharge of its functions. 368

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 369  
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 370  
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 371  
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 372

vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, motorized 373  
bicycles, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power 374  
cranes, and other equipment used in construction work and not 375  
designed for or employed in general highway transportation, 376  
well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging machinery, farm 377  
machinery, and trailers that are designed and used exclusively 378  
to transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina, or 379  
in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a public road or 380  
highway for a distance of no more than ten miles and at a speed 381  
of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 382

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 383  
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 384  
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 385  
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 386  
used principally for agricultural purposes. 387

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 388  
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 389  
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 390  
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 391  
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 392  
its load, or both. 393

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 394  
designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 395  
includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 396  
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 397  
arrangement. 398

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 399  
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 400  
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 401  
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 402

collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 403  
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 404  
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 405  
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 406  
agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 407  
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 408  
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 409  
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 410  
provisions in the laws of other states. 411

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 412  
that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a 413  
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 414  
exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 415  
event is used for general transportation. 416

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 417  
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 418  
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 419  
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 420  
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 421

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 422  
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 423  
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 424  
not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 425

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 426  
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 427  
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 428

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 429  
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 430  
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 431

and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 432  
fourteen inches in diameter. 433

(L) "Motorized bicycle" means any vehicle that either has 434  
two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels in 435  
the rear, that is capable of being pedaled, and that is equipped 436  
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 437  
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 438  
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 439  
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 440

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 441  
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 442  
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 443  
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 444  
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 445  
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 446  
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 447  
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 448  
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 449  
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 450  
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 451  
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 452  
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 453  
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 454  
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 455  
travel trailer. 456

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 457  
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 458  
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 459  
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 460  
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 461



weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 462  
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 463  
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 464  
personal or recreational purposes. 465

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 466  
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 467  
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 468  
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 469  
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 470  
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 471  
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 472  
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 473  
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 474

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 475  
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 476  
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 477  
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 478  
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 479  
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 480  
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 481  
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 482  
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 483  
semitrailer into a trailer. 484

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 485  
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 486

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 487  
travel. 488

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 489  
for profit. 490

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in intrastate commerce.	491 492
(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended.	493 494
(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code.	495 496
(6) It is classed as one of the following:	497
(a) "Travel trailer" means a nonself-propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall length of thirty-five feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or coupling, and contains less than three hundred twenty square feet of space when erected on site. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.	498 499 500 501 502 503 504
(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and consuming of food, and for sleeping.	505 506 507 508
(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to be used as a dwelling.	509 510 511 512 513 514
(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such size and weight as to be movable without a special highway permit, that has a gross trailer area of four hundred square feet or less, that is constructed with a raised forward section that allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be	515 516 517 518 519

towed by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 520  
installed in the bed of a truck. 521

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 522  
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 523  
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 524  
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 525  
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 526  
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 527  
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 528  
appliances. 529

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 530  
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 531

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 532  
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 533  
the load. 534

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 535  
equipped with two or more solid tires. 536

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 537  
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, 538  
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural 539  
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 540  
place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 541  
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 542  
hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 543  
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 544

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 545  
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 546  
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 547  
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 548

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 549  
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 550  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 551  
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 552  
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 553  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 554  
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 555  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 556  
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 557  
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 558  
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 559  
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 560  
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 561  
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 562  
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 563  
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 564  
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 565  
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 566  
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 567  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 568  
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 569  
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 570  
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 571  
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 572  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or 573  
dealing in motor vehicles. 574

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates 575  
a motor vehicle upon the public highways. 576

(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor 577  
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any 578  
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than 579

a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, 580  
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by 581  
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily 582  
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an 583  
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, 584  
compensation, or profit. 585

(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts 586  
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada. 587

(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all 588  
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts. 589

(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's 590  
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the 591  
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle. 592

(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original 593  
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor 594  
of the vehicle. 595

(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a 596  
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to 597  
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of 598  
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of 599  
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle 600  
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle 601  
dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the 602  
location of the distributor's licensed dealership. 603

(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 604  
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is 605  
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 606  
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 607  
buspools. 608

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is 609  
used or intended for use in two or more international 610  
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or 611  
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the 612  
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 613  
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and 614  
that meets any of the following qualifications: 615

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in 616  
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; 617

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless 618  
of the gross vehicle weight; 619

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 620  
in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 621

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 622  
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up 623  
and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the 624  
United States, this state, or any political subdivisions 625  
thereof. 626

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who 627  
contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger- 628  
carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in 629  
accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 630  
United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 631  
group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 632  
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 633  
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 634

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 635  
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 636  
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 637

promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 638  
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 639  
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 640  
member jurisdictions. 641

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 642  
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 643  
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 644  
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 645

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 646  
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 647  
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 648  
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 649  
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 650  
vehicle. 651

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 652  
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 653  
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 654  
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 655  
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 656  
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 657  
vehicles. 658

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 659  
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 660  
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation 661  
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under 662  
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 663  
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 664  
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 665  
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 666  
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 667

that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 668

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 669  
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 670

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 671  
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 672  
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 673  
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 674  
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 675  
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 676  
mobile homes. 677

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 678  
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 679  
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 680

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 681  
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 682  
an information system or for transmission from one information 683  
system to another. 684

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 685  
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 686  
electronic record. 687

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 688  
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 689

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 690  
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 691  
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 692  
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 693  
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 694  
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 695



(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 696  
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 697  
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 698  
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 699  
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 700  
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 701  
hour. 702

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 703  
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 704  
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 705  
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 706  
privilege has been suspended. 707

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 708  
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 709  
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 710  
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 711  
handling, or similar activities. "Utility vehicle" includes a 712  
vehicle with a maximum attainable speed of twenty miles per hour 713  
or less that is used exclusively within the boundaries of state 714  
parks by state park employees or volunteers for the operation or 715  
maintenance of state park facilities. 716

(WW) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 717  
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 718  
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 719  
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 720  
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 721

(XX) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 722  
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 723  
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 724  
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 725

or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 726

(YY) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 727  
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 728  
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 729  
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 730  
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 731

**Sec. 4503.04.** Except as provided in sections 4503.042 and 732  
4503.65 of the Revised Code for the registration of commercial 733  
cars, trailers, semitrailers, and certain buses, the rates of 734  
the taxes imposed by section 4503.02 of the Revised Code shall 735  
be as follows: 736

(A) For motor vehicles having three wheels or less, the 737  
license tax is: 738

(1) For each motorized bicycle, ten dollars; 739

(2) For each motorcycle, autocycle, or cab-enclosed 740  
motorcycle, fourteen dollars. 741

(B) For each passenger car, twenty dollars; 742

(C) For each manufactured home, each mobile home, and each 743  
travel trailer, ten dollars; 744

(D) For each noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the 745  
manufacturer to carry a load of no more than three-quarters of 746  
one ton and for each motor home, thirty-five dollars; for each 747  
noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer to 748  
carry a load of more than three-quarters of one ton, but not 749  
more than one ton, seventy dollars; 750

(E) For each noncommercial trailer, the license tax is: 751

(1) Eighty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part 752

thereof for the first two thousand pounds or part thereof of	753
weight of vehicle fully equipped;	754
(2) One dollar and forty cents for each one hundred pounds	755
or part thereof in excess of two thousand pounds up to and	756
including ten thousand pounds.	757
(F) Notwithstanding its weight, twelve dollars for any:	758
(1) Vehicle equipped, owned, and used by a charitable or	759
nonprofit corporation exclusively for the purpose of	760
administering chest x-rays or receiving blood donations;	761
(2) Van used principally for the transportation of	762
handicapped persons that has been modified by being equipped	763
with adaptive equipment to facilitate the movement of such	764
persons into and out of the van;	765
(3) Bus used principally for the transportation of	766
handicapped persons or persons sixty-five years of age or older.	767
(G) Notwithstanding its weight, twenty dollars for any bus	768
used principally for the transportation of persons in a	769
ridesharing arrangement.	770
(H) For each transit bus having motor power the license	771
tax is twelve dollars.	772
"Transit bus" means either a motor vehicle having a	773
seating capacity of more than seven persons which is operated	774
and used by any person in the rendition of a public mass	775
transportation service primarily in a municipal corporation or	776
municipal corporations and provided at least seventy-five per	777
cent of the annual mileage of such service and use is within	778
such municipal corporation or municipal corporations or a motor	779
vehicle having a seating capacity of more than seven persons	780

which is operated solely for the transportation of persons 781  
associated with a charitable or nonprofit corporation, but does 782  
not mean any motor vehicle having a seating capacity of more 783  
than seven persons when such vehicle is used in a ridesharing 784  
capacity or any bus described by division (F) (3) of this 785  
section. 786

The application for registration of such transit bus shall 787  
be accompanied by an affidavit prescribed by the registrar of 788  
motor vehicles and signed by the person or an agent of the firm 789  
or corporation operating such bus stating that the bus has a 790  
seating capacity of more than seven persons, and that it is 791  
either to be operated and used in the rendition of a public mass 792  
transportation service and that at least seventy-five per cent 793  
of the annual mileage of such operation and use shall be within 794  
one or more municipal corporations or that it is to be operated 795  
solely for the transportation of persons associated with a 796  
charitable or nonprofit corporation. 797

The form of the license plate, and the manner of its 798  
attachment to the vehicle, shall be prescribed by the registrar 799  
of motor vehicles. 800

(I) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) or (J) of 801  
this section, the minimum tax for any vehicle having motor power 802  
is ten dollars and eighty cents, and for each noncommercial 803  
trailer, five dollars. 804

(J) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) of 805  
this section, for each farm truck, except a noncommercial motor 806  
vehicle, that is owned, controlled, or operated by one or more 807  
farmers exclusively in farm use as defined in this section, and 808  
not for commercial purposes, and provided that at least seventy- 809  
five per cent of such farm use is by or for the one or more 810

owners, controllers, or operators of the farm in the operation 811  
of which a farm truck is used, the license tax is five dollars 812  
plus: 813

(a) Fifty cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof for 814  
the first three thousand pounds; 815

(b) Seventy cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof 816  
in excess of three thousand pounds up to and including four 817  
thousand pounds; 818

(c) Ninety cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in 819  
excess of four thousand pounds up to and including six thousand 820  
pounds; 821

(d) Two dollars for each one hundred pounds or part 822  
thereof in excess of six thousand pounds up to and including ten 823  
thousand pounds; 824

(e) Two dollars and twenty-five cents for each one hundred 825  
pounds or part thereof in excess of ten thousand pounds; 826

(f) The minimum license tax for any farm truck shall be 827  
twelve dollars. 828

(2) The owner of a farm truck may register the truck for a 829  
period of one-half year by paying one-half the registration tax 830  
imposed on the truck under this chapter and one-half the amount 831  
of any tax imposed on the truck under Chapter 4504. of the 832  
Revised Code. 833

