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A BILL

То	amend sections 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12,	1
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	4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712,	10
	4511.713, 4511.72, and 4511.73 and to enact	11
	section 4511.991 of the Revised Code to	12
	establish an enhanced penalty for committing a	13
	moving violation while distracted if the	14
	distraction is a contributing factor to the	15
	commission of the violation and to reenact	16
	provisions of law that specified that certain	17
	electronic wireless communications device	18
	violations were allied offenses of similar	19
	import.	20

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

Section 1. That sections 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12,	21
4511.121, 4511.132, 4511.204, 4511.205, 4511.21, 4511.211,	22
4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28,	23
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4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.46,	26
4511.47, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60,	27
4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713,	28
4511.72, and 4511.73 be amended and section 4511.991 of the	29
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	30
Sec. 4511.03. (A) The driver of any emergency vehicle or	31
public safety vehicle, when responding to an emergency call,	32
upon approaching a red or stop signal or any stop sign shall	33
slow down as necessary for safety to traffic, but may proceed	34
cautiously past such red or stop sign or signal with due regard	35
for the safety of all persons using the street or highway.	36
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	37
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	38
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	39
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	40
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	41
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	42
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	43
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	44
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	45
degree.	46

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and

the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	48
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	49
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	50
Revised Code.	51
Sec. 4511.051. (A) No person, unless otherwise directed by	52
a police officer, shall:	53
(1) As a pedestrian, occupy any space within the limits of	54
the right-of-way of a freeway, except: in a rest area; on a	55
facility that is separated from the roadway and shoulders of the	56
freeway and is designed and appropriately marked for pedestrian	57
use; in the performance of public works or official duties; as a	58
result of an emergency caused by an accident or breakdown of a	59
motor vehicle; or to obtain assistance;	60
(2) Occupy any space within the limits of the right-of-way	61
of a freeway, with: an animal-drawn vehicle; a ridden or led	62
animal; herded animals; a pushcart; a bicycle, except on a	63
facility that is separated from the roadway and shoulders of the	64
freeway and is designed and appropriately marked for bicycle	65
use; a bicycle with motor attached; a motor driven cycle with a	66
motor which produces not to exceed five brake horsepower; an	67
agricultural tractor; farm machinery; except in the performance	68
of public works or official duties.	69
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	70
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	71
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	72
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	73
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	74
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the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	108
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additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	110
Revised Code.	111
Sec. 4511.121. (A) (1) Except as provided in division (B)	112
of this section, any operator of a commercial motor vehicle,	113
upon approaching a scale location established for the purpose of	114
determining the weight of the vehicle and its load, shall comply	115
with any traffic control device or the order of a peace officer	116
directing the vehicle to proceed to be weighed or otherwise	117
inspected.	118
(2) Any operator of a commercial motor vehicle, upon	119
bypassing a scale location in accordance with division (B) of	120
this section, shall comply with an order of a peace officer to	121
stop the vehicle to verify the use and operation of an	122
electronic clearance device.	123
(B) Any operator of a commercial motor vehicle that is	124
equipped with an electronic clearance device authorized by the	125
superintendent of the state highway patrol under section	126
4549.081 of the Revised Code may bypass a scale location,	127
regardless of the instruction of a traffic control device to	128
enter the scale facility, if either of the following apply:	129
(1) The in-cab transponder displays a green light or other	130
affirmative visual signal and also sounds an affirmative audible	131
signal;	132
(2) Any other criterion established by the superintendent	133
by rule is met.	134

(C) Any peace officer may order the operator of a

commercial motor vehicle that bypasses a scale location to stop	136
the vehicle to verify the use and operation of an electronic	137
clearance device.	138
(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is	139
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the	140
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or	141
pleaded guilty to a violation of division (A) of this section,	142
whoever violates that division is guilty of a misdemeanor of the	143
fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender	144
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or	145
more violations of division (A) of this section, whoever	146
violates division (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	147
degree.	148
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	149
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	150
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	151
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	152
Revised Code.	153
(E) As used in this section and in section 4549.081 of the	154
Revised Code, "commercial motor vehicle" means any combination	155
of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or an actual	156
gross vehicle weight of more than ten thousand pounds if the	157
vehicle is used in interstate or intrastate commerce to	158
transport property and also means any vehicle that is	159
transporting hazardous materials for which placarding is	160
required pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Parts 100 to 180.	161
Sec. 4511.132. (A) The driver of a vehicle, streetcar, or	162
trackless trolley who approaches an intersection where traffic	163
is controlled by traffic control signals shall do all of the	164
following, if the signal facing the driver exhibits no colored	165

lights or colored lighted arrows, exhibits a combination of such	166
lights or arrows that fails to clearly indicate the assignment	167
of right-of-way, or the signals are otherwise malfunctioning,	168
including the failure of a vehicle detector to detect the	169
vehicle:	170
(1) Stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, stop	171
before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the	172
intersection, or, if none, stop before entering the	173
<pre>intersection;</pre>	174
(2) Yield the right-of-way to all vehicles, streetcars, or	175
trackless trolleys in the intersection or approaching on an	176
intersecting road, if the vehicles, streetcars, or trackless	177
trolleys will constitute an immediate hazard during the time the	178
driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction	179
of roadways;	180
(3) Exercise ordinary care while proceeding through the	181
intersection.	182
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	183
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	184
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	185
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	186
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	187
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	188
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	189
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	190
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	191
degree.	192
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the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	194

commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	195
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	196
Revised Code.	197
Sec. 4511.204. (A) No person shall drive a motor vehicle,	198
trackless trolley, or streetcar on any street, highway, or	199
property open to the public for vehicular traffic while using a	200
handheld electronic wireless communications device to write,	201
send, or read a text-based communication.	202
(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of	203
the following:	204
(1) A person using a handheld electronic wireless	205
communications device in that manner for emergency purposes,	206
including an emergency contact with a law enforcement agency,	207
hospital or health care provider, fire department, or other	208
similar emergency agency or entity;	209
(2) A person driving a public safety vehicle who uses a	210
handheld electronic wireless communications device in that	211
manner in the course of the person's duties;	212
(3) A person using a handheld electronic wireless	213
communications device in that manner whose motor vehicle is in a	214
stationary position and who is outside a lane of travel;	215
(4) A person reading, selecting, or entering a name or	216
telephone number in a handheld electronic wireless	217
communications device for the purpose of making or receiving a	218
telephone call;	219
(5) A person receiving wireless messages on a device	220
regarding the operation or navigation of a motor vehicle;	221
safety-related information, including emergency, traffic, or	222
weather alerts; or data used primarily by the motor vehicle;	223

(6) A person receiving wireless messages via radio waves;	224
(7) A person using a device for navigation purposes;	225
(8) A person conducting wireless interpersonal	226
communication with a device that does not require manually	227
entering letters, numbers, or symbols or reading text messages,	228
except to activate, deactivate, or initiate the device or a	229
feature or function of the device;	230
(9) A person operating a commercial truck while using a	231
mobile data terminal that transmits and receives data;	232
(10) A person using a handheld electronic wireless	233
communications device in conjunction with a voice-operated or	234
hands-free device feature or function of the vehicle.	235
(C)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the	236
contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause an operator of	237
an automobile being operated on any street or highway to stop	238
the automobile for the sole purpose of determining whether a	239
violation of division (A) of this section has been or is being	240
committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation,	241
or summons for a violation of that nature or causing the arrest	242
of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation of	243
that nature, and no law enforcement officer shall view the	244
interior or visually inspect any automobile being operated on	245
any street or highway for the sole purpose of determining	246
whether a violation of that nature has been or is being	247
committed.	248
(2) On January 31 of each year, the department of public	249
safety shall issue a report to the general assembly that	250
specifies the number of citations issued for violations of this	251
section during the previous calendar year.	252

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is	253
guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	254
(E) This section shall not be construed as invalidating,	255
preempting, or superseding a substantially equivalent municipal	256
ordinance that prescribes penalties for violations of that	257
ordinance that are greater than the penalties prescribed in this	258
section for violations of this section.	259
(F) A prosecution for a violation of this section does not	260
preclude a prosecution for a violation of a substantially	261
equivalent municipal ordinance based on the same conduct.	262
However, if an offender is convicted of or pleads guilty to a	263
violation of this section and is also convicted of or pleads-	264
guilty to a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal	265
ordinance based on the same conduct, the two offenses are allied	266
offenses of similar import under section 2941.25 of the Revised	267
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equivalent municipal ordinance based on the same conduct.	270
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ordinance based on the same conduct, the two offenses are allied	274
offenses of similar import under section 2941.25 of the Revised	275
Code.	276
(G) As used in this section:	277
(1) "Electronic wireless communications device" includes	278
any of the following:	279
(a) A wireless telephone;	280
(b) A text-messaging device;	281