(3) A farm bus may be registered for a period of two 834  
hundred ten days from the date of issue of the license plates 835  
for the bus, for a fee of ten dollars, provided such license 836  
plates shall not be issued for more than one such period in any 837  
calendar year. Such use does not include the operation of trucks 838

by commercial processors of agricultural products. 839

(4) License plates for farm trucks and for farm buses 840  
shall have some distinguishing marks, letters, colors, or other 841  
characteristics to be determined by the director of public 842  
safety. 843

(5) Every person registering a farm truck or bus under 844  
this section shall furnish an affidavit certifying that the 845  
truck or bus licensed to that person is to be so used as to meet 846  
the requirements necessary for the farm truck or farm bus 847  
classification. 848

Any farmer may use a truck owned by the farmer for 849  
commercial purposes by paying the difference between the 850  
commercial truck registration fee and the farm truck 851  
registration fee for the remaining part of the registration 852  
period for which the truck is registered. Such remainder shall 853  
be calculated from the beginning of the semiannual period in 854  
which application for such commercial license is made. 855

Taxes at the rates provided in this section are in lieu of 856  
all taxes on or with respect to the ownership of such motor 857  
vehicles, except as provided in section 4503.042 and section 858  
4503.06 of the Revised Code. 859

(K) Other than trucks registered under the international 860  
registration plan in another jurisdiction and for which this 861  
state has received an apportioned registration fee, the license 862  
tax for each truck which is owned, controlled, or operated by a 863  
nonresident, and licensed in another state, and which is used 864  
exclusively for the transportation of nonprocessed agricultural 865  
products intrastate, from the place of production to the place 866  
of processing, is twenty-four dollars. 867

"Truck," as used in this division, means any pickup truck, 868  
straight truck, semitrailer, or trailer other than a travel 869  
trailer. Nonprocessed agricultural products, as used in this 870  
division, does not include livestock or grain. 871

A license issued under this division shall be issued for a 872  
period of one hundred thirty days in the same manner in which 873  
all other licenses are issued under this section, provided that 874  
no truck shall be so licensed for more than one one-hundred- 875  
thirty-day period during any calendar year. 876

The license issued pursuant to this division shall consist 877  
of a windshield decal to be designed by the director of public 878  
safety. 879

Every person registering a truck under this division shall 880  
furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck licensed to the 881  
person is to be used exclusively for the purposes specified in 882  
this division. 883

(L) Every person registering a motor vehicle as a 884  
noncommercial motor vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the 885  
Revised Code, or registering a trailer as a noncommercial 886  
trailer as defined in that section, shall furnish an affidavit 887  
certifying that the motor vehicle or trailer so licensed to the 888  
person is to be so used as to meet the requirements necessary 889  
for the noncommercial vehicle classification. 890

(M) Every person registering a van or bus as provided in 891  
divisions (F) (2) and (3) of this section shall furnish a 892  
notarized statement certifying that the van or bus licensed to 893  
the person is to be used for the purposes specified in those 894  
divisions. The form of the license plate issued for such motor 895  
vehicles shall be prescribed by the registrar. 896

(N) Every person registering as a passenger car a motor vehicle designed and used for carrying more than nine but not more than fifteen passengers, and every person registering a bus as provided in division (G) of this section, shall furnish an affidavit certifying that the vehicle so licensed to the person is to be used in a ridesharing arrangement and that the person will have in effect whenever the vehicle is used in a ridesharing arrangement a policy of liability insurance with respect to the motor vehicle in amounts and coverages no less than those required by section 4509.79 of the Revised Code. The form of the license plate issued for such a motor vehicle shall be prescribed by the registrar.

(O) (1) Commencing on October 1, 2009, if an application for registration renewal is not applied for prior to the expiration date of the registration or within thirty days after that date, the registrar or deputy registrar shall collect a fee of ten dollars for the issuance of the vehicle registration. For any motor vehicle that is used on a seasonal basis, whether used for general transportation or not, and that has not been used on the public roads or highways since the expiration of the registration, the registrar or deputy registrar shall waive the fee established under this division if the application is accompanied by supporting evidence of seasonal use as the registrar may require. The registrar or deputy registrar may waive the fee for other good cause shown if the application is accompanied by supporting evidence as the registrar may require. The fee shall be in addition to all other fees established by this section. A deputy registrar shall retain fifty cents of the fee and shall transmit the remaining amount to the registrar at the time and in the manner provided by section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received



under this division into the state highway safety fund	928
established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code.	929
(2) Division (O) (1) of this section does not apply to a	930
farm truck or farm bus registered under division (J) of this	931
section.	932
(P) As used in this section:	933
(1) "Van" means any motor vehicle having a single rear	934
axle and an enclosed body without a second seat.	935
(2) "Handicapped person" means any person who has lost the	936
use of one or both legs, or one or both arms, or is blind, deaf,	937
or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without	938
the aid of crutches or a wheelchair.	939
(3) "Farm truck" means a truck used in the transportation	940
from the farm of products of the farm, including livestock and	941
its products, poultry and its products, floricultural and	942
horticultural products, and in the transportation to the farm of	943
supplies for the farm, including tile, fence, and every other	944
thing or commodity used in agricultural, floricultural,	945
horticultural, livestock, and poultry production and livestock,	946
poultry, and other animals and things used for breeding,	947
feeding, or other purposes connected with the operation of the	948
farm.	949
(4) "Farm bus" means a bus used only for the	950
transportation of agricultural employees and used only in the	951
transportation of such employees as are necessary in the	952
operation of the farm.	953
(5) "Farm supplies" includes fuel used exclusively in the	954
operation of a farm, including one or more homes located on and	955
used in the operation of one or more farms, and furniture and	956

other things used in and around such homes. 957

**Sec. 4503.21.** (A) No person who is the owner or operator 958  
of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the 959  
front and rear of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and 960  
registration mark, including any county identification sticker 961  
and any validation sticker issued under sections 4503.19 and 962  
4503.191 of the Revised Code, furnished by the director of 963  
public safety, except that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or 964  
dealer therein, the holder of an in transit permit, and the 965  
owner or operator of a motorcycle, autocycle, cab-enclosed 966  
motorcycle, motorized bicycle, manufactured home, mobile home, 967  
trailer, or semitrailer shall display on the rear only. A motor 968  
vehicle that is issued two license plates shall display the 969  
validation sticker only on the rear license plate, except that a 970  
commercial tractor that does not receive an apportioned license 971  
plate under the international registration plan shall display 972  
the validation sticker on the front of the commercial tractor. 973  
An apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned license plate 974  
under the international registration plan shall display the 975  
license plate only on the front of a commercial tractor and on 976  
the rear of all other vehicles. All license plates shall be 977  
securely fastened so as not to swing, and shall not be covered 978  
by any material that obstructs their visibility. 979

No person to whom a temporary license placard or 980  
windshield sticker has been issued for the use of a motor 981  
vehicle under section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, and no 982  
operator of that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the 983  
temporary license placard in plain view from the rear of the 984  
vehicle either in the rear window or on an external rear surface 985  
of the motor vehicle, or fail to display the windshield sticker 986  
in plain view on the rear window of the motor vehicle. No 987

temporary license placard or windshield sticker shall be covered 988  
by any material that obstructs its visibility. 989

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 990  
misdemeanor. 991

**Sec. 4503.22.** The identification license plate shall 992  
consist of a placard upon the face of which shall appear the 993  
distinctive number assigned to the motor vehicle as provided in 994  
section 4503.19 of the Revised Code, in Arabic numerals or 995  
letters, or both. The dimensions of the numerals or letters and 996  
of each stroke shall be determined by the director of public 997  
safety. The license placard also shall contain the name of this 998  
state and the slogan "BIRTHPLACE OF AVIATION." The placard may 999  
be made of steel, aluminum, plastic, or any other suitable 1000  
material, and the background shall be treated with a reflective 1001  
material that shall provide effective and dependable reflective 1002  
brightness during the service period required of the placard. 1003  
Specifications for the reflective and other materials and the 1004  
design of the placard, the county identification stickers as 1005  
provided by section 4503.19 of the Revised Code, and validation 1006  
stickers as provided by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, 1007  
shall be adopted by the director as rules under sections 119.01 1008  
to 119.13 of the Revised Code. The identification license plate 1009  
of motorized bicycles, motorcycles, autocycles, and cab-enclosed 1010  
motorcycles shall consist of a single placard, the size of which 1011  
shall be prescribed by the director. The identification plate of 1012  
a vehicle registered in accordance with the international 1013  
registration plan shall contain the word "apportioned." The 1014  
director may prescribe the type of placard, or means of 1015  
fastening the placard, or both; the placard or means of 1016  
fastening may be so designed and constructed as to render 1017  
difficult the removal of the placard after it has been fastened 1018

to a motor vehicle. 1019

**Sec. 4503.535.** (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger 1020  
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, 1021  
motorcycle, motorized bicycle or moped, trailer, or other 1022  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, 1023  
and, effective January 1, 2017, the owner or lessee of any 1024  
motor-driven cycle or motor scooter, autocycle, or cab-enclosed 1025  
motorcycle, may apply to the registrar for the registration of 1026  
the vehicle and issuance of POW/MIA awareness license plates. 1027  
The application for POW/MIA awareness license plates may be 1028  
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate 1029  
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon 1030  
receipt of the completed application and compliance with 1031  
division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the 1032  
applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of 1033  
POW/MIA awareness license plates with a validation sticker, or a 1034  
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 1035  
the Revised Code. 1036

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 1037  
inscribed thereon, POW/MIA awareness license plates shall bear 1038  
the markings designed by rolling thunder, inc., chapter 1 Ohio. 1039  
POW/MIA awareness license plates, except for motorcycle, 1040  
motorized bicycle, or moped license plates, also shall bear the 1041  
words "not forgotten." The registrar shall approve the final 1042  
design. POW/MIA awareness license plates shall bear county 1043  
identification stickers that identify the county of registration 1044  
by name or number. 1045

(B) POW/MIA awareness license plates and validation 1046  
stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax 1047  
as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 1048

applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 1049  
Revised Code, a bureau of motor vehicles administrative fee of 1050  
ten dollars, the contribution specified in division (C) of this 1051  
section, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating 1052  
to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for 1053  
POW/MIA awareness license plates is combined with a request for 1054  
a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 1055  
4503.42 of the Revised Code, the license plates and validation 1056  
sticker shall be issued upon payment of the contribution, fees, 1057  
and taxes contained in this division and the additional fee 1058  
prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 1059

(C) For each application for registration and registration 1060  
renewal submitted under this section, the registrar shall 1061  
collect a contribution of twenty-five dollars. The registrar 1062  
shall pay this contribution into the state treasury to the 1063  
credit of the military injury relief fund created in section 1064  
5902.05 of the Revised Code. 1065

The registrar shall pay the ten-dollar bureau 1066  
administrative fee, the purpose of which is to compensate the 1067  
bureau for additional services required in issuing POW/MIA 1068  
awareness license plates, into the state treasury to the credit 1069  
of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 1070  
4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1071

**Sec. 4503.544.** (A) Any person who is a retired or 1072  
honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces 1073  
of the United States may apply to the registrar of motor 1074  
vehicles for the registration of any motorcycle, autocycle, or 1075  
cab-enclosed motorcycle that the person owns or leases. The 1076  
application shall be accompanied by written evidence that the 1077  
applicant is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of a 1078

branch of the armed forces of the United States that the 1079  
registrar shall require by rule. 1080