(c) A personal digital assistant;	282
(d) A computer, including a laptop computer and a computer	283
tablet;	284
(e) Any other substantially similar wireless device that	285
is designed or used to communicate text.	286
(2) "Voice-operated or hands-free device" means a device	287
that allows the user to vocally compose or send, or to listen to	288
a text-based communication without the use of either hand except	289
to activate or deactivate a feature or function.	290
(3) "Write, send, or read a text-based communication"	291
means to manually write or send, or read a text-based	292
communication using an electronic wireless communications	293
device, including manually writing or sending, or reading	294
communications referred to as text messages, instant messages,	295
or electronic mail.	296
Sec. 4511.205. (A) No holder of a temporary instruction	297
permit who has not attained the age of eighteen years and no	298
holder of a probationary driver's license shall drive a motor	299
vehicle on any street, highway, or property used by the public	300
for purposes of vehicular traffic or parking while using in any	301
manner an electronic wireless communications device.	302
(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to either	303
of the following:	304
(1) A person using an electronic wireless communications	305
device for emergency purposes, including an emergency contact	306
with a law enforcement agency, hospital or health care provider,	307
fire department, or other similar emergency agency or entity;	308
(2) A person using an electronic wireless communications	309

device whose motor vehicle is in a stationary position and the	310
motor vehicle is outside a lane of travel;	311
(3) A person using a navigation device in a voice-operated	312
or hands-free manner who does not manipulate the device while	313
driving.	314
(C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this	315
section, whoever violates division (A) of this section shall be	316
fined one hundred fifty dollars. In addition, the court shall	317
impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's	318
license or permit for a definite period of sixty days.	319
(2) If the person previously has been adjudicated a	320
delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender adjudicated a	321
delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation	322
of this section, whoever violates this section shall be fined	323
three hundred dollars. In addition, the court shall impose a	324
class seven suspension of the person 's driver's license	325
or permit for a definite period of one year.	326
(D) The filing of a sworn complaint against a person for a	327
violation of this section does not preclude the filing of a	328
sworn complaint for a violation of a substantially equivalent	329
municipal ordinance for the same conduct. However, if a person-	330
is adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender	331
for a violation of this section and is also adjudicated a	332
delinquent child or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation	333
of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for the same-	334
conduct, the two offenses are allied offenses of similar import-	335
under section 2941.25 of the Revised Code. The filing of a sworn	336
complaint against a person for a violation of this section does	337
not preclude the filing of a sworn complaint for a violation of	338
a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance for the same	339

conduct. However, if a person is adjudicated a delinquent child	340
or a juvenile traffic offender for a violation of this section	341
and is also adjudicated a delinquent child or a juvenile traffic	342
offender for a violation of a substantially equivalent municipal	343
ordinance for the same conduct, the two offenses are allied	344
offenses of similar import under section 2941.25 of the Revised	345
Code.	346
(E) As used in this section, "electronic wireless	347
communications device" includes any of the following:	348
(1) A wireless telephone;	349
(2) A personal digital assistant;	350
(3) A computer, including a laptop computer and a computer	351
tablet;	352
(4) A text-messaging device;	353
(5) Any other substantially similar electronic wireless	354
device that is designed or used to communicate via voice, image,	355
or written word.	356
Sec. 4511.21. (A) No person shall operate a motor vehicle,	357
trackless trolley, or streetcar at a speed greater or less than	358
is reasonable or proper, having due regard to the traffic,	359
surface, and width of the street or highway and any other	360
conditions, and no person shall drive any motor vehicle,	361
trackless trolley, or streetcar in and upon any street or	362
highway at a greater speed than will permit the person to bring	363
it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.	364
(B) It is prima-facie lawful, in the absence of a lower	365
limit declared or established pursuant to this section by the	366
director of transportation or local authorities, for the	367

operator of a motor vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar to 368 operate the same at a speed not exceeding the following: 369

(1) (a) Twenty miles per hour in school zones during school 370 recess and while children are going to or leaving school during 371 the opening or closing hours, and when twenty miles per hour 372 school speed limit signs are erected; except that, on 373 controlled-access highways and expressways, if the right-of-way 374 line fence has been erected without pedestrian opening, the 375 speed shall be governed by division (B) (4) of this section and 376 on freeways, if the right-of-way line fence has been erected 377 without pedestrian opening, the speed shall be governed by 378 divisions (B) (10) and (11) of this section. The end of every 379 school zone may be marked by a sign indicating the end of the 380 zone. Nothing in this section or in the manual and 381 specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices 382 shall be construed to require school zones to be indicated by 383 signs equipped with flashing or other lights, or giving other 384 special notice of the hours in which the school zone speed limit 385 is in effect. 386

(b) As used in this section and in section 4511.212 of the 387 Revised Code, "school" means any school chartered under section 388 3301.16 of the Revised Code and any nonchartered school that 389 during the preceding year filed with the department of education 390 in compliance with rule 3301-35-08 of the Ohio Administrative 391 Code, a copy of the school's report for the parents of the 392 school's pupils certifying that the school meets Ohio minimum 393 standards for nonchartered, nontax-supported schools and 394 presents evidence of this filing to the jurisdiction from which 395 it is requesting the establishment of a school zone. "School" 396 also includes a special elementary school that in writing 397 requests the county engineer of the county in which the special 398

highway.

elementary school is located to create a school zone at the	399
location of that school. Upon receipt of such a written request,	400
the county engineer shall create a school zone at that location	401
by erecting the appropriate signs.	402
(c) As used in this section, "school zone" means that	403
portion of a street or highway passing a school fronting upon	404
the street or highway that is encompassed by projecting the	405
school property lines to the fronting street or highway, and	406
also includes that portion of a state highway. Upon request from	407
local authorities for streets and highways under their	408
jurisdiction and that portion of a state highway under the	409
jurisdiction of the director of transportation or a request from	410
a county engineer in the case of a school zone for a special	411
elementary school, the director may extend the traditional	412
school zone boundaries. The distances in divisions (B)(1)(c)(i),	413
(ii), and (iii) of this section shall not exceed three hundred	414
feet per approach per direction and are bounded by whichever of	415
the following distances or combinations thereof the director	416
approves as most appropriate:	417
(i) The distance encompassed by projecting the school	418
building lines normal to the fronting highway and extending a	419
distance of three hundred feet on each approach direction;	420
(ii) The distance encompassed by projecting the school	421
property lines intersecting the fronting highway and extending a	422
distance of three hundred feet on each approach direction;	423
(iii) The distance encompassed by the special marking of	424
the pavement for a principal school pupil crosswalk plus a	425
distance of three hundred feet on each approach direction of the	426

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Nothing in this section shall be construed to invalidate	428
the director's initial action on August 9, 1976, establishing	429
all school zones at the traditional school zone boundaries	430
defined by projecting school property lines, except when those	431
boundaries are extended as provided in divisions (B)(1)(a) and	432
(c) of this section.	433

(d) As used in this division, "crosswalk" has the meaning 434 given that term in division (LL)(2) of section 4511.01 of the 435 Revised Code.

The director may, upon request by resolution of the 437 legislative authority of a municipal corporation, the board of 438 trustees of a township, or a county board of developmental 439 disabilities created pursuant to Chapter 5126. of the Revised 440 Code, and upon submission by the municipal corporation, 441 township, or county board of such engineering, traffic, and 442 other information as the director considers necessary, designate 443 a school zone on any portion of a state route lying within the 444 municipal corporation, lying within the unincorporated territory 445 of the township, or lying adjacent to the property of a school 446 that is operated by such county board, that includes a crosswalk 447 customarily used by children going to or leaving a school during 448 recess and opening and closing hours, whenever the distance, as 449 measured in a straight line, from the school property line 450 nearest the crosswalk to the nearest point of the crosswalk is 451 no more than one thousand three hundred twenty feet. Such a 452 school zone shall include the distance encompassed by the 453 crosswalk and extending three hundred feet on each approach 454 direction of the state route. 455

(e) As used in this section, "special elementary school" means a school that meets all of the following criteria:

(i) It is not chartered and does not receive tax revenue	458
from any source.	459
(ii) It does not educate children beyond the eighth grade.	460
(iii) It is located outside the limits of a municipal	461
corporation.	462
(iv) A majority of the total number of students enrolled	463
at the school are not related by blood.	464
(v) The principal or other person in charge of the special	465
elementary school annually sends a report to the superintendent	466
of the school district in which the special elementary school is	467
located indicating the total number of students enrolled at the	468
school, but otherwise the principal or other person in charge	469
does not report any other information or data to the	470
superintendent.	471
(2) Twenty-five miles per hour in all other portions of a	472
municipal corporation, except on state routes outside business	473
districts, through highways outside business districts, and	474
alleys;	475
(3) Thirty-five miles per hour on all state routes or	476
through highways within municipal corporations outside business	477
districts, except as provided in divisions (B)(4) and (6) of	478
this section;	479
(4) Fifty miles per hour on controlled-access highways and	480
expressways within municipal corporations;	481
(5) Fifty-five miles per hour on highways outside	482
municipal corporations, other than highways within island	483
jurisdictions as provided in division (B)(8) of this section,	484
highways as provided in divisions (B)(9) and (10) of this	485

section, and highways, expressways, and freeways as provided in	486
divisions (B)(13), (14), (15), and (17) of this section;	487
(6) Fifty miles per hour on state routes within municipal	488
corporations outside urban districts unless a lower prima-facie	489
speed is established as further provided in this section;	490
(7) Fifteen miles per hour on all alleys within the	491
municipal corporation;	492
(8) Thirty-five miles per hour on highways outside	493
municipal corporations that are within an island jurisdiction;	494
(9) Thirty-five miles per hour on through highways, except	495
state routes, that are outside municipal corporations and that	496
are within a national park with boundaries extending through two	497
or more counties;	498
(10) Sixty miles per hour on two-lane state routes outside	499
municipal corporations as established by the director under	500
division (H)(2) of this section;	501
(11) Fifty-five miles per hour at all times on freeways	502
with paved shoulders inside municipal corporations, other than	503
freeways as provided in divisions (B)(15) and (17) of this	504
section;	505
(12) Fifty-five miles per hour at all times on freeways	506
outside municipal corporations, other than freeways as provided	507
in divisions (B)(15) and (17) of this section;	508
(13) Sixty miles per hour for operators of any motor	509
vehicle at all times on all portions of rural divided highways;	510
(14) Sixty-five miles per hour for operators of any motor	511
vehicle at all times on all rural expressways without traffic	512
control signals;	513