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 1081  
motorcycle, autocycle, or cab-enclosed motorcycle under this 1082  
section, presentation of satisfactory evidence documenting that 1083  
the applicant is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of a 1084  
branch of the armed forces of the United States, and payment of 1085  
the applicable license fee prescribed in section 4503.04 of the 1086  
Revised Code and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 1087  
under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, the registrar shall 1088  
issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 1089  
registration and a license plate and a validation sticker or a 1090  
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 1091  
the Revised Code. 1092

(B) License plates issued under this section shall be 1093  
inscribed with the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on 1094  
motorcycle license plates, except that the registrar shall 1095  
provide for one of the following: 1096

(1) The license plates to contain an inscription or symbol 1097  
representing veterans of the armed forces of the United States; 1098

(2) The plates to include the word "veteran" or "vet"; 1099

(3) The plates to be designed to display a sticker bearing 1100  
the word "veteran." 1101

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 1102  
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 1103

**Sec. 4507.03.** (A) (1) No person shall be required to obtain 1104  
a driver's or commercial driver's license for the purpose of 1105  
temporarily driving, operating, drawing, moving, or propelling a 1106  
road roller or road machinery upon a street or highway. 1107

(2) No person shall be required to obtain a driver's or 1108  
commercial driver's license for the purpose of temporarily 1109  
driving, operating, drawing, moving, or propelling any 1110  
agricultural tractor or implement of husbandry upon a street or 1111  
highway at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 1112

(3) No person shall drive, operate, draw, move, or propel 1113  
any agricultural tractor or implement of husbandry upon a street 1114  
or highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour 1115  
unless the person has a current, valid driver's or commercial 1116  
driver's license. 1117

(4) No person having a valid driver's or commercial 1118  
driver's license shall be required to have a motorcycle 1119  
operator's endorsement to operate a motorcycle having three 1120  
wheels with a motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 1121  
piston displacement. 1122

(5) No person having a valid driver's or commercial 1123  
driver's license shall be required to have a motorcycle 1124  
operator's endorsement to operate an autocycle or a cab-enclosed 1125  
motorcycle. 1126

(B) Every person on active duty in the armed forces of the 1127  
United States, when furnished with a driver's permit and when 1128  
operating an official motor vehicle in connection with such 1129  
duty, is exempt from the license requirements of Chapters 4506. 1130  
and 4507. of the Revised Code. 1131

Every person on active duty in the armed forces of the 1132  
United States or in service with the peace corps, volunteers in 1133  
service to America, or the foreign service of the United States 1134  
is exempt from the license requirements of those chapters for 1135  
the period of the person's active duty or service and for six 1136

months thereafter, provided the person was a licensee under 1137  
those chapters at the time the person commenced the person's 1138  
active duty or service. The spouse or a dependent of any such 1139  
person on active duty or in service also is exempt from the 1140  
license requirements of those chapters for the period of the 1141  
person's active duty or service and for six months thereafter, 1142  
provided the spouse or dependent was a licensee under those 1143  
chapters at the time the person commenced the active duty or 1144  
service, and provided further that the person's active duty or 1145  
service causes the spouse or dependent to relocate outside of 1146  
this state during the period of the active duty or service. 1147

This section does not prevent such a person or the 1148  
person's spouse or dependent from making an application, as 1149  
provided in division (C) of section 4507.10 of the Revised Code, 1150  
for the renewal of a driver's license or motorcycle operator's 1151  
endorsement or as provided in section 4506.14 of the Revised 1152  
Code for the renewal of a commercial driver's license during the 1153  
period of the person's active duty or service. 1154

(C) Whoever violates division (A) (3) of this section is 1155  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 1156

**Sec. 4511.01.** As used in this chapter and in Chapter 4513. 1157  
of the Revised Code: 1158

(A) "Vehicle" means every device, including a motorized 1159  
bicycle, in, upon, or by which any person or property may be 1160  
transported or drawn upon a highway, except that "vehicle" does 1161  
not include any motorized wheelchair, any electric personal 1162  
assistive mobility device, any device that is moved by power 1163  
collected from overhead electric trolley wires or that is used 1164  
exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, or any device, 1165  
other than a bicycle, that is moved by human power. 1166



(B) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled or drawn 1167  
by power other than muscular power or power collected from 1168  
overhead electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, road 1169  
rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power cranes, and 1170  
other equipment used in construction work and not designed for 1171  
or employed in general highway transportation, hole-digging 1172  
machinery, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging machinery, 1173  
farm machinery, and trailers designed and used exclusively to 1174  
transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in 1175  
and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a street or highway 1176  
for a distance of no more than ten miles and at a speed of 1177  
twenty-five miles per hour or less. 1178

(C) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, other than a 1179  
tractor, having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator and 1180  
designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with 1181  
the ground, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles known 1182  
as "motor-driven cycle," "motor scooter," "autocycle," "cab- 1183  
enclosed motorcycle," or "motorcycle" without regard to weight 1184  
or brake horsepower. 1185

(D) "Emergency vehicle" means emergency vehicles of 1186  
municipal, township, or county departments or public utility 1187  
corporations when identified as such as required by law, the 1188  
director of public safety, or local authorities, and motor 1189  
vehicles when commandeered by a police officer. 1190

(E) "Public safety vehicle" means any of the following: 1191

(1) Ambulances, including private ambulance companies 1192  
under contract to a municipal corporation, township, or county, 1193  
and private ambulances and nontransport vehicles bearing license 1194  
plates issued under section 4503.49 of the Revised Code; 1195

(2) Motor vehicles used by public law enforcement officers 1196  
or other persons sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws 1197  
of the state; 1198

(3) Any motor vehicle when properly identified as required 1199  
by the director of public safety, when used in response to fire 1200  
emergency calls or to provide emergency medical service to ill 1201  
or injured persons, and when operated by a duly qualified person 1202  
who is a member of a volunteer rescue service or a volunteer 1203  
fire department, and who is on duty pursuant to the rules or 1204  
directives of that service. The state fire marshal shall be 1205  
designated by the director of public safety as the certifying 1206  
agency for all public safety vehicles described in division (E) 1207  
(3) of this section. 1208

(4) Vehicles used by fire departments, including motor 1209  
vehicles when used by volunteer fire fighters responding to 1210  
emergency calls in the fire department service when identified 1211  
as required by the director of public safety. 1212

Any vehicle used to transport or provide emergency medical 1213  
service to an ill or injured person, when certified as a public 1214  
safety vehicle, shall be considered a public safety vehicle when 1215  
transporting an ill or injured person to a hospital regardless 1216  
of whether such vehicle has already passed a hospital. 1217

(5) Vehicles used by the motor carrier enforcement unit 1218  
for the enforcement of orders and rules of the public utilities 1219  
commission as specified in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code. 1220

(F) "School bus" means every bus designed for carrying 1221  
more than nine passengers that is owned by a public, private, or 1222  
governmental agency or institution of learning and operated for 1223  
the transportation of children to or from a school session or a 1224

school function, or owned by a private person and operated for 1225  
compensation for the transportation of children to or from a 1226  
school session or a school function, provided "school bus" does 1227  
not include a bus operated by a municipally owned transportation 1228  
system, a mass transit company operating exclusively within the 1229  
territorial limits of a municipal corporation, or within such 1230  
limits and the territorial limits of municipal corporations 1231  
immediately contiguous to such municipal corporation, nor a 1232  
common passenger carrier certified by the public utilities 1233  
commission unless such bus is devoted exclusively to the 1234  
transportation of children to and from a school session or a 1235  
school function, and "school bus" does not include a van or bus 1236  
used by a licensed child day-care center or type A family day- 1237  
care home to transport children from the child day-care center 1238  
or type A family day-care home to a school if the van or bus 1239  
does not have more than fifteen children in the van or bus at 1240  
any time. 1241

(G) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 1242  
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 1243  
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 1244  
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 1245  
fourteen inches in diameter. 1246

(H) (1) Until January 1, 2017, "motorized bicycle" means 1247  
any vehicle having either two tandem wheels or one wheel in the 1248  
front and two wheels in the rear, that is capable of being 1249  
pedaled and is equipped with a helper motor of not more than 1250  
fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement that produces no 1251  
more than one brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the 1252  
vehicle at a speed of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a 1253  
level surface. 1254

(2) Effective January 1, 2017, "motorized bicycle" or 1255  
"moped" means any vehicle having either two tandem wheels or one 1256  
wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, that may be 1257  
pedaled, and that is equipped with a helper motor of not more 1258  
than fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement that produces 1259  
not more than one brake horsepower and is capable of propelling 1260  
the vehicle at a speed of not greater than twenty miles per hour 1261  
on a level surface. 1262

(I) "Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having 1263  
motive power designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not 1264  
so constructed as to carry any load thereon, or designed or used 1265  
for drawing other vehicles while carrying a portion of such 1266  
other vehicles, or load thereon, or both. 1267

(J) "Agricultural tractor" means every self-propelling 1268  
vehicle designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled 1269  
machinery but having no provision for carrying loads 1270  
independently of such other vehicles, and used principally for 1271  
agricultural purposes. 1272

(K) "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and 1273  
semitrailers, designed and used to carry property. 1274

(L) "Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying 1275  
more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of 1276  
persons other than in a ridesharing arrangement, and every motor 1277  
vehicle, automobile for hire, or funeral car, other than a 1278  
taxicab or motor vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement, 1279  
designed and used for the transportation of persons for 1280  
compensation. 1281

(M) "Trailer" means every vehicle designed or used for 1282  
carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure and for 1283

being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any such vehicle when 1284  
formed by or operated as a combination of a "semitrailer" and a 1285  
vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly known as a 1286  
"trailer dolly," a vehicle used to transport agricultural 1287  
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 1288  
place of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a 1289  
street or highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per 1290  
hour, and a vehicle designed and used exclusively to transport a 1291  
boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a 1292  
marina, when drawn or towed on a street or highway for a 1293  
distance of more than ten miles or at a speed of more than 1294  
twenty-five miles per hour. 1295

(N) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle designed or used for 1296  
carrying persons or property with another and separate motor 1297  
vehicle so that in operation a part of its own weight or that of 1298  
its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by another vehicle. 1299

(O) "Pole trailer" means every trailer or semitrailer 1300  
attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach, pole, or by 1301  
being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and 1302  
ordinarily used for transporting long or irregular shaped loads 1303  
such as poles, pipes, or structural members capable, generally, 1304  
of sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting 1305  
connections. 1306

(P) "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property 1307  
operating upon rails placed principally on a private right-of- 1308  
way. 1309

(Q) "Railroad train" means a steam engine or an electric 1310  
or other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated 1311  
by a railroad. 1312

(R) "Streetcar" means a car, other than a railroad train, 1313  
for transporting persons or property, operated upon rails 1314  
principally within a street or highway. 1315

(S) "Trackless trolley" means every car that collects its 1316  
power from overhead electric trolley wires and that is not 1317  
operated upon rails or tracks. 1318

(T) "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical 1319  
mixture that is intended for the purpose of producing an 1320  
explosion that contains any oxidizing and combustible units or 1321  
other ingredients in such proportions, quantities, or packing 1322  
that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion, by 1323  
percussion, or by a detonator of any part of the compound or 1324  
mixture may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated 1325  
gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of 1326  
producing destructive effects on contiguous objects, or of 1327  
destroying life or limb. Manufactured articles shall not be held 1328  
to be explosives when the individual units contain explosives in 1329  
such limited quantities, of such nature, or in such packing, 1330  
that it is impossible to procure a simultaneous or a destructive 1331  
explosion of such units, to the injury of life, limb, or 1332  
property by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or 1333  
by a detonator, such as fixed ammunition for small arms, 1334  
firecrackers, or safety fuse matches. 1335

(U) "Flammable liquid" means any liquid that has a flash 1336  
point of seventy degrees fahrenheit, or less, as determined by a 1337  
tagliabue or equivalent closed cup test device. 1338

(V) "Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle plus the 1339  
weight of any load thereon. 1340

(W) "Person" means every natural person, firm, co- 1341

partnership, association, or corporation. 1342

(X) "Pedestrian" means any natural person afoot. 1343

(Y) "Driver or operator" means every person who drives or 1344  
is in actual physical control of a vehicle, trackless trolley, 1345  
or streetcar. 1346

(Z) "Police officer" means every officer authorized to 1347  
direct or regulate traffic, or to make arrests for violations of 1348  
traffic regulations. 1349

(AA) "Local authorities" means every county, municipal, 1350  
and other local board or body having authority to adopt police 1351  
regulations under the constitution and laws of this state. 1352

(BB) "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between 1353  
the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as 1354  
a thoroughfare for purposes of vehicular travel. 1355

(CC) "Controlled-access highway" means every street or 1356  
highway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting 1357  
lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from 1358  
the same except at such points only and in such manner as may be 1359  
determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such 1360  
street or highway. 1361

(DD) "Private road or driveway" means every way or place 1362  
in private ownership used for vehicular travel by the owner and 1363  
those having express or implied permission from the owner but 1364  
not by other persons. 1365

(EE) "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, 1366  
designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, except the 1367  
berm or shoulder. If a highway includes two or more separate 1368  
roadways the term "roadway" means any such roadway separately 1369

but not all such roadways collectively. 1370

(FF) "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the 1371  
curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent 1372  
property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians. 1373

(GG) "Laned highway" means a highway the roadway of which 1374  
is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular 1375  
traffic. 1376

(HH) "Through highway" means every street or highway as 1377  
provided in section 4511.65 of the Revised Code. 1378

(II) "State highway" means a highway under the 1379  
jurisdiction of the department of transportation, outside the 1380  
limits of municipal corporations, provided that the authority 1381  
conferred upon the director of transportation in section 5511.01 1382  
of the Revised Code to erect state highway route markers and 1383  
signs directing traffic shall not be modified by sections 1384  
4511.01 to 4511.79 and 4511.99 of the Revised Code. 1385

(JJ) "State route" means every highway that is designated 1386  
with an official state route number and so marked. 1387

(KK) "Intersection" means: 1388

(1) The area embraced within the prolongation or 1389  
connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, the lateral 1390  
boundary lines of the roadways of two highways that join one 1391  
another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area 1392  
within which vehicles traveling upon different highways that 1393  
join at any other angle might come into conflict. The junction 1394  
of an alley or driveway with a roadway or highway does not 1395  
constitute an intersection unless the roadway or highway at the 1396  
junction is controlled by a traffic control device. 1397



(2) If a highway includes two roadways that are thirty 1398  
feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such 1399  
divided highway by an intersecting highway constitutes a 1400  
separate intersection. If both intersecting highways include two 1401  
roadways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of any 1402  
two roadways of such highways constitutes a separate 1403  
intersection. 1404

(3) At a location controlled by a traffic control signal, 1405  
regardless of the distance between the separate intersections as 1406  
described in division (KK) (2) of this section: 1407

(a) If a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk has not been 1408  
designated on the roadway within the median between the separate 1409  
intersections, the two intersections and the roadway and median 1410  
constitute one intersection. 1411

(b) Where a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk line is 1412  
designated on the roadway on the intersection approach, the area 1413  
within the crosswalk and any area beyond the designated stop 1414  
line or yield line constitute part of the intersection. 1415

(c) Where a crosswalk is designated on a roadway on the 1416  
departure from the intersection, the intersection includes the 1417  
area that extends to the far side of the crosswalk. 1418

(LL) "Crosswalk" means: 1419

(1) That part of a roadway at intersections ordinarily 1420  
included within the real or projected prolongation of property 1421  
lines and curb lines or, in the absence of curbs, the edges of 1422  
the traversable roadway; 1423

(2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or 1424  
elsewhere, distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines 1425  
or other markings on the surface; 1426

(3) Notwithstanding divisions (LL) (1) and (2) of this section, there shall not be a crosswalk where local authorities have placed signs indicating no crossing.

(MM) "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and protected or marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times.

(NN) "Business district" means the territory fronting upon a street or highway, including the street or highway, between successive intersections within municipal corporations where fifty per cent or more of the frontage between such successive intersections is occupied by buildings in use for business, or within or outside municipal corporations where fifty per cent or more of the frontage for a distance of three hundred feet or more is occupied by buildings in use for business, and the character of such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices.

(OO) "Residence district" means the territory, not comprising a business district, fronting on a street or highway, including the street or highway, where, for a distance of three hundred feet or more, the frontage is improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.

(PP) "Urban district" means the territory contiguous to and including any street or highway which is built up with structures devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than one hundred feet for a distance of a quarter of a mile or more, and the character of such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices.

(QQ) "Traffic control device" means a flagger, sign,

signal, marking, or other device used to regulate, warn, or 1456  
guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, 1457  
highway, private road open to public travel, pedestrian 1458  
facility, or shared-use path by authority of a public agency or 1459  
official having jurisdiction, or, in the case of a private road 1460  
open to public travel, by authority of the private owner or 1461  
private official having jurisdiction. 1462

(RR) "Traffic control signal" means any highway traffic 1463  
signal by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and 1464  
permitted to proceed. 1465

(SS) "Railroad sign or signal" means any sign, signal, or 1466  
device erected by authority of a public body or official or by a 1467  
railroad and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad 1468  
tracks or the approach of a railroad train. 1469

(TT) "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded 1470  
animals, vehicles, streetcars, trackless trolleys, and other 1471  
devices, either singly or together, while using for purposes of 1472  
travel any highway or private road open to public travel. 1473

(UU) "Right-of-way" means either of the following, as the 1474  
context requires: 1475

(1) The right of a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, 1476  
or pedestrian to proceed uninterruptedly in a lawful manner in 1477  
the direction in which it or the individual is moving in 1478  
preference to another vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, or 1479  
pedestrian approaching from a different direction into its or 1480  
the individual's path; 1481

(2) A general term denoting land, property, or the 1482  
interest therein, usually in the configuration of a strip, 1483  
acquired for or devoted to transportation purposes. When used in 1484

this context, right-of-way includes the roadway, shoulders or 1485  
berm, ditch, and slopes extending to the right-of-way limits 1486  
under the control of the state or local authority. 1487

(VV) "Rural mail delivery vehicle" means every vehicle 1488  
used to deliver United States mail on a rural mail delivery 1489  
route. 1490

(WW) "Funeral escort vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 1491  
including a funeral hearse, while used to facilitate the 1492  
movement of a funeral procession. 1493

(XX) "Alley" means a street or highway intended to provide 1494  
access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban 1495  
districts and not intended for the purpose of through vehicular 1496  
traffic, and includes any street or highway that has been 1497  
declared an "alley" by the legislative authority of the 1498  
municipal corporation in which such street or highway is 1499  
located. 1500

(YY) "Freeway" means a divided multi-lane highway for 1501  
through traffic with all crossroads separated in grade and with 1502  
full control of access. 1503

(ZZ) "Expressway" means a divided arterial highway for 1504  
through traffic with full or partial control of access with an 1505  
excess of fifty per cent of all crossroads separated in grade. 1506

(AAA) "Thruway" means a through highway whose entire 1507  
roadway is reserved for through traffic and on which roadway 1508  
parking is prohibited. 1509

(BBB) "Stop intersection" means any intersection at one or 1510  
more entrances of which stop signs are erected. 1511

(CCC) "Arterial street" means any United States or state 1512

numbered route, controlled access highway, or other major radial 1513  
or circumferential street or highway designated by local 1514  
authorities within their respective jurisdictions as part of a 1515  
major arterial system of streets or highways. 1516

(DDD) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation 1517  
of persons in a motor vehicle where such transportation is 1518  
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 1519  
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 1520  
buspools. 1521

(EEE) "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled 1522  
vehicle designed for, and used by, a handicapped person and that 1523  
is incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per hour. 1524

(FFF) "Child day-care center" and "type A family day-care 1525  
home" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the 1526  
Revised Code. 1527

(GGG) "Multi-wheel agricultural tractor" means a type of 1528  
agricultural tractor that has two or more wheels or tires on 1529  
each side of one axle at the rear of the tractor, is designed or 1530  
used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery, has no 1531  
provision for carrying loads independently of the drawn vehicles 1532  
or machinery, and is used principally for agricultural purposes. 1533

(HHH) "Operate" means to cause or have caused movement of 1534  
a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley. 1535

(III) "Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense" means 1536  
any of the following: 1537

(1) A violation of section 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 1538  
4511.132, 4511.16, 4511.20, 4511.201, 4511.21, 4511.211, 1539  
4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 1540  
4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 1541

4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 1542  
4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.432, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 1543  
4511.452, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.48, 4511.481, 4511.49, 4511.50, 1544  
4511.511, 4511.53, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.56, 4511.57, 4511.58, 1545  
4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.66, 4511.661, 4511.68, 1546  
4511.70, 4511.701, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 1547  
4511.72, 4511.73, 4511.763, 4511.771, 4511.78, or 4511.84 of the 1548  
Revised Code; 1549

(2) A violation of division (A) (2) of section 4511.17, 1550  
divisions (A) to (D) of section 4511.51, or division (A) of 1551  
section 4511.74 of the Revised Code; 1552

(3) A violation of any provision of sections 4511.01 to 1553  
4511.76 of the Revised Code for which no penalty otherwise is 1554  
provided in the section that contains the provision violated; 1555

(4) Until January 1, 2017, a violation of a municipal 1556  
ordinance that is substantially similar to any section or 1557  
provision set forth or described in division (III) (1), (2), or 1558  
(3) of this section; 1559

(5) Effective January 1, 2017, a violation of section 1560  
4511.214 of the Revised Code; 1561

(6) Effective January 1, 2017, a violation of a municipal 1562  
ordinance that is substantially similar to any section or 1563  
provision set forth or described in division (III) (1), (2), (3), 1564  
or (5) of this section. 1565