(15) Seventy miles per hour for operators of any motor	514
vehicle at all times on all rural freeways;	515
(16) Fifty-five miles per hour for operators of any motor	516
vehicle at all times on all portions of freeways in congested	517
areas as determined by the director and that are part of the	518
interstate system and are located within a municipal corporation	519
or within an interstate freeway outerbelt;	520
(17) Sixty-five miles per hour for operators of any motor	521
vehicle at all times on all portions of freeways in urban areas	522
as determined by the director and that are part of the	523
interstate system and are part of an interstate freeway	524
outerbelt.	525
(C) It is prima-facie unlawful for any person to exceed	526
any of the speed limitations in divisions (B)(1)(a), (2), (3),	527
(4), (6), (7), (8), and (9) of this section, or any declared or	528
established pursuant to this section by the director or local	529
authorities and it is unlawful for any person to exceed any of	530
the speed limitations in division (D) of this section. No person	531
shall be convicted of more than one violation of this section	532
for the same conduct, although violations of more than one	533
provision of this section may be charged in the alternative in a	534
single affidavit.	535
(D) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, trackless	536
trolley, or streetcar upon a street or highway as follows:	537
(1) At a speed exceeding fifty-five miles per hour, except	538
upon a two-lane state route as provided in division (B)(10) of	539
this section and upon a highway, expressway, or freeway as	540
provided in divisions (B) (13) , (14) , (15) , and (17) of this	541
section;	542

(2) At a speed exceeding sixty miles per hour upon a two-	543
lane state route as provided in division (B) (10) of this section	544
and upon a highway as provided in division (B) (13) of this	545
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(3) At a speed exceeding sixty-five miles per hour upon an	547
expressway as provided in division (B)(14) or upon a freeway as	548
provided in division (B)(17) of this section, except upon a	549
freeway as provided in division (B)(15) of this section;	550
(4) At a speed exceeding seventy miles per hour upon a	551
freeway as provided in division (B)(15) of this section;	552
riceway as provided in division (b) (13) of this section,	332
(5) At a speed exceeding the posted speed limit upon a	553
highway, expressway, or freeway for which the director has	554
determined and declared a speed limit pursuant to division (I)	555
(2) or (L)(2) of this section.	556
(E) In every charge of violation of this section the	557
affidavit and warrant shall specify the time, place, and speed	558
at which the defendant is alleged to have driven, and in charges	559
made in reliance upon division (C) of this section also the	560
speed which division (B)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), or	561
(9) of, or a limit declared or established pursuant to, this	562
section declares is prima-facie lawful at the time and place of	563
such alleged violation, except that in affidavits where a person	564
is alleged to have driven at a greater speed than will permit	565
the person to bring the vehicle to a stop within the assured	566
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division (B)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), or (9) of this	573
section, or of a limit declared or established pursuant to this	574
section by the director or local authorities, and of the	575
limitation in division (D) of this section. If the court finds a	576
violation of division (B)(1)(a), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8),	577
or (9) of, or a limit declared or established pursuant to, this	578
section has occurred, it shall enter a judgment of conviction	579
under such division and dismiss the charge under division (D) of	580
this section. If it finds no violation of division (B)(1)(a),	581
(2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), or (9) of, or a limit declared or	582
established pursuant to, this section, it shall then consider	583
whether the evidence supports a conviction under division (D) of	584
this section.	585

- (G) Points shall be assessed for violation of a limitation under division (D) of this section in accordance with section 4510.036 of the Revised Code.
- (H)(1) Whenever the director determines upon the basis of 589 a geometric and traffic characteristic study that any speed 590 limit set forth in divisions (B)(1)(a) to (D) of this section is 591 greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions 592 found to exist at any portion of a street or highway under the 593 jurisdiction of the director, the director shall determine and 594 declare a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit, which 595 shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice of it 596 are erected at the location. 597
- (2) Whenever the director determines upon the basis of a geometric and traffic characteristic study that the speed limit of fifty-five miles per hour on a two-lane state route outside a municipal corporation is less than is reasonable or safe under

the conditions found to exist at that portion of the state	602
route, the director may determine and declare a speed limit of	603
sixty miles per hour for that portion of the state route, which	604
shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice of it	605
are erected at the location.	606

- (I)(1) Except as provided in divisions (I)(2) and (K) of 607 this section, whenever local authorities determine upon the 608 basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed 609 permitted by divisions (B)(1)(a) to (D) of this section, on any 610 part of a highway under their jurisdiction, is greater than is 611 reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist at such 612 location, the local authorities may by resolution request the 613 director to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima-614 facie speed limit. Upon receipt of such request the director may 615 determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed 616 limit at such location, and if the director does so, then such 617 declared speed limit shall become effective only when 618 appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such 619 location by the local authorities. The director may withdraw the 620 declaration of a prima-facie speed limit whenever in the 621 director's opinion the altered prima-facie speed becomes 622 unreasonable. Upon such withdrawal, the declared prima-facie 623 speed shall become ineffective and the signs relating thereto 624 shall be immediately removed by the local authorities. 625
- (2) A local authority may determine on the basis of a 626 geometric and traffic characteristic study that the speed limit 627 of sixty-five miles per hour on a portion of a freeway under its 628 jurisdiction that was established through the operation of 629 division (L)(3) of this section is greater than is reasonable or 630 safe under the conditions found to exist at that portion of the 631 freeway. If the local authority makes such a determination, the

local authority by resolution may request the director to	633
determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit of not	634
less than fifty-five miles per hour for that portion of the	635
freeway. If the director takes such action, the declared speed	636
limit becomes effective only when appropriate signs giving	637
notice of it are erected at such location by the local	638
authority.	639
(J) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions	640
may authorize by ordinance higher prima-facie speeds than those	641
stated in this section upon through highways, or upon highways	642
or portions thereof where there are no intersections, or between	643
widely spaced intersections, provided signs are erected giving	644
notice of the authorized speed, but local authorities shall not	645
modify or alter the basic rule set forth in division (A) of this	646
section or in any event authorize by ordinance a speed in excess	647
of fifty miles per hour.	648
Alteration of prima-facie limits on state routes by local	649
authorities shall not be effective until the alteration has been	650
approved by the director. The director may withdraw approval of	651
any altered prima-facie speed limits whenever in the director's	652
opinion any altered prima-facie speed becomes unreasonable, and	653
upon such withdrawal, the altered prima-facie speed shall become	654
ineffective and the signs relating thereto shall be immediately	655
removed by the local authorities.	656
(K) (1) As used in divisions (K) (1), (2), (3), and (4) of	657
this section, "unimproved highway" means a highway consisting of	658
any of the following:	659
(a) Unimproved earth;	660

(b) Unimproved graded and drained earth;

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- (2) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (K)(4) and 663 (5) of this section, whenever a board of township trustees 664 determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic 665 investigation that the speed permitted by division (B)(5) of 666 this section on any part of an unimproved highway under its 667 jurisdiction and in the unincorporated territory of the township 668 is greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found 669 to exist at the location, the board may by resolution declare a 670 reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit of fifty-five but 671 not less than twenty-five miles per hour. An altered speed limit 672 adopted by a board of township trustees under this division 673 becomes effective when appropriate traffic control devices, as 674 prescribed in section 4511.11 of the Revised Code, giving notice 675 thereof are erected at the location, which shall be no sooner 676 than sixty days after adoption of the resolution. 677
- (3) (a) Whenever, in the opinion of a board of township

 trustees, any altered prima-facie speed limit established by the

 board under this division becomes unreasonable, the board may

 adopt a resolution withdrawing the altered prima-facie speed

 limit. Upon the adoption of such a resolution, the altered

 prima-facie speed limit becomes ineffective and the traffic

 control devices relating thereto shall be immediately removed.
- (b) Whenever a highway ceases to be an unimproved highway

 and the board has adopted an altered prima-facie speed limit

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 pursuant to division (K)(2) of this section, the board shall, by

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(4)(a) If the boundary of two townships rests on the 693 centerline of an unimproved highway in unincorporated territory 694 and both townships have jurisdiction over the highway, neither 695 of the boards of township trustees of such townships may declare 696 an altered prima-facie speed limit pursuant to division (K)(2) 697 of this section on the part of the highway under their joint 698 jurisdiction unless the boards of township trustees of both of 699 the townships determine, upon the basis of an engineering and 700 701 traffic investigation, that the speed permitted by division (B) (5) of this section is greater than is reasonable or safe under 702 the conditions found to exist at the location and both boards 703 agree upon a reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit of less 704 than fifty-five but not less than twenty-five miles per hour for 705 that location. If both boards so agree, each shall follow the 706 procedure specified in division (K)(2) of this section for 707 altering the prima-facie speed limit on the highway. Except as 708 otherwise provided in division (K)(4)(b) of this section, no 709 speed limit altered pursuant to division (K)(4)(a) of this 710 section may be withdrawn unless the boards of township trustees 711 of both townships determine that the altered prima-facie speed 712 limit previously adopted becomes unreasonable and each board 713 adopts a resolution withdrawing the altered prima-facie speed 714 limit pursuant to the procedure specified in division (K)(3)(a) 715 of this section. 716

(b) Whenever a highway described in division (K)(4)(a) of this section ceases to be an unimproved highway and two boards of township trustees have adopted an altered prima-facie speed limit pursuant to division (K)(4)(a) of this section, both boards shall, by resolution, withdraw the altered prima-facie speed limit as soon as the highway ceases to be unimproved. Upon

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the adoption of the resolution, the altered prima-facie speed	723
limit becomes ineffective and the traffic control devices	724
relating thereto shall be immediately removed.	725

- (5) As used in division (K)(5) of this section:
- (a) "Commercial subdivision" means any platted territory 727 outside the limits of a municipal corporation and fronting a 728 highway where, for a distance of three hundred feet or more, the 729 frontage is improved with buildings in use for commercial 730 purposes, or where the entire length of the highway is less than 731 three hundred feet long and the frontage is improved with 732 buildings in use for commercial purposes. 733
- (b) "Residential subdivision" means any platted territory outside the limits of a municipal corporation and fronting a 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, or where the entire length of the highway is less than three hundred feet long and the frontage is improved with residences or residences and buildings in use for business.

Whenever a board of township trustees finds upon the basis 742 of an engineering and traffic investigation that the prima-facie 743 speed permitted by division (B)(5) of this section on any part 744 of a highway under its jurisdiction that is located in a 745 commercial or residential subdivision, except on highways or 746 portions thereof at the entrances to which vehicular traffic 747 from the majority of intersecting highways is required to yield 748 the right-of-way to vehicles on such highways in obedience to 749 stop or yield signs or traffic control signals, is greater than 750 is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist at 751 the location, the board may by resolution declare a reasonable 752

and safe prima-facie speed limit of less than fifty-five but not	753
less than twenty-five miles per hour at the location. An altered	754
speed limit adopted by a board of township trustees under this	755
division shall become effective when appropriate signs giving	756
notice thereof are erected at the location by the township.	757
Whenever, in the opinion of a board of township trustees, any	758
altered prima-facie speed limit established by it under this	759
division becomes unreasonable, it may adopt a resolution	760
withdrawing the altered prima-facie speed, and upon such	761
withdrawal, the altered prima-facie speed shall become	762
ineffective, and the signs relating thereto shall be immediately	763
removed by the township.	764

- (L)(1) On September 29, 2013, the director of 765 transportation, based upon an engineering study of a highway, 766 expressway, or freeway described in division (B) (13), (14), 767 (15), (16), or (17) of this section, in consultation with the 768 director of public safety and, if applicable, the local 769 authority having jurisdiction over the studied highway, 770 expressway, or freeway, may determine and declare that the speed 771 limit established on such highway, expressway, or freeway under 772 division (B)(13), (14), (15), (16), or (17) of this section 773 either is reasonable and safe or is more or less than that which 774 is reasonable and safe. 775
- (2) If the established speed limit for a highway, 776 expressway, or freeway studied pursuant to division (L)(1) of 777 this section is determined to be more or less than that which is 778 reasonable and safe, the director of transportation, in 779 consultation with the director of public safety and, if 780 applicable, the local authority having jurisdiction over the 781 studied highway, expressway, or freeway, shall determine and 782 declare a reasonable and safe speed limit for that highway, 783

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expressway, or freeway.

- (M)(1)(a) If the boundary of two local authorities rests on the centerline of a highway and both authorities have jurisdiction over the highway, the speed limit for the part of the highway within their joint jurisdiction shall be either one of the following as agreed to by both authorities:
- (i) Either prima-facie speed limit permitted by division(B) of this section;
- (ii) An altered speed limit determined and posted in accordance with this section.
- (b) If the local authorities are unable to reach an 794 agreement, the speed limit shall remain as established and 795 posted under this section. 796
- (2) Neither local authority may declare an altered prima-797 facie speed limit pursuant to this section on the part of the 798 highway under their joint jurisdiction unless both of the local 799 authorities determine, upon the basis of an engineering and 800 traffic investigation, that the speed permitted by this section 801 is greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found 802 to exist at the location and both authorities agree upon a 803 uniform reasonable and safe prima-facie speed limit of less than 804 fifty-five but not less than twenty-five miles per hour for that 805 location. If both authorities so agree, each shall follow the 806 procedure specified in this section for altering the prima-facie 807 speed limit on the highway, and the speed limit for the part of 808 the highway within their joint jurisdiction shall be uniformly 809 altered. No altered speed limit may be withdrawn unless both 810 local authorities determine that the altered prima-facie speed 811 limit previously adopted becomes unreasonable and each adopts a 812

resolution withdrawing the altered prima-facie speed limit	813
pursuant to the procedure specified in this section.	814
(N) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation	815
or township in which a boarding school is located, by resolution	816
or ordinance, may establish a boarding school zone. The	817
legislative authority may alter the speed limit on any street or	818
highway within the boarding school zone and shall specify the	819
hours during which the altered speed limit is in effect. For	820
purposes of determining the boundaries of the boarding school	821
zone, the altered speed limit within the boarding school zone,	822
and the hours the altered speed limit is in effect, the	823
legislative authority shall consult with the administration of	824
the boarding school and with the county engineer or other	825
appropriate engineer, as applicable. A boarding school zone	826
speed limit becomes effective only when appropriate signs giving	827
notice thereof are erected at the appropriate locations.	828
(O) As used in this section:	829
(1) "Interstate system" has the same meaning as in 23	830
U.S.C.A. 101.	831
(2) "Commercial bus" means a motor vehicle designed for	832
carrying more than nine passengers and used for the	833
transportation of persons for compensation.	834
(3) "Noncommercial bus" includes but is not limited to a	835
school bus or a motor vehicle operated solely for the	836
transportation of persons associated with a charitable or	837
nonprofit organization.	838
(4) "Outerbelt" means a portion of a freeway that is part	839
of the interstate system and is located in the outer vicinity of	840
a major municipal corporation or group of municipal	841

corporations, as designated by the director.	842
(5) "Rural" means outside urbanized areas, as designated	843
in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 101, and outside of a business or	844
urban district.	845
(P)(1) A violation of any provision of this section is one	846
of the following:	847
(a) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (P)(1)(b),	848
(1)(c), (2), and (3) of this section, a minor misdemeanor;	849
(b) If, within one year of the offense, the offender	850
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two	851
violations of any provision of this section or of any provision	852
of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any	853
provision of this section, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;	854
(c) If, within one year of the offense, the offender	855
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or	856
more violations of any provision of this section or of any	857
provision of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar	858
to any provision of this section, a misdemeanor of the third	859
degree.	860
(2) If the offender has not previously been convicted of	861
or pleaded guilty to a violation of any provision of this	862
section or of any provision of a municipal ordinance that is	863
substantially similar to this section and operated a motor	864
vehicle faster than thirty-five miles an hour in a business	865
district of a municipal corporation, faster than fifty miles an	866
hour in other portions of a municipal corporation, or faster	867
than thirty-five miles an hour in a school zone during recess or	868
while children are going to or leaving school during the	869
school's opening or closing hours, a misdemeanor of the fourth	870

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degree.	871
(3) Notwithstanding division (P)(1) of this section, if	872
the offender operated a motor vehicle in a construction zone	873
where a sign was then posted in accordance with section 4511.98	874
of the Revised Code, the court, in addition to all other	875
penalties provided by law, shall impose upon the offender a fine	876
of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation. No	877
court shall impose a fine of two times the usual amount imposed	878
for the violation upon an offender if the offender alleges, in	879
an affidavit filed with the court prior to the offender's	880
sentencing, that the offender is indigent and is unable to pay	881
the fine imposed pursuant to this division and if the court	882
determines that the offender is an indigent person and unable to	883
pay the fine.	884
(4) If the offender commits the offense while distracted	885
and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	886
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	887
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	888
Revised Code.	889
Sec. 4511.211. (A) The owner of a private road or driveway	890
located in a private residential area containing twenty or more	891
dwelling units may establish a speed limit on the road or	892
driveway by complying with all of the following requirements:	893
(1) The speed limit is not less than twenty-five miles per	894
hour and is indicated by a sign that is in a proper position, is	895
sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant	896
person, and meets the specifications for the basic speed limit	897
sign included in the manual adopted by the department of	898

transportation pursuant to section 4511.09 of the Revised Code;