(JJJ) "Road service vehicle" means wreckers, utility 1566  
repair vehicles, and state, county, and municipal service 1567  
vehicles equipped with visual signals by means of flashing, 1568  
rotating, or oscillating lights. 1569

(KKK) "Beacon" means a highway traffic signal with one or 1570

more signal sections that operate in a flashing mode. 1571

(LLL) "Hybrid beacon" means a type of beacon that is 1572  
intentionally placed in a dark mode between periods of operation 1573  
where no indications are displayed and, when in operation, 1574  
displays both steady and flashing traffic control signal 1575  
indications. 1576

(MMM) "Highway traffic signal" means a power-operated 1577  
traffic control device by which traffic is warned or directed to 1578  
take some specific action. "Highway traffic signal" does not 1579  
include a power-operated sign, steadily illuminated pavement 1580  
marker, warning light, or steady burning electric lamp. 1581

(NNN) "Median" means the area between two roadways of a 1582  
divided highway, measured from edge of traveled way to edge of 1583  
traveled way, but excluding turn lanes. The width of a median 1584  
may be different between intersections, between interchanges, 1585  
and at opposite approaches of the same intersection. 1586

(OOO) "Private road open to public travel" means a private 1587  
toll road or road, including any adjacent sidewalks that 1588  
generally run parallel to the road, within a shopping center, 1589  
airport, sports arena, or other similar business or recreation 1590  
facility that is privately owned but where the public is allowed 1591  
to travel without access restrictions. "Private road open to 1592  
public travel" includes a gated toll road but does not include a 1593  
road within a private gated property where access is restricted 1594  
at all times, a parking area, a driving aisle within a parking 1595  
area, or a private grade crossing. 1596

(PPP) "Shared-use path" means a bikeway outside the 1597  
traveled way and physically separated from motorized vehicular 1598  
traffic by an open space or barrier and either within the 1599

highway right-of-way or within an independent alignment. A 1600  
shared-use path also may be used by pedestrians, including 1601  
skaters, joggers, users of manual and motorized wheelchairs, and 1602  
other authorized motorized and non-motorized users. 1603

(QQQ) "Highway maintenance vehicle" means a vehicle used 1604  
in snow and ice removal or road surface maintenance, including a 1605  
snow plow, traffic line striper, road sweeper, mowing machine, 1606  
asphalt distributing vehicle, or other such vehicle designed for 1607  
use in specific highway maintenance activities. 1608

**Sec. 4511.53.** (A) For purposes of this section, 1609  
"snowmobile" has the same meaning as given that term in section 1610  
4519.01 of the Revised Code. 1611

(B) No person operating a bicycle shall ride other than 1612  
upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto 1613  
or carry any other person upon such bicycle other than upon a 1614  
firmly attached and regular seat thereon, and no person shall 1615  
ride upon a bicycle other than upon such a firmly attached and 1616  
regular seat. 1617

No person operating a motorcycle shall ride other than 1618  
upon or astride the permanent and regular seat or saddle 1619  
attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such motorcycle 1620  
other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle 1621  
thereon, and no person shall ride upon a motorcycle other than 1622  
upon such a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle. 1623

No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped 1624  
with a saddle other than while sitting astride the saddle, 1625  
facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle. 1626

No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped 1627  
with a seat other than while sitting upon the seat. 1628



No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, 1629  
bundle, or article that prevents the driver from keeping at 1630  
least one hand upon the handle bars. 1631

No bicycle or motorcycle shall be used to carry more 1632  
persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and 1633  
equipped, nor shall any motorcycle be operated on a highway when 1634  
the handle bars or grips are more than fifteen inches higher 1635  
than the seat or saddle for the operator. 1636

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this 1637  
section, no person shall operate or be a passenger on a 1638  
snowmobile or motorcycle without using safety glasses or other 1639  
protective eye device. Except as provided in division (C) (3) of 1640  
this section, no person who is under the age of eighteen years, 1641  
or who holds a motorcycle operator's endorsement or license 1642  
bearing a "novice" designation that is currently in effect as 1643  
provided in section 4507.13 of the Revised Code, shall operate a 1644  
motorcycle on a highway, or be a passenger on a motorcycle, 1645  
unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head, and no 1646  
other person shall be a passenger on a motorcycle operated by 1647  
such a person unless similarly wearing a protective helmet. The 1648  
helmet, safety glasses, or other protective eye device shall 1649  
conform with rules adopted by the director of public safety. The 1650  
provisions of this paragraph or a violation thereof shall not be 1651  
used in the trial of any civil action. 1652

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this 1653  
section, no person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid 1654  
temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit 1655  
identification card issued by the registrar of motor vehicles 1656  
pursuant to section 4507.05 of the Revised Code unless the 1657  
person, at the time of such operation, is wearing on the 1658

person's head a protective helmet that conforms with rules 1659  
adopted by the director. 1660

(b) No person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid 1661  
temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit 1662  
identification card issued by the registrar pursuant to section 1663  
4507.05 of the Revised Code in any of the following 1664  
circumstances: 1665

(i) At any time when lighted lights are required by 1666  
division (A) (1) of section 4513.03 of the Revised Code; 1667

(ii) While carrying a passenger; 1668

(iii) On any limited access highway. 1669

(3) Divisions (C) (1) and (2) (a) of this section do not 1670  
apply to a person who operates or is a passenger in ~~a~~an 1671  
autocycle or cab-enclosed motorcycle when the occupant 1672  
compartment top is in place enclosing the occupants. 1673

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed as 1674  
prohibiting the carrying of a child in a seat or trailer that is 1675  
designed for carrying children and is firmly attached to the 1676  
bicycle. 1677

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 1678  
violates division (B) or (C) (1) or (2) of this section is guilty 1679  
of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the 1680  
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to 1681  
one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates 1682  
division (B) or (C) (1) or (2) of this section is guilty of a 1683  
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 1684  
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 1685  
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 1686  
violates division (B) or (C) (1) or (2) of this section is guilty 1687

of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 1688

**Section 2.** That existing sections 3734.01, 4501.01, 1689  
4503.04, 4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.535, 4503.544, 4507.03, 4511.01, 1690  
and 4511.53 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1691

**Section 3.** That the versions of sections 4501.01, 4503.04, 1692  
4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.544, and 4511.53 of the Revised Code that 1693  
are scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2017, be amended to 1694  
read as follows: 1695

**Sec. 4501.01.** As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 1696  
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of 1697  
the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise 1698  
provided: 1699

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 1700  
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric 1701  
personal assistive mobility devices, vehicles that are operated 1702  
exclusively on rails or tracks or from overhead electric trolley 1703  
wires, and vehicles that belong to any police department, 1704  
municipal fire department, or volunteer fire department, or that 1705  
are used by such a department in the discharge of its functions. 1706

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 1707  
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 1708  
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 1709  
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 1710  
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 1711  
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 1712  
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 1713  
motorized bicycles, road rollers, traction engines, power 1714  
shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used in construction 1715  
work and not designed for or employed in general highway 1716

transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 1717  
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 1718  
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 1719  
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 1720  
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 1721  
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 1722

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 1723  
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 1724  
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 1725  
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 1726  
used principally for agricultural purposes. 1727

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 1728  
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 1729  
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 1730  
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 1731  
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 1732  
its load, or both. 1733

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 1734  
designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 1735  
includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 1736  
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 1737  
arrangement. 1738

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 1739  
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 1740  
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 1741  
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 1742  
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 1743  
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 1744  
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 1745  
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 1746

agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 1747  
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 1748  
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 1749  
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 1750  
provisions in the laws of other states. 1751

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 1752  
that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a 1753  
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 1754  
exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 1755  
event is used for general transportation. 1756

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 1757  
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 1758  
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 1759  
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 1760  
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 1761

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 1762  
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 1763  
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 1764  
not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 1765

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 1766  
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 1767  
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 1768

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 1769  
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 1770  
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 1771  
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 1772  
fourteen inches in diameter. 1773

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 1774  
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 1775

wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 1776  
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 1777  
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 1778  
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 1779  
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 1780

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 1781  
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 1782  
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 1783  
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 1784  
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 1785  
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 1786  
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 1787  
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 1788  
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 1789  
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 1790  
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 1791  
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 1792  
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 1793  
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 1794  
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 1795  
travel trailer. 1796

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 1797  
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 1798  
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 1799  
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 1800  
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 1801  
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 1802  
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 1803  
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 1804  
personal or recreational purposes. 1805

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 1806  
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 1807  
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 1808  
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 1809  
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 1810  
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 1811  
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 1812  
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 1813  
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 1814

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 1815  
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 1816  
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 1817  
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 1818  
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 1819  
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 1820  
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 1821  
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 1822  
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 1823  
semitrailer into a trailer. 1824

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 1825  
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 1826

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 1827  
travel. 1828

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 1829  
for profit. 1830

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in 1831  
intrastate commerce. 1832

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined 1833  
in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 1834

- (5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission 1835  
pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code. 1836
- (6) It is classed as one of the following: 1837
- (a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself- 1838  
propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall 1839  
length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or 1840  
coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping 1841  
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 1842
- (b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational 1843  
vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with 1844  
permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and 1845  
consuming of food, and for sleeping. 1846
- (c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational 1847  
vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed 1848  
to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck 1849  
camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and 1850  
a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to 1851  
be used as a dwelling. 1852
- (d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 1853  
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 1854  
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 1855  
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 1856  
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 1857  
installed in the bed of a truck. 1858
- (e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 1859  
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 1860  
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 1861  
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 1862  
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 1863



seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 1864  
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 1865  
appliances. 1866

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 1867  
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 1868

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 1869  
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 1870  
the load. 1871

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 1872  
equipped with two or more solid tires. 1873

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 1874  
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, 1875  
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural 1876  
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 1877  
place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 1878  
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 1879  
hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 1880  
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 1881

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 1882  
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 1883  
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 1884  
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 1885

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 1886  
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 1887  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 1888  
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 1889  
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 1890  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 1891  
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 1892

selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 1893  
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 1894  
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 1895  
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 1896  
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 1897  
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 1898  
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 1899  
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 1900  
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 1901  
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 1902  
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 1903  
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 1904  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 1905  
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 1906  
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 1907  
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 1908  
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 1909  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or 1910  
dealing in motor vehicles. 1911

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates 1912  
a motor vehicle upon the public highways. 1913

(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor 1914  
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any 1915  
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than 1916  
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, 1917  
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by 1918  
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily 1919  
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an 1920  
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, 1921  
compensation, or profit. 1922