(2) The owner has posted a sign at the entrance of the	900
private road or driveway that is in plain view and clearly	901
informs persons entering the road or driveway that they are	902
entering private property, a speed limit has been established	903
for the road or driveway, and the speed limit is enforceable by	904
law enforcement officers under state law.	905
(B) No person shall operate a vehicle upon a private road	906
or driveway as provided in division (A) of this section at a	907
speed exceeding any speed limit established and posted pursuant	908
to that division.	909
(C) When a speed limit is established and posted in	910
accordance with division (A) of this section, any law	911
enforcement officer may apprehend a person violating the speed	912
limit of the residential area by utilizing any of the means	913
described in section 4511.091 of the Revised Code or by any	914
other accepted method of determining the speed of a motor	915
vehicle and may stop and charge the person with exceeding the	916
speed limit.	917
(D) Points shall be assessed for violation of a speed	918
limit established and posted in accordance with division (A) of	919
this section in accordance with section 4510.036 of the Revised	920
Code.	921
(E) As used in this section:	922
(1) "Owner" includes but is not limited to a person who	923
holds title to the real property in fee simple, a condominium	924
owners' association, a property owner's association, the board	925
of directors or trustees of a private community, and a nonprofit	926
corporation governing a private community.	927

(2) "Private residential area containing twenty or more

dwelling units" does not include a Chautauqua assembly as	929
defined in section 4511.90 of the Revised Code.	930
(F) $\underline{(1)}$ A violation of division (B) of this section is one	931
of the following:	932
$\frac{(1)}{(a)}$ Except as otherwise provided in divisions (F) $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$	933
(1) (b) and $\frac{(3)}{(c)}$ of this section, a minor misdemeanor;	934
(2) (b) If, within one year of the offense, the offender	935
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two	936
violations of division (B) of this section or of any municipal	937
ordinance that is substantially similar to division (B) of this	938
section, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;	939
$\frac{(3)}{(c)}$ If, within one year of the offense, the offender	940
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or	941
more violations of division (B) of this section or of any	942
municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to division	943
(B) of this section, a misdemeanor of the third degree.	944
(2) If the offender commits the offense while distracted	945
and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	946
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	947
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	948
Revised Code.	949
Sec. 4511.213. (A) The driver of a motor vehicle, upon	950
approaching a stationary public safety vehicle, emergency	951
vehicle, road service vehicle, vehicle used by the public	952
utilities commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in	953
accordance with sections 4923.04 and 4923.06 of the Revised	954
Code, or a highway maintenance vehicle that is displaying the	955
appropriate visual signals by means of flashing, oscillating, or	956
rotating lights, as prescribed in section 4513.17 of the Revised	957

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Code, shall do either of the following:

- (1) If the driver of the motor vehicle is traveling on a 959 highway that consists of at least two lanes that carry traffic 960 in the same direction of travel as that of the driver's motor 961 vehicle, the driver shall proceed with due caution and, if 962 possible and with due regard to the road, weather, and traffic 963 conditions, shall change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent 964 to that of the stationary public safety vehicle, emergency 965 vehicle, road service vehicle, vehicle used by the public 966 967 utilities commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with sections 4923.04 and 4923.06 of the Revised 968 Code, or a highway maintenance vehicle. 969
- (2) If the driver is not traveling on a highway of a type described in division (A)(1) of this section, or if the driver is traveling on a highway of that type but it is not possible to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather, and traffic conditions.
- (B) This section does not relieve the driver of a public safety vehicle, emergency vehicle, road service vehicle, vehicle used by the public utilities commission to conduct motor vehicle inspections in accordance with sections 4923.04 and 4923.06 of the Revised Code, or a highway maintenance vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and property upon the highway.
- (C) No person shall fail to drive a motor vehicle in 984 compliance with division (A)(1) or (2) of this section when so 985 required by division (A) of this section. 986

(D)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this division,	987
whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	988
If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has	989
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor	990
vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is	991
guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one	992
year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted	993
of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses,	994
whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the	995
third degree.	996
(2) Notwithstanding section 2929.28 of the Revised Code,	997
upon a finding that a person operated a motor vehicle in	998
violation of division (C) of this section, the court, in	999
addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall impose a	1000
fine of two times the usual amount imposed for the violation.	1001
(3) If the offender commits the offense while distracted	1002
and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1003
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1004
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1005
Revised Code.	1006
Sec. 4511.22. (A) No person shall stop or operate a	1007
vehicle, trackless trolley, or street car at such an	1008
unreasonably slow speed as to impede or block the normal and	1009
reasonable movement of traffic, except when stopping or reduced	1010
speed is necessary for safe operation or to comply with law.	1011
(B) Whenever the director of transportation or local	1012
authorities determine on the basis of an engineering and traffic	1013
investigation that slow speeds on any part of a controlled-	1014
access highway, expressway, or freeway consistently impede the	1015

normal and reasonable movement of traffic, the director or such

local authority may declare a minimum speed limit below which no	1017
person shall operate a motor vehicle, trackless trolley, or	1018
street car except when necessary for safe operation or in	1019
compliance with law. No minimum speed limit established	1020
hereunder shall be less than thirty miles per hour, greater than	1021
fifty miles per hour, nor effective until the provisions of	1022
section 4511.21 of the Revised Code, relating to appropriate	1023
signs, have been fulfilled and local authorities have obtained	1024
the approval of the director.	1025
(C) In a case involving a violation of this section, the	1026
trier of fact, in determining whether the vehicle was being	1027
operated at an unreasonably slow speed, shall consider the	1028
capabilities of the vehicle and its operator.	1029
(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1030
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1031
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1032
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1033
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1034
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1035
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1036
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1037
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1038
degree.	1039
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1040
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1041
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1042
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1043
Revised Code.	1044
Sec. 4511.23. (A) No person shall operate a vehicle,	1045

trackless trolley, or streetcar over any bridge or other

elevated structure constituting a part of a highway at a speed	1047
which is greater than the maximum speed that can be maintained	1048
with safety to such bridge or structure, when such structure is	1049
posted with signs as provided in this section.	1050

The department of transportation upon request from any 1051 local authority shall, or upon its own initiative may, conduct 1052 an investigation of any bridge or other elevated structure 1053 constituting a part of a highway, and if it finds that such 1054 structure cannot with safety withstand traffic traveling at the 1055 speed otherwise permissible under sections 4511.01 to 4511.85 1056 and 4511.98 of the Revised Code, the department shall determine 1057 and declare the maximum speed of traffic which such structure 1058 can withstand, and shall cause or permit suitable signs stating 1059 such maximum speed to be erected and maintained at a distance of 1060 at least one hundred feet before each end of such structure. 1061

Upon the trial of any person charged with a violation of 1062 this section, proof of said determination of the maximum speed 1063 by the department and the existence of said signs shall 1064 constitute prima-facie evidence of the maximum speed which can 1065 be maintained with safety to such bridge or structure. 1066

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 1067 violates this section is quilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 1068 within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 1069 convicted of or pleaded quilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 1070 traffic offense, whoever violates this section is quilty of a 1071 misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 1072 offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 1073 more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 1074 violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 1075 degree. 1076

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1077
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1078
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1079
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1080
Revised Code.	1081
Sec. 4511.25. (A) Upon all roadways of sufficient width, a	1082
vehicle or trackless trolley shall be driven upon the right half	1083
of the roadway, except as follows:	1084
(1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding	1085
in the same direction, or when making a left turn under the	1086
rules governing such movements;	1087
(2) When an obstruction exists making it necessary to	1088
drive to the left of the center of the highway; provided, any	1089
person so doing shall yield the right of way to all vehicles	1090
traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion	1091
of the highway within such distance as to constitute an	1092
immediate hazard;	1093
(3) When driving upon a roadway divided into three or more	1094
marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon;	1095
(4) When driving upon a roadway designated and posted with	1096
signs for one-way traffic;	1097
(5) When otherwise directed by a police officer or traffic	1098
control device.	1099
(B)(1) Upon all roadways any vehicle or trackless trolley	1100
proceeding at less than the prevailing and lawful speed of	1101
traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then	1102
existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane then available	1103
for traffic, and far enough to the right to allow passing by	1104
faster vehicles if such passing is safe and reasonable, except	1105

under any of the following circumstances:	1106
(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle or	1107
trackless trolley proceeding in the same direction;	1108
(b) When preparing for a left turn;	1109
(c) When the driver must necessarily drive in a lane other	1110
than the right-hand lane to continue on the driver's intended	1111
route.	1112
(2) Nothing in division (B)(1) of this section requires a	1113
driver of a slower vehicle to compromise the driver's safety to	1114
allow overtaking by a faster vehicle.	1115
(C) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving	1116
traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, no	1117
vehicle or trackless trolley shall be driven to the left of the	1118
center line of the roadway, except when authorized by official	1119
traffic control devices designating certain lanes to the left of	1120
the center of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise	1121
permitted to use the lanes, or except as permitted under	1122
division (A)(2) of this section.	1123
This division shall not be construed as prohibiting the	1124
crossing of the center line in making a left turn into or from	1125
an alley, private road, or driveway.	1126
(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1127
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1128
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1129
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1130
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1131
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1132
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1133
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1134

violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1135
degree.	1136
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1137
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1138
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1139
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1140
Revised Code.	1141
Sec. 4511.26. (A) Operators of vehicles and trackless	1142
trolleys proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other	1143
to the right, and upon roadways having width for not more than	1144
one line of traffic in each direction, each operator shall give	1145
to the other one-half of the main traveled portion of the	1146
roadway or as nearly one-half as is reasonable possible.	1147
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1148
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1149
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1150
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1151
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1152
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1153
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1154
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1155
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1156
degree.	1157
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1158
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1159
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1160
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1161
Revised Code.	1162
Sec. 4511.27. (A) The following rules govern the	1163

overtaking and passing of vehicles or trackless trolleys	1164
proceeding in the same direction:	1165
(1) The operator of a vehicle or trackless trolley	1166
overtaking another vehicle or trackless trolley proceeding in	1167
the same direction shall, except as provided in division (A)(3)	1168
of this section, signal to the vehicle or trackless trolley to	1169
be overtaken, shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance,	1170
and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until	1171
safely clear of the overtaken vehicle or trackless trolley. When	1172
a motor vehicle or trackless trolley overtakes and passes a	1173
bicycle, three feet or greater is considered a safe passing	1174
distance.	1175
(2) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is	1176
permitted, the operator of an overtaken vehicle shall give way	1177
to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle at the latter's	1178
audible signal, and the operator shall not increase the speed of	1179
the operator's vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking	1180
vehicle.	1181
(3) The operator of a vehicle or trackless trolley	1182
overtaking and passing another vehicle or trackless trolley	1183
proceeding in the same direction on a divided highway as defined	1184
in section 4511.35 of the Revised Code, a limited access highway	1185
as defined in section 5511.02 of the Revised Code, or a highway	1186
with four or more traffic lanes, is not required to signal	1187
audibly to the vehicle or trackless trolley being overtaken and	1188
passed.	1189
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1190
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1191
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1192

convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or

traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1194
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1195
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1196
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1197
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1198
degree.	1199
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1200
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1201
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1202
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1203
Revised Code.	1204
Sec. 4511.28. (A) The driver of a vehicle or trackless	1205
trolley may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle	1206
or trackless trolley only under the following conditions:	1207
(1) When the vehicle or trackless trolley overtaken is	1208
making or about to make a left turn;	1209
(2) Upon a roadway with unobstructed pavement of	1210
sufficient width for two or more lines of vehicles moving	1211
lawfully in the direction being traveled by the overtaking	1212
vehicle.	1213
(B) The driver of a vehicle or trackless trolley may	1214
overtake and pass another vehicle or trackless trolley only	1215
under conditions permitting such movement in safety. The	1216
movement shall not be made by driving off the roadway.	1217
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1218
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1219
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1220
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1221
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1222

misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1223
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1224
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1225
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1226
degree.	1227
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1228
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1229
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1230
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1231
Revised Code.	1232
Sec. 4511.29. (A) No vehicle or trackless trolley shall be	1233
driven to the left of the center of the roadway in overtaking	1234
and passing traffic proceeding in the same direction, unless	1235
such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming	1236
traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such	1237
overtaking and passing to be completely made, without	1238
interfering with the safe operation of any traffic approaching	1239
from the opposite direction or any traffic overtaken. In every	1240
event the overtaking vehicle or trackless trolley must return to	1241
an authorized lane of travel as soon as practicable and in the	1242
event the passing movement involves the use of a lane authorized	1243
for traffic approaching from the opposite direction, before	1244
coming within two hundred feet of any approaching vehicle.	1245
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1246
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1247
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1248
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1249
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1250
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1251
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1252

more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1253
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1254
degree.	1255
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1256
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1257
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1258
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1259
Revised Code.	1260
Sec. 4511.30. (A) No vehicle or trackless trolley shall be	1261
driven upon the left side of the roadway under the following	1262
conditions:	1263
(1) When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve	1264
in the highway, where the operator's view is obstructed within	1265
such a distance as to create a hazard in the event traffic might	1266
approach from the opposite direction;	1267
(2) When the view is obstructed upon approaching within	1268
one hundred feet of any bridge, viaduct, or tunnel;	1269
(3) When approaching within one hundred feet of or	1270
traversing any intersection or railroad grade crossing.	1271
(B) This section does not apply to vehicles or trackless	1272
trolleys upon a one-way roadway, upon a roadway where traffic is	1273
lawfully directed to be driven to the left side, or under the	1274
conditions described in division (A)(2) of section 4511.25 of	1275
the Revised Code.	1276
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1277
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1278
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1279
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1280
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is quilty of a	1281

misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1282
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1283
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1284
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1285
degree.	1286
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1287
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1288
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1289
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1290
Revised Code.	1291
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Sec. 4511.31. (A) The department of transportation may	1292
determine those portions of any state highway where overtaking	1293
and passing other traffic or driving to the left of the center	1294
or center line of the roadway would be especially hazardous and	1295
may, by appropriate signs or markings on the highway, indicate	1296
the beginning and end of such zones. When such signs or markings	1297
are in place and clearly visible, every operator of a vehicle or	1298
trackless trolley shall obey the directions of the signs or	1299
markings, notwithstanding the distances set out in section	1300
4511.30 of the Revised Code.	1301
(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply when all	1302
of the following apply:	1302
of the following apply.	1303
(1) The slower vehicle is proceeding at less than half the	1304
speed of the speed limit applicable to that location.	1305
(2) The faster vehicle is capable of overtaking and	1306
passing the slower vehicle without exceeding the speed limit.	1307
(3) There is sufficient clear sight distance to the left	1308
of the center or center line of the roadway to meet the	1309
overtaking and passing provisions of section 4511.29 of the	1310

Revised Code, considering the speed of the slower vehicle.	1311
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1312
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1313
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1314
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1315
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1316
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1317
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1318
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1319
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1320
degree.	1321
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1322
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1323
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1324
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1325
Revised Code.	1326
Sec. 4511.32. (A) The department of transportation may	1327
Sec. 4511.32. (A) The department of transportation may designate any highway or any separate roadway under its	1327 1328
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its	1328
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate	1328 1329
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof.	1328 1329 1330
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. Upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one-	1328 1329 1330 1331
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. Upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one-way traffic a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction	1328 1329 1330 1331 1332
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. Upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one-way traffic a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated.	1328 1329 1330 1331 1332 1333
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. Upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one-way traffic a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated. A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be	1328 1329 1330 1331 1332 1333
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. Upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one-way traffic a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated. A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of the rotary traffic island.	1328 1329 1330 1331 1332 1333 1334 1335
designate any highway or any separate roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. Upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one- way traffic a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated. A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of the rotary traffic island. (B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1328 1329 1330 1331 1332 1333 1334 1335

traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1340
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1341
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1342
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1343
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1344
degree.	1345
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1346
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1347
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1348
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1349
Revised Code.	1350
Sec. 4511.33. (A) Whenever any roadway has been divided	1351
into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, or wherever	1352
within municipal corporations traffic is lawfully moving in two	1353
or more substantially continuous lines in the same direction,	1354
the following rules apply:	1355
(1) A vehicle or trackless trolley shall be driven, as	1356
nearly as is practicable, entirely within a single lane or line	1357
of traffic and shall not be moved from such lane or line until	1358
the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made	1359
with safety.	1360
(2) Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes and	1361
provides for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle or trackless	1362
trolley shall not be driven in the center lane except when	1363
overtaking and passing another vehicle or trackless trolley	1364
where the roadway is clearly visible and such center lane is	1365
clear of traffic within a safe distance, or when preparing for a	1366
left turn, or where such center lane is at the time allocated	1367
exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle or	1368
trackless trolley is proceeding and is posted with signs to give	1369

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notice of such allocation.	1370
(3) Official signs may be erected directing specified	1371
traffic to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to	1372
be used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless	1373
of the center of the roadway, or restricting the use of a	1374
particular lane to only buses during certain hours or during all	1375
hours, and drivers of vehicles and trackless trolleys shall obey	1376
the directions of such signs.	1377
(4) Official traffic control devices may be installed	1378
prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of roadway and	1379
drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such	1380
device.	1381
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1382
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1383
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1384
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1385
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1386
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1387
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1388
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1389
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1390
degree.	1391
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1392
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1393
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1394
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1395
Revised Code.	1396

Sec. 4511.34. (A) The operator of a motor vehicle,

streetcar, or trackless trolley shall not follow another

vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley more closely than is	1399
reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such	1400
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley, and the traffic upon	1401
and the condition of the highway.	1402

The driver of any truck, or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway outside a business or residence district shall maintain a sufficient space, whenever conditions permit, between such vehicle and another vehicle ahead so an overtaking motor vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger. This paragraph does not prevent overtaking and passing nor does it apply to any lane specially designated for use by trucks.

Outside a municipal corporation, the driver of any truck, or motor vehicle when drawing another vehicle, while ascending to the crest of a grade beyond which the driver's view of a roadway is obstructed, shall not follow within three hundred feet of another truck, or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle. This paragraph shall not apply to any lane specially designated for use by trucks.

Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a 1418 business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade, shall 1419 maintain a sufficient space between such vehicles so an 1420 overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without 1421 danger. This paragraph shall not apply to funeral processions. 1422

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 1423 violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 1424 within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 1425 convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 1426 traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 1427 misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 1428

offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1429
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1430
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1431
degree.	1432
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1433
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1434
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1435
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1436
Revised Code.	1437
Sec. 4511.35. (A) Whenever any highway has been divided	1438
into two roadways by an intervening space, or by a physical	1439
barrier, or clearly indicated dividing section so constructed as	1440
to impede vehicular traffic, every vehicle shall be driven only	1441
upon the right-hand roadway, and no vehicle shall be driven	1442
over, across, or within any such dividing space, barrier, or	1443
section, except through an opening, crossover, or intersection	1444
established by public authority. This section does not prohibit	1445
the occupancy of such dividing space, barrier, or section for	1446
the purpose of an emergency stop or in compliance with an order	1447
of a police officer.	1448
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1449
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1450
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1451
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1452
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1453
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1454
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1455
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1456
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1457
degree.	1458

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1459
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1460
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1461
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1462
Revised Code.	1463
Sec. 4511.36. (A) The driver of a vehicle intending to	1464
turn at an intersection shall be governed by the following	1465
rules:	1466
(1) Approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be	1467
made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of	1468
the roadway.	1469
(2) At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move	1470
in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an	1471
approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the	1472
right half of the roadway nearest the center line thereof and by	1473
passing to the right of such center line where it enters the	1474
intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn	1475
shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of	1476
the center line of the roadway being entered. Whenever	1477
practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of the	1478
intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.	1479
(3) At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one	1480
direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a	1481
vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall	1482
approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully	1483
available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such	1484
vehicle, and after entering the intersection the left turn shall	1485
be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as	1486
practicable, in the left-hand lane of the roadway being entered	1487
lawfully available to traffic moving in that lane.	1488

(B) The operator of a trackless trolley shall comply with	1489
divisions (A)(1), (2), and (3) of this section wherever	1490
practicable.	1491
(C) The department of transportation and local authorities	1492
in their respective jurisdictions may cause markers, buttons, or	1493
signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections and	1494
thereby require and direct that a different course from that	1495
specified in this section be traveled by vehicles, streetcars,	1496
or trackless trolleys, turning at an intersection, and when	1497
markers, buttons, or signs are so placed, no operator of a	1498
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley shall turn such	1499
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley at an intersection	1500
other than as directed and required by such markers, buttons, or	1501
signs.	1502
(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1503
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1504
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1505
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1506
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1507
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1508
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1509
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1510
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1511
degree.	1512
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1513
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1514
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1515
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1516
Revised Code.	1517
Sec. 4511.37. (A) Except as provided in section 4511.13 of	1518

the Revised Code and division (B) of this section, no vehicle	1519
shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon	1520
any curve, or upon the approach to or near the crest of a grade,	1521
if the vehicle cannot be seen within five hundred feet by the	1522
driver of any other vehicle approaching from either direction.	1523
(B) The driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety	1524
vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, may turn the	1525
vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction. This	1526
division applies only when the emergency vehicle or public	1527
safety vehicle is responding to an emergency call, is equipped	1528
with and displaying at least one flashing, rotating, or	1529
oscillating light visible under normal atmospheric conditions	1530
from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of the	1531
vehicle, and when the driver of the vehicle is giving an audible	1532
signal by siren, exhaust whistle, or bell. This division does	1533
not relieve the driver of an emergency vehicle or public safety	1534
vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of	1535
all persons and property upon the highway.	1536
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1537
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1538
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1539
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1540
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1541
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1542
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1543
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1544
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1545
degree.	1546
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1547

the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the

commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1549
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1550
Revised Code.	1551
Sec. 4511.38. (A) No person shall start a vehicle,	1552
streetcar, or trackless trolley which is stopped, standing, or	1553
parked until such movement can be made with reasonable safety.	
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Before backing, operators of vehicle, streetcars, or	1555
trackless trolleys shall give ample warning, and while backing	1556
they shall exercise vigilance not to injure person or property	1557
on the street or highway.	1558
No person shall back a motor vehicle on a freeway, except:	1559
in a rest area; in the performance of public works or official	1560
duties; as a result of an emergency caused by an accident or	1561
breakdown of a motor vehicle.	1562
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(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1563
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1564
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1565
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1566
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1567
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1568
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1569
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1570
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1571
degree.	1572
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1573
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1574
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1575
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1576
Revised Code.	1577

Sec. 4511.39. (A) No person shall turn a vehicle or	1578
trackless trolley or move right or left upon a highway unless	1579
and until such person has exercised due care to ascertain that	1580
the movement can be made with reasonable safety nor without	1581
giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided.	1582

When required, a signal of intention to turn or move right 1583 or left shall be given continuously during not less than the 1584 last one hundred feet traveled by the vehicle or trackless 1585 trolley before turning, except that in the case of a person 1586 operating a bicycle, the signal shall be made not less than one 1587 time but is not required to be continuous. A bicycle operator is 1588 not required to make a signal if the bicycle is in a designated 1589 turn lane, and a signal shall not be given when the operator's 1590 hands are needed for the safe operation of the bicycle. 1591

No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a 1592 vehicle or trackless trolley without first giving an appropriate 1593 signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any 1594 vehicle or trackless trolley immediately to the rear when there 1595 is opportunity to give a signal.

Any stop or turn signal required by this section shall be 1597 given either by means of the hand and arm, or by signal lights 1598 that clearly indicate to both approaching and following traffic 1599 intention to turn or move right or left, except that any motor 1600 vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and the 1601 required signal shall be given by, signal lights when the 1602 distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the 1603 left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of such motor 1604 vehicle exceeds twenty-four inches, or when the distance from 1605 the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of 1606 the body or load thereof exceeds fourteen feet, whether a single 1607

vehicle or a combination of vehicles.	1608
The signal lights required by this section shall not be	1609
flashed on one side only on a disabled vehicle or trackless	1610
trolley, flashed as a courtesy or "do pass" signal to operators	1611
of other vehicles or trackless trolleys approaching from the	1612
rear, nor be flashed on one side only of a parked vehicle or	1613
trackless trolley except as may be necessary for compliance with	1614
this section.	1615
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1616
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1617
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1618
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1619
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1620
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1621
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1622
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1623
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1624
degree.	1625
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1626
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1627
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1628
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1629
Revised Code.	1630
Sec. 4511.40. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of	1631
this section, all signals required by sections 4511.01 to	1632
4511.78 of the Revised Code, when given by hand and arm, shall	1633
be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following	1634
manner, and such signals shall indicate as follows:	1635
(1) Left turn, hand and arm extended horizontally;	1636

(2) Right turn, hand and arm extended upward;	1637
(3) Stop or decrease speed, hand and arm extended	1638
downward.	1639
(B) As an alternative to division (A)(2) of this section,	1640
a person operating a bicycle may give a right turn signal by	1641
extending the right hand and arm horizontally and to the right	1642
side of the bicycle.	1643
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1644
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1645
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1646
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1647
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1648
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1649
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1650
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1651
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1652
degree.	1653
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1654
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1655
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1656
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1657
Revised Code.	1658
Sec. 4511.41. (A) When two vehicles, including any	1659
trackless trolley or streetcar, approach or enter an	1660
intersection from different streets or highways at approximately	1661
the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield	1662
the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.	1663
(B) The right-of-way rule declared in division (A) of this	1664
section is modified at through highways and otherwise as stated	1665

in Chapter 4511. of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 1667 violates this section is quilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 1668 within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 1669 convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 1670 traffic offense, whoever violates this section is quilty of a 1671 misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 1672 offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 1673 more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 1674 violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 1675 1676 degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the
Revised Code.
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- Sec. 4511.42. (A) The operator of a vehicle, streetcar, or 1682 trackless trolley intending to turn to the left within an 1683 intersection or into an alley, private road, or driveway shall 1684 yield the right of way to any vehicle, streetcar, or trackless 1685 trolley approaching from the opposite direction, whenever the 1686 approaching vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley is within 1687 the intersection or so close to the intersection, alley, private 1688 road, or driveway as to constitute an immediate hazard. 1689
- (B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever
 violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,

 within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been
 convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or

 traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a

 misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the

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more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1697
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1698
degree.	1699

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the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the
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Sec. 4511.43. (A) Except when directed to proceed by a law 1705 enforcement officer, every driver of a vehicle or trackless 1706 trolley approaching a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked 1707 stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the 1708 near side of the intersection, or, if none, then at the point 1709 nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of 1710 approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering 1711 it. After having stopped, the driver shall yield the right-of-1712 way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another 1713 roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during 1714 the time the driver is moving across or within the intersection 1715 or junction of roadways. 1716