(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts	1923
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada.	1924
(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all	1925
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts.	1926
(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's	1927
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the	1928
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle.	1929
(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original	1930
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor	1931
of the vehicle.	1932
(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a	1933
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to	1934
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of	1935
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of	1936
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle	1937
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle	1938
dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the	1939
location of the distributor's licensed dealership.	1940
(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of	1941
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is	1942
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes	1943
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and	1944
buspools.	1945
(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is	1946
used or intended for use in two or more international	1947
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or	1948
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the	1949
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or	1950
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and	1951

that meets any of the following qualifications:	1952
(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds;	1953 1954
(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless of the gross vehicle weight;	1955 1956
(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds.	1957 1958
"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the United States, this state, or any political subdivisions thereof.	1959 1960 1961 1962 1963
(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the United States department of transportation, for the purpose of group travel to a specified destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the chartered group after having left the place of origin.	1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971
(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in member jurisdictions.	1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978
(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and	1979 1980

includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J)	1981
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code.	1982
(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial	1983
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates	1984
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised	1985
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped	1986
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the	1987
vehicle.	1988
(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any	1989
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that	1990
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or	1991
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of	1992
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum	1993
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of	1994
vehicles.	1995
(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is	1996
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for	1997
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation	1998
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under	1999
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a	2000
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an	2001
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide	2002
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured	2003
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle	2004
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing.	2005
(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in	2006
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code.	2007
(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home	2008
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the	2009

placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 2010  
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 2011  
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 2012  
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 2013  
mobile homes. 2014

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 2015  
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 2016  
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 2017

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 2018  
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 2019  
an information system or for transmission from one information 2020  
system to another. 2021

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 2022  
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 2023  
electronic record. 2024

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 2025  
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 2026

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 2027  
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 2028  
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 2029  
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 2030  
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 2031  
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 2032

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 2033  
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 2034  
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 2035  
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 2036  
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 2037  
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 2038

hour. 2039

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 2040  
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 2041  
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 2042  
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 2043  
privilege has been suspended. 2044

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 2045  
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 2046  
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 2047  
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 2048  
handling, or similar activities. 2049

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 2050  
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 2051  
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 2052  
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 2053  
rating less than three thousand pounds. 2054

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 2055  
vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 2056  
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 2057  
twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 2058  
less than three thousand pounds. 2059

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 2060  
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 2061  
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 2062  
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 2063  
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred fifty cubic 2064  
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 2065  
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 2066  
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 2067

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 2068  
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 2069  
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 2070  
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 2071  
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 2072

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 2073  
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 2074  
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 2075  
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 2076  
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 2077

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 2078  
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 2079  
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 2080  
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 2081  
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 2082  
hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed 2083  
cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup 2084  
truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 2085  
vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 2086  
motor vehicle safety standards. 2087

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 2088  
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 2089  
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 2090  
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 2091  
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 2092

**Sec. 4503.04.** Except as provided in sections 4503.042 and 2093  
4503.65 of the Revised Code for the registration of commercial 2094  
cars, trailers, semitrailers, and certain buses, the rates of 2095  
the taxes imposed by section 4503.02 of the Revised Code shall 2096  
be as follows: 2097



(A) (1) For motor vehicles having three wheels or less, the license tax is:	2098
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(a) For each motorized bicycle or moped, ten dollars;	2100
(b) For each motorcycle, <u>autocycle</u> , cab-enclosed motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motor scooter, fourteen dollars.	2101
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(2) For each low-speed, under-speed, and utility vehicle, and each mini-truck, ten dollars.	2104
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(B) For each passenger car, twenty dollars;	2106
(C) For each manufactured home, each mobile home, and each travel trailer or house vehicle, ten dollars;	2107
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(D) For each noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer to carry a load of no more than three-quarters of one ton and for each motor home, thirty-five dollars; for each noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer to carry a load of more than three-quarters of one ton, but not more than one ton, seventy dollars;	2109
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(E) For each noncommercial trailer, the license tax is:	2115
(1) Eighty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part thereof for the first two thousand pounds or part thereof of weight of vehicle fully equipped;	2116
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(2) One dollar and forty cents for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of two thousand pounds up to and including ten thousand pounds.	2119
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(F) Notwithstanding its weight, twelve dollars for any:	2122
(1) Vehicle equipped, owned, and used by a charitable or nonprofit corporation exclusively for the purpose of	2123
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administering chest x-rays or receiving blood donations; 2125

(2) Van used principally for the transportation of 2126  
handicapped persons that has been modified by being equipped 2127  
with adaptive equipment to facilitate the movement of such 2128  
persons into and out of the van; 2129

(3) Bus used principally for the transportation of 2130  
handicapped persons or persons sixty-five years of age or older. 2131

(G) Notwithstanding its weight, twenty dollars for any bus 2132  
used principally for the transportation of persons in a 2133  
ridesharing arrangement. 2134

(H) For each transit bus having motor power the license 2135  
tax is twelve dollars. 2136

"Transit bus" means either a motor vehicle having a 2137  
seating capacity of more than seven persons which is operated 2138  
and used by any person in the rendition of a public mass 2139  
transportation service primarily in a municipal corporation or 2140  
municipal corporations and provided at least seventy-five per 2141  
cent of the annual mileage of such service and use is within 2142  
such municipal corporation or municipal corporations or a motor 2143  
vehicle having a seating capacity of more than seven persons 2144  
which is operated solely for the transportation of persons 2145  
associated with a charitable or nonprofit corporation, but does 2146  
not mean any motor vehicle having a seating capacity of more 2147  
than seven persons when such vehicle is used in a ridesharing 2148  
capacity or any bus described by division (F) (3) of this 2149  
section. 2150

The application for registration of such transit bus shall 2151  
be accompanied by an affidavit prescribed by the registrar of 2152  
motor vehicles and signed by the person or an agent of the firm 2153

or corporation operating such bus stating that the bus has a 2154  
seating capacity of more than seven persons, and that it is 2155  
either to be operated and used in the rendition of a public mass 2156  
transportation service and that at least seventy-five per cent 2157  
of the annual mileage of such operation and use shall be within 2158  
one or more municipal corporations or that it is to be operated 2159  
solely for the transportation of persons associated with a 2160  
charitable or nonprofit corporation. 2161

The form of the license plate, and the manner of its 2162  
attachment to the vehicle, shall be prescribed by the registrar 2163  
of motor vehicles. 2164

(I) Except as otherwise provided in division (A) or (J) of 2165  
this section, the minimum tax for any vehicle having motor power 2166  
is ten dollars and eighty cents, and for each noncommercial 2167  
trailer, five dollars. 2168

(J) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) of 2169  
this section, for each farm truck, except a noncommercial motor 2170  
vehicle, that is owned, controlled, or operated by one or more 2171  
farmers exclusively in farm use as defined in this section, and 2172  
not for commercial purposes, and provided that at least seventy- 2173  
five per cent of such farm use is by or for the one or more 2174  
owners, controllers, or operators of the farm in the operation 2175  
of which a farm truck is used, the license tax is five dollars 2176  
plus: 2177

(a) Fifty cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof for 2178  
the first three thousand pounds; 2179

(b) Seventy cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof 2180  
in excess of three thousand pounds up to and including four 2181  
thousand pounds; 2182

(c) Ninety cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of four thousand pounds up to and including six thousand pounds;	2183 2184 2185
(d) Two dollars for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of six thousand pounds up to and including ten thousand pounds;	2186 2187 2188
(e) Two dollars and twenty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of ten thousand pounds;	2189 2190
(f) The minimum license tax for any farm truck shall be twelve dollars.	2191 2192
(2) The owner of a farm truck may register the truck for a period of one-half year by paying one-half the registration tax imposed on the truck under this chapter and one-half the amount of any tax imposed on the truck under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code.	2193 2194 2195 2196 2197
(3) A farm bus may be registered for a period of two hundred ten days from the date of issue of the license plates for the bus, for a fee of ten dollars, provided such license plates shall not be issued for more than one such period in any calendar year. Such use does not include the operation of trucks by commercial processors of agricultural products.	2198 2199 2200 2201 2202 2203
(4) License plates for farm trucks and for farm buses shall have some distinguishing marks, letters, colors, or other characteristics to be determined by the director of public safety.	2204 2205 2206 2207
(5) Every person registering a farm truck or bus under this section shall furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck or bus licensed to that person is to be so used as to meet the requirements necessary for the farm truck or farm bus	2208 2209 2210 2211

classification. 2212

Any farmer may use a truck owned by the farmer for 2213  
commercial purposes by paying the difference between the 2214  
commercial truck registration fee and the farm truck 2215  
registration fee for the remaining part of the registration 2216  
period for which the truck is registered. Such remainder shall 2217  
be calculated from the beginning of the semiannual period in 2218  
which application for such commercial license is made. 2219

Taxes at the rates provided in this section are in lieu of 2220  
all taxes on or with respect to the ownership of such motor 2221  
vehicles, except as provided in section 4503.042 and section 2222  
4503.06 of the Revised Code. 2223

(K) Other than trucks registered under the international 2224  
registration plan in another jurisdiction and for which this 2225  
state has received an apportioned registration fee, the license 2226  
tax for each truck which is owned, controlled, or operated by a 2227  
nonresident, and licensed in another state, and which is used 2228  
exclusively for the transportation of nonprocessed agricultural 2229  
products intrastate, from the place of production to the place 2230  
of processing, is twenty-four dollars. 2231

"Truck," as used in this division, means any pickup truck, 2232  
straight truck, semitrailer, or trailer other than a travel 2233  
trailer. Nonprocessed agricultural products, as used in this 2234  
division, does not include livestock or grain. 2235

A license issued under this division shall be issued for a 2236  
period of one hundred thirty days in the same manner in which 2237  
all other licenses are issued under this section, provided that 2238  
no truck shall be so licensed for more than one one-hundred- 2239  
thirty-day period during any calendar year. 2240

The license issued pursuant to this division shall consist 2241  
of a windshield decal to be designed by the director of public 2242  
safety. 2243

Every person registering a truck under this division shall 2244  
furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck licensed to the 2245  
person is to be used exclusively for the purposes specified in 2246  
this division. 2247

(L) Every person registering a motor vehicle as a 2248  
noncommercial motor vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the 2249  
Revised Code, or registering a trailer as a noncommercial 2250  
trailer as defined in that section, shall furnish an affidavit 2251  
certifying that the motor vehicle or trailer so licensed to the 2252  
person is to be so used as to meet the requirements necessary 2253  
for the noncommercial vehicle classification. 2254

(M) Every person registering a van or bus as provided in 2255  
divisions (F) (2) and (3) of this section shall furnish a 2256  
notarized statement certifying that the van or bus licensed to 2257  
the person is to be used for the purposes specified in those 2258  
divisions. The form of the license plate issued for such motor 2259  
vehicles shall be prescribed by the registrar. 2260

(N) Every person registering as a passenger car a motor 2261  
vehicle designed and used for carrying more than nine but not 2262  
more than fifteen passengers, and every person registering a bus 2263  
as provided in division (G) of this section, shall furnish an 2264  
affidavit certifying that the vehicle so licensed to the person 2265  
is to be used in a ridesharing arrangement and that the person 2266  
will have in effect whenever the vehicle is used in a 2267  
ridesharing arrangement a policy of liability insurance with 2268  
respect to the motor vehicle in amounts and coverages no less 2269  
than those required by section 4509.79 of the Revised Code. The 2270

form of the license plate issued for such a motor vehicle shall 2271  
be prescribed by the registrar. 2272

(O) (1) Commencing on October 1, 2009, if an application 2273  
for registration renewal is not applied for prior to the 2274  
expiration date of the registration or within thirty days after 2275  
that date, the registrar or deputy registrar shall collect a fee 2276  
of ten dollars for the issuance of the vehicle registration. For 2277  
any motor vehicle that is used on a seasonal basis, whether used 2278  
for general transportation or not, and that has not been used on 2279  
the public roads or highways since the expiration of the 2280  
registration, the registrar or deputy registrar shall waive the 2281  
fee established under this division if the application is 2282  
accompanied by supporting evidence of seasonal use as the 2283  
registrar may require. The registrar or deputy registrar may 2284  
waive the fee for other good cause shown if the application is 2285  
accompanied by supporting evidence as the registrar may require. 2286  
The fee shall be in addition to all other fees established by 2287  
this section. A deputy registrar shall retain fifty cents of the 2288  
fee and shall transmit the remaining amount to the registrar at 2289  
the time and in the manner provided by section 4503.10 of the 2290  
Revised Code. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received 2291  
under this division into the state highway safety fund 2292  
established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 2293

(2) Division (O) (1) of this section does not apply to a 2294  
farm truck or farm bus registered under division (J) of this 2295  
section. 2296

(P) As used in this section: 2297

(1) "Van" means any motor vehicle having a single rear 2298  
axle and an enclosed body without a second seat. 2299

(2) "Handicapped person" means any person who has lost the use of one or both legs, or one or both arms, or is blind, deaf, or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without the aid of crutches or a wheelchair.

(3) "Farm truck" means a truck used in the transportation from the farm of products of the farm, including livestock and its products, poultry and its products, floricultural and horticultural products, and in the transportation to the farm of supplies for the farm, including tile, fence, and every other thing or commodity used in agricultural, floricultural, horticultural, livestock, and poultry production and livestock, poultry, and other animals and things used for breeding, feeding, or other purposes connected with the operation of the farm.

(4) "Farm bus" means a bus used only for the transportation of agricultural employees and used only in the transportation of such employees as are necessary in the operation of the farm.

(5) "Farm supplies" includes fuel used exclusively in the operation of a farm, including one or more homes located on and used in the operation of one or more farms, and furniture and other things used in and around such homes.

**Sec. 4503.21.** (A) No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the front and rear of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration mark, including any county identification sticker and any validation sticker issued under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of the Revised Code, furnished by the director of public safety, except that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, the holder of an in transit permit, and the



owner or operator of a motorcycle, motorized bicycle or moped, 2330  
motor-driven cycle or motor scooter, autocycle, cab-enclosed 2331  
motorcycle, manufactured home, mobile home, trailer, or 2332  
semitrailer shall display on the rear only. A motor vehicle that 2333  
is issued two license plates shall display the validation 2334  
sticker only on the rear license plate, except that a commercial 2335  
tractor that does not receive an apportioned license plate under 2336  
the international registration plan shall display the validation 2337  
sticker on the front of the commercial tractor. An apportioned 2338  
vehicle receiving an apportioned license plate under the 2339  
international registration plan shall display the license plate 2340  
only on the front of a commercial tractor and on the rear of all 2341  
other vehicles. All license plates shall be securely fastened so 2342  
as not to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that 2343  
obstructs their visibility. 2344

No person to whom a temporary license placard or 2345  
windshield sticker has been issued for the use of a motor 2346  
vehicle under section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, and no 2347  
operator of that motor vehicle, shall fail to display the 2348  
temporary license placard in plain view from the rear of the 2349  
vehicle either in the rear window or on an external rear surface 2350  
of the motor vehicle, or fail to display the windshield sticker 2351  
in plain view on the rear window of the motor vehicle. No 2352  
temporary license placard or windshield sticker shall be covered 2353  
by any material that obstructs its visibility. 2354

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 2355  
misdemeanor. 2356

**Sec. 4503.22.** The identification license plate shall 2357  
consist of a placard upon the face of which shall appear the 2358  
distinctive number assigned to the motor vehicle as provided in 2359

section 4503.19 of the Revised Code, in Arabic numerals or 2360  
letters, or both. The dimensions of the numerals or letters and 2361  
of each stroke shall be determined by the director of public 2362  
safety. The license placard also shall contain the name of this 2363  
state and the slogan "BIRTHPLACE OF AVIATION." The placard may 2364  
be made of steel, aluminum, plastic, or any other suitable 2365  
material, and the background shall be treated with a reflective 2366  
material that shall provide effective and dependable reflective 2367  
brightness during the service period required of the placard. 2368  
Specifications for the reflective and other materials and the 2369  
design of the placard, the county identification stickers as 2370  
provided by section 4503.19 of the Revised Code, and validation 2371  
stickers as provided by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, 2372  
shall be adopted by the director as rules under sections 119.01 2373  
to 119.13 of the Revised Code. The identification license plate 2374  
of motorized bicycles or mopeds, motor-driven cycles or motor 2375  
scooters, autocycles, cab-enclosed motorcycles, and motorcycles 2376  
shall consist of a single placard, the size of which shall be 2377  
prescribed by the director. The identification plate of a 2378  
vehicle registered in accordance with the international 2379  
registration plan shall contain the word "apportioned." The 2380  
director may prescribe the type of placard, or means of 2381  
fastening the placard, or both; the placard or means of 2382  
fastening may be so designed and constructed as to render 2383  
difficult the removal of the placard after it has been fastened 2384  
to a motor vehicle. 2385

**Sec. 4503.544.** (A) Any person who is a retired or 2386  
honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces 2387  
of the United States may apply to the registrar of motor 2388  
vehicles for the registration of any motorcycle, motorized 2389  
bicycle or moped, motor-driven cycle or motor scooter, 2390

autocycle, or cab-enclosed motorcycle that the person owns or 2391  
leases. The application shall be accompanied by written evidence 2392  
that the applicant is a retired or honorably discharged veteran 2393  
of a branch of the armed forces of the United States that the 2394  
registrar shall require by rule. 2395

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 2396  
motorcycle under this section, presentation of satisfactory 2397  
evidence documenting that the applicant is a retired or 2398  
honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of 2399  
the United States, and payment of the applicable license fee 2400  
prescribed in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any local 2401  
motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 2402  
Revised Code, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 2403  
appropriate motor vehicle registration and a license plate and a 2404  
validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when required 2405  
by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 2406

(B) License plates issued under this section shall be 2407  
inscribed with the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on 2408  
motorcycle license plates, except that the registrar shall 2409  
provide for one of the following: 2410

(1) The license plates to contain an inscription or symbol 2411  
representing veterans of the armed forces of the United States; 2412

(2) The plates to include the word "veteran" or "vet"; 2413

(3) The plates to be designed to display a sticker bearing 2414  
the word "veteran." 2415

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 2416  
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 2417

**Sec. 4511.53.** (A) For purposes of this section, 2418  
"snowmobile" has the same meaning as given that term in section 2419

4519.01 of the Revised Code. 2420

(B) No person operating a bicycle shall ride other than 2421  
upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto 2422  
or carry any other person upon such bicycle other than upon a 2423  
firmly attached and regular seat thereon, and no person shall 2424  
ride upon a bicycle other than upon such a firmly attached and 2425  
regular seat. 2426

No person operating a motorcycle shall ride other than 2427  
upon or astride the permanent and regular seat or saddle 2428  
attached thereto, or carry any other person upon such motorcycle 2429  
other than upon a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle 2430  
thereon, and no person shall ride upon a motorcycle other than 2431  
upon such a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle. 2432

No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped 2433  
with a saddle other than while sitting astride the saddle, 2434  
facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle. 2435

No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped 2436  
with a seat other than while sitting upon the seat. 2437

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, 2438  
bundle, or article that prevents the driver from keeping at 2439  
least one hand upon the handlebars. 2440

No bicycle or motorcycle shall be used to carry more 2441  
persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and 2442  
equipped. No motorcycle shall be operated on a highway when the 2443  
handlebars rise higher than the shoulders of the operator when 2444  
the operator is seated in the operator's seat or saddle. 2445

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 2446  
section, no person shall operate or be a passenger on a 2447  
snowmobile or motorcycle without using safety glasses or other 2448

protective eye device. Except as provided in division (C) (2) of 2449  
this section, no person who is under the age of eighteen years, 2450  
or who holds a motorcycle operator's endorsement or license 2451  
bearing a "novice" designation that is currently in effect as 2452  
provided in section 4507.13 of the Revised Code, shall operate a 2453  
motorcycle on a highway, or be a passenger on a motorcycle, 2454  
unless wearing a United States department of transportation- 2455  
approved protective helmet on the person's head, and no other 2456  
person shall be a passenger on a motorcycle operated by such a 2457  
person unless similarly wearing a protective helmet. The helmet, 2458  
safety glasses, or other protective eye device shall conform 2459  
with rules adopted by the director of public safety. The 2460  
provisions of this paragraph or a violation thereof shall not be 2461  
used in the trial of any civil action. 2462

(2) Division (C) (1) of this section does not apply to a 2463  
person operating ~~a~~an autocycle or cab-enclosed motorcycle when 2464  
the occupant compartment top is in place enclosing the 2465  
occupants. 2466

(3) (a) No person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid 2467  
temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit 2468  
identification card issued by the registrar of motor vehicles 2469  
pursuant to section 4507.05 of the Revised Code unless the 2470  
person, at the time of such operation, is wearing on the 2471  
person's head a protective helmet that has been approved by the 2472  
United States department of transportation that conforms with 2473  
rules adopted by the director. 2474

(b) No person shall operate a motorcycle with a valid 2475  
temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit 2476  
identification card issued by the registrar pursuant to section 2477  
4507.05 of the Revised Code in any of the following 2478

circumstances:	2479
(i) At any time when lighted lights are required by	2480
division (A) (1) of section 4513.03 of the Revised Code;	2481
(ii) While carrying a passenger;	2482
(iii) On any limited access highway or heavily congested	2483
roadway.	2484
(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed as	2485
prohibiting the carrying of a child in a seat or trailer that is	2486
designed for carrying children and is firmly attached to the	2487
bicycle.	2488
(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2489
violates division (B) or (C) (1) or (3) of this section is guilty	2490
of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the	2491
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to	2492
one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates	2493
division (B) or (C) (1) or (3) of this section is guilty of a	2494
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2495
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2496
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2497
violates division (B) or (C) (1) or (3) of this section is guilty	2498
of a misdemeanor of the third degree.	2499
<b>Section 4.</b> That the existing versions of sections 4501.01,	2500
4503.04, 4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.544, and 4511.53 of the Revised	2501
Code that are scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2017, are	2502
hereby repealed.	2503
<b>Section 5.</b> That Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the	2504
131st General Assembly be amended to read as follows:	2505
<b>Sec. 257.30.</b> BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	2506

The foregoing appropriation item 195649, Business Assistance Programs, shall be used for administrative expenses associated with the operation of tax credit programs, loan servicing, the Ohio Film Office, workforce initiatives, and the Office of Strategic Business Investments.	2507 2508 2509 2510 2511
STATE SPECIAL PROJECTS	2512
The State Special Projects Fund (Fund 4F20), may be used for the deposit of private-sector funds from utility companies and for the deposit of other miscellaneous state funds. State moneys so deposited may also be used to match federal housing grants for the homeless.	2513 2514 2515 2516 2517
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN	2518
All repayments from the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board Loan Program and the Ohio Mini-Loan Guarantee Program shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the Minority Business Enterprise Loan Fund (Fund 4W10).	2519 2520 2521 2522
MINORITY BUSINESS BONDING FUND	2523
Notwithstanding Chapters 122., 169., and 175. of the Revised Code, the Director of Development Services may, upon the recommendation of the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, pledge up to \$10,000,000 in the fiscal year 2016-fiscal year 2017 biennium of unclaimed funds administered by the Director of Commerce and allocated to the Minority Business Bonding Program under section 169.05 of the Revised Code.	2524 2525 2526 2527 2528 2529 2530
If needed for the payment of losses arising from the Minority Business Bonding Program, the Director of Budget and Management may, at the request of the Director of Development Services, request that the Director of Commerce transfer unclaimed funds that have been reported by holders of unclaimed	2531 2532 2533 2534 2535

funds under section 169.05 of the Revised Code to the Minority 2536  
Bonding Fund (Fund 4490). The transfer of unclaimed funds shall 2537  
only occur after proceeds of the initial transfer of \$2,700,000 2538  
by the Controlling Board to the Minority Business Bonding 2539  
Program have been used for that purpose. If expenditures are 2540  
required for payment of losses arising from the Minority 2541  
Business Bonding Program, such expenditures shall be made from 2542  
appropriation item 195658, Minority Business Bonding Contingency 2543  
in the Minority Business Bonding Fund, and such amounts are 2544  
hereby appropriated. 2545

DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE 2546

The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer 2547  
\$3,500,000 in cash in each fiscal year from the Economic 2548  
Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the Department of 2549  
Higher Education to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training 2550  
Fund (Fund 5HR0) used by the Development Services Agency. The 2551  
transferred funds shall be used for appropriation item 195622, 2552  
Defense Development Assistance, to be allocated to Development 2553  
Projects, Inc., for economic development programs and the 2554  
creation of new jobs to leverage and support mission gains at 2555  
Department of Defense and related facilities in Ohio by working 2556  
with future base realignment and closure activities and ongoing 2557  
Department of Defense efficiency and partnership initiatives, 2558  
assisting efforts to secure Department of Defense support 2559  
contracts for Ohio companies, assessing and supporting regional 2560  
job training and workforce development needs generated by the 2561  
Department of Defense and the Ohio aerospace industry, promoting 2562  
technology transfer to Ohio businesses, and for expanding job 2563  
training and economic development programs in human performance 2564  
and cyber security related initiatives. 2565



On July 1, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 2566  
Director of Development Services may request that the Director 2567  
of Budget and Management reappropriate any unexpended, 2568  
unencumbered balance of the prior fiscal year's appropriation to 2569  
the foregoing appropriation item 195622, Defense Development 2570  
Assistance, for fiscal year 2017. The Director of Budget and 2571  
Management may request additional information necessary for 2572  
evaluating the request, and the Director of Development Services 2573  
shall provide the requested information to the Director of 2574  
Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the 2575  
Director of Development Services, the Director of Budget and 2576  
Management shall determine the amount to be reappropriated, and 2577  
those amounts are hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2017. 2578

INCUMBENT WORKFORCE TRAINING VOUCHERS 2579

(A) The Director of Budget and Management may transfer up 2580  
to \$7,500,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Economic 2581  
Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by the Department of 2582  
Higher Education to the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Job Training 2583  
Fund (Fund 5HR0) used by the Development Services Agency. 2584

(B) The foregoing appropriation item 195662, Incumbent 2585  
Workforce Training Vouchers, shall be used to support the Ohio 2586  
Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program. 2587

(C) The Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program 2588  
shall conform to guidelines for the operation of the program, 2589  
including, but not limited to, the following: 2590

(1) A requirement that a training voucher under the 2591  
program shall not exceed \$6,000 per worker per year; 2592

(2) A provision for an employer of an eligible employee to 2593  
apply for a voucher on behalf of the eligible employee; 2594

(3) A provision for an eligible employee to apply directly 2595  
for a training voucher with the pre-approval of the employee's 2596  
employer; ~~and~~ 2597

(4) A requirement that an employee participating in the 2598  
program, or the employee's employer, shall pay for not less than 2599  
thirty-three per cent of the training costs under the program; 2600

(5) A requirement that an employee who is an automotive 2601  
technician or a motor vehicle technician is an eligible employee 2602  
if the employee otherwise satisfies the requirements of the 2603  
program and that an employer of an automotive technician or a 2604  
motor vehicle technician, including an employer that is a motor 2605  
vehicle retail service store or a motor vehicle dealer licensed 2606  
under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code, is an eligible employer 2607  
if the employer otherwise satisfies the requirements for program 2608  
participation. As used in this division: 2609

(a) "Automotive technician" means an individual who 2610  
repairs, services, or performs maintenance on motor vehicles or 2611  
other types of vehicles, including, but not limited to, utility 2612  
vehicles. 2613

(b) "Motor vehicle," "utility vehicle," and "vehicle" have 2614  
the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 2615

On July 1, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 2616  
Director of Development Services may request that the Director 2617  
of Budget and Management reappropriate any unexpended, 2618  
unencumbered balance of the prior fiscal year's appropriation to 2619  
the foregoing appropriation item 195662, Incumbent Workforce 2620  
Training Vouchers, for fiscal year 2017. The Director of Budget 2621  
and Management may request additional information necessary for 2622  
evaluating the request, and the Director of Development Services 2623

shall provide the requested information to the Director of 2624  
Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the 2625  
Director of Development Services, the Director of Budget and 2626  
Management shall determine the amount to be reappropriated, and 2627  
those amounts are hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2017. 2628

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND 2629

The foregoing appropriation item 195640, Local Government 2630  
Innovation, shall be used for the purposes of making loans and 2631  
grants to political subdivisions under the Local Government 2632  
Innovation Program in accordance with sections 189.01 to 189.10 2633  
of the Revised Code, and for the purposes of making loans and 2634  
grants to political subdivisions and grants to the Department of 2635  
Administrative Services under the Local Government Efficiency 2636  
Program. Of the foregoing appropriation item 195640, Local 2637  
Government Innovation, up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year shall 2638  
be used for administrative costs incurred by the Development 2639  
Services Agency, of which up to \$25,000 in each fiscal year may 2640  
be used for the costs of preparing a report involving the local 2641  
government information exchange. Of the foregoing appropriation 2642  
item 195640, Local Government Innovation, up to \$75,000 in each 2643  
fiscal year may be used to administer and provide technical 2644  
assistance in providing the grants or loans involving the local 2645  
government information exchange. In administering and providing 2646  
this technical assistance, the Director of Development Services 2647  
may enter into agreements with the Director of Administrative 2648  
Services or other entities. 2649

ADVANCED ENERGY LOAN PROGRAMS 2650

The foregoing appropriation item 195660, Advanced Energy 2651  
Loan Programs, shall be used to provide financial assistance to 2652  
customers for eligible advanced energy projects for residential, 2653

commercial, and industrial business, local government, 2654  
educational institution, nonprofit, and agriculture customers, 2655  
and to pay for the program's administrative costs as provided in 2656  
sections 4928.61 to 4928.63 of the Revised Code and rules 2657  
adopted by the Director of Development Services. 2658

CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIP 2659

On July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 2660  
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$500,000 cash 2661  
from the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0) used by 2662  
the Board of Regents to the Career Exploration Internship Fund 2663  
(Fund 5NS0) used by the Development Services Agency. 2664

The foregoing appropriation item 195616, Career 2665  
Exploration Internship, shall be used for the Career Exploration 2666  
Internship Program as described in section 122.177 of the 2667  
Revised Code. 2668

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM 2669

The foregoing appropriation item 195666, Local Government 2670  
Safety Capital Grant Program, shall be used for the Local 2671  
Government Safety Capital Grant Program as described in Section 2672  
701.120 of ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General 2673  
Assembly. 2674

Notwithstanding the application and funding requirements 2675  
under division (A) of Section 701.120 of ~~this act~~ Am. Sub. H.B. 2676  
64 of the 131st General Assembly, \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 2677  
shall be distributed to Jefferson Township in Clinton County to 2678  
build a new firehouse. 2679

LAKES IN ECONOMIC DISTRESS REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM 2680

On July 1, 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 2681

Director of Budget and Management shall transfer \$500,000 cash 2682  
from the General Revenue Fund to the Lakes in Economic Distress 2683  
Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5RQ0). 2684

The foregoing appropriation item 195546, Lakes in Economic 2685  
Distress Revolving Loan Program, shall be used for the purposes 2686  
described under section 122.641 of the Revised Code. 2687

On July 1, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 2688  
Director of Development Services shall certify to the Director 2689  
of Budget and Management the amount of the unexpended, 2690  
unencumbered balance of the foregoing appropriation item 195546, 2691  
Lakes in Economic Distress Revolving Loan Program, to be 2692  
reappropriated in fiscal year 2017. The amount certified is 2693  
hereby reappropriated to the foregoing appropriation item in FY 2694  
2017 for the same purpose. 2695

LOCAL PUBLIC ENHANCEMENT 2696

The foregoing appropriation item 195678, Local Public 2697  
Enhancement, shall be allocated to the Highland County 2698  
Commissioners for local public enhancements. 2699

TRAVEL AND TOURISM COOPERATIVE PROJECTS 2700

The foregoing appropriation item 195690, Travel and 2701  
Tourism Cooperative Projects, shall be used for the marketing 2702  
and promotion of travel and tourism in Ohio. The Travel and 2703  
Tourism Cooperative Projects Fund (Fund 5W50) shall consist 2704  
solely of leveraged private sector paid advertising dollars 2705  
received in tourism marketing assistance and co-op programs. 2706

VOLUME CAP ADMINISTRATION 2707

The foregoing appropriation item 195654, Volume Cap 2708  
Administration, shall be used for expenses related to the 2709

administration of the Volume Cap Program. Revenues received by 2710  
the Volume Cap Administration Fund (Fund 6170) shall consist of 2711  
application fees, forfeited deposits, and interest earned from 2712  
the custodial account held by the Treasurer of State. 2713

**Section 6.** That existing Section 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 2714  
64 of the 131st General Assembly is hereby repealed. 2715

**Section 7.** Sections 3 and 4 of this act take effect on 2716  
January 1, 2017. 2717

**Section 8.** Both versions of section 4501.01 of the Revised 2718  
Code that appear in this act are presented as composites of the 2719  
sections as amended by both Sub. H.B. 53 and Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of 2720  
the 131st General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the 2721  
principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised 2722  
Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable 2723  
of simultaneous operation, finds that the composites are the 2724  
resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the 2725  
effective date of the sections as presented in this act. 2726