(B) The driver of a vehicle or trackless trolley 1717 approaching a yield sign shall slow down to a speed reasonable 1718 for the existing conditions and, if required for safety to stop, 1719 shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before 1720 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, 1721 if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway 1722 where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the 1723 intersecting roadway before entering it. After slowing or 1724 stopping, the driver shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle 1725

another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard	1727
during the time the driver is moving across or within the	1728
intersection or junction of roadways. Whenever a driver is	1729
involved in a collision with a vehicle or trackless trolley in	1730
the intersection or junction of roadways, after driving past a	1731
yield sign without stopping, the collision shall be prima-facie	1732
evidence of the driver's failure to yield the right-of-way.	1733
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1734
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1735
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1736
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1737
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1738
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1739
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1740
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1741
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1742
degree.	1743
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1744
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1745
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1746
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1747
Revised Code.	1748

or trackless trolley in the intersection or approaching on

Sec. 4511.431. (A) The driver of a vehicle or trackless 1749 trolley emerging from an alley, building, private road, or 1750 driveway within a business or residence district shall stop the 1751 vehicle or trackless trolley immediately prior to driving onto a 1752 sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across the alley, 1753 building entrance, road, or driveway, or in the event there is 1754 no sidewalk area, shall stop at the point nearest the street to 1755

be entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic	1756
thereon.	1757
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1758
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1759
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1760
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1761
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1762
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1763
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1764
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1765
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1766
degree.	1767
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the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1769
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1770
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1771
Revised Code.	1772
Sec. 4511.44. (A) The operator of a vehicle, streetcar, or	1773
trackless trolley about to enter or cross a highway from any	1774
place other than another roadway shall yield the right of way to	1775
all traffic approaching on the roadway to be entered or crossed.	1776
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1777
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1778
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1779
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1780
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1781
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1782
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1783
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1784
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1785

degree.	1786
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1787
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1788
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1789
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1790
Revised Code.	1791
Sec. 4511.441. (A) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the	1792
right-of-way to any pedestrian on a sidewalk.	1793
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1794
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1795
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1796
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1797
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1798
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1799
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1800
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1801
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1802
degree.	1803
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1804
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1805
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1806
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1807
Revised Code.	1808
Sec. 4511.451. (A) As used in this section, "funeral	1809
procession" means two or more vehicles accompanying the cremated	1810
remains or the body of a deceased person in the daytime when	1811
each of the vehicles has its headlights lighted and is	1812
displaying a purple and white or an orange and white pennant	1813
attached to each vehicle in such a manner as to be clearly	1814

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visible to traffic approaching from any direction.

- (B) Excepting public safety vehicles proceeding in 1816 accordance with section 4511.45 of the Revised Code or when 1817 directed otherwise by a police officer, pedestrians and the 1818 operators of all vehicles, street cars, and trackless trolleys 1819 shall yield the right of way to each vehicle that is a part of a 1820 funeral procession. Whenever the lead vehicle in a funeral 1821 procession lawfully enters an intersection, the remainder of the 1822 vehicles in the procession may continue to follow the lead 1823 1824 vehicle through the intersection notwithstanding any traffic control devices or right of way provisions of the Revised Code, 1825 provided that the operator of each vehicle exercises due care to 1826 avoid colliding with any other vehicle or pedestrian. 1827
- (C) No person shall operate any vehicle as a part of a funeral procession without having the headlights of the vehicle lighted and without displaying a purple and white or an orange and white pennant in such a manner as to be clearly visible to traffic approaching from any direction.
- (D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 1833 violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 1834 within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 1835 convicted of or pleaded quilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 1836 traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 1837 misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 1838 offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 1839 more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 1840 violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 1841 1842 degree.

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the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the

commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1845
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1846
Revised Code.	1847
Sec. 4511.46. (A) When traffic control signals are not in	1848
place, not in operation, or are not clearly assigning the right-	1849
of-way, the driver of a vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar	1850
shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need	1851
be to so yield or if required by section 4511.132 of the Revised	1852
Code, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk	1853
when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which	1854
the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching	1855
so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in	1856
danger.	1857
(B) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other	1858
place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle,	1859
trackless trolley, or streetcar which is so close as to	1860
constitute an immediate hazard.	1861
(C) Division (A) of this section does not apply under the	1862
conditions stated in division (B) of section 4511.48 of the	1863
Revised Code.	1864
(D) Whenever any vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar	1865
is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at	1866
an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the	1867
driver of any other vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar	1868
approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the	1869
stopped vehicle.	1870
(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1871
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1872
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1873

convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1874
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1875
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1876
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1877
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1878
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1879
degree.	1880
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1881
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1882
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commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1884
Revised Code.	1885
Sec. 4511.47. (A) As used in this section "blind person"	1886
or "blind pedestrian" means a person having not more than 20/200	1887
visual acuity in the better eye with correcting lenses or visual	1888
acuity greater than $20/200$ but with a limitation in the fields	1889
of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field	1890
subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.	1891
The driver of every vehicle shall yield the right of way	1892
to every blind pedestrian guided by a guide dog, or carrying a	1893
cane which is predominantly white or metallic in color, with or	1894
without a red tip.	1895
(B) No person, other than a blind person, while on any	1896
public highway, street, alley, or other public thoroughfare	1897
shall carry a white or metallic cane with or without a red tip.	1898
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1899
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1900
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1901
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1902

traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1903
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1904
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1905
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1906
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1907
degree.	1908
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1909
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1910
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1911
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1912
Revised Code.	1913
Sec. 4511.54. (A) No person riding upon any bicycle,	1914
coaster, roller skates, sled, or toy vehicle shall attach the	1915
same or self to any streetcar, trackless trolley, or vehicle	1916
upon a roadway.	1917
No operator shall knowingly permit any person riding upon	1918
any bicycle, coaster, roller skates, sled, or toy vehicle to	1919
attach the same or self to any streetcar, trackless trolley, or	1920
vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway.	1921
This section does not apply to the towing of a disabled	1922
vehicle.	1923
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1924
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1925
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1926
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1927
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1928
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1929
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1930
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1931

violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1932
degree.	1933
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1934
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1935
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1936
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1937
Revised Code.	1938
Sec. 4511.55. (A) Every person operating a bicycle upon a	1939
roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as	1940
practicable obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and	1941
exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one	1942
proceeding in the same direction.	1943
(B) Persons riding bicycles or motorcycles upon a roadway	1944
shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane, except on	1945
paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of	1946
bicycles or motorcycles.	1947
(C) This section does not require a person operating a	1948
bicycle to ride at the edge of the roadway when it is	1949
unreasonable or unsafe to do so. Conditions that may require	1950
riding away from the edge of the roadway include when necessary	1951
to avoid fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles,	1952
surface hazards, or if it otherwise is unsafe or impracticable	1953
to do so, including if the lane is too narrow for the bicycle	1954
and an overtaking vehicle to travel safely side by side within	1955
the lane.	1956
(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1957
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1958
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1959
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1960

traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1961
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1962
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1963
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1964
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1965
degree.	1966
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1967
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1968
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1969
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1970
Revised Code.	1971
Sec. 4511.57. (A) The driver of a vehicle shall not	1972
overtake and pass upon the left nor drive upon the left side of	1973
any streetcar proceeding in the same direction, whether such	1974
streetcar is in motion or at rest, except:	1975
(1) When so directed by a police officer or traffic	1976
control device;	1977
(2) When upon a one-way street;	1978
(3) When upon a street where the tracks are so located as	1979
to prevent compliance with this section;	1980
(4) When authorized by local authorities.	1981
(B) The driver of any vehicle when permitted to overtake	1982
and pass upon the left of a streetcar which has stopped for the	1983
purpose of receiving or discharging any passenger shall accord	1984
pedestrians the right of way.	1985
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	1986
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	1987
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	1988

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convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	1989
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	1990
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	1991
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	1992
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	1993
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	1994
degree.	1995
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	1996
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	1997
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	1998
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	1999
Revised Code.	2000
Sec. 4511.58. (A) The driver of a vehicle overtaking upon	2001
the right any streetcar stopped for the purpose of receiving or	2002
discharging any passenger shall stop such vehicle at least five	2003
feet to the rear of the nearest running board or door of such	2004
streetcar and remain standing until all passengers have boarded	2005
such streetcar, or upon alighting therefrom have reached a place	2006
of safety, except that where a safety zone has been established,	2007
a vehicle need not be brought to a stop before passing any such	2008
streetcar or any trackless trolley, but may proceed past such	2009
streetcar or trackless trolley at a speed not greater than is	2010
reasonable and proper considering the safety of pedestrians.	2011
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2012
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2013
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2014

convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or

traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a

misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the

offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or

more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2019
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2020
degree.	2021
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2022
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2023
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2024
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2025
Revised Code.	2026
Sec. 4511.59. (A) The driver of any vehicle proceeding	2027
upon any streetcar tracks in front of a streetcar shall remove	2028
such vehicle from the track as soon as practicable after signal	2029
from the operator of said streetcar.	2030
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The driver of a vehicle upon overtaking and passing a	2031
streetcar shall not turn in front of such streetcar unless such	
movement can be made in safety.	2033
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2034
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2035
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2036
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	2037
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2038
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2039
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2040
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2041
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2042
degree.	2043
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2044
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2045
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2046
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2047

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Sec. 4511.60. (A) No vehicle shall at any time be driven	2049
through or within a safety zone.	2050
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2051
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2052
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2053
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	2054
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2055
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2056
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2057
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2058
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2059
degree.	2060
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2061
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2062
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2063
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2064
Revised Code.	2065
Sec. 4511.61. (A) As used in this section, "active grade	2066
crossing warning device" has the same meaning as in section	2067
5733.43 of the Revised Code.	2068
(B) The department of transportation and local authorities	2069
in their respective jurisdictions, with the approval of the	2070
department, may designate dangerous highway crossings over	2071
railroad tracks whether on state, county, or township highways	2072
or on streets or ways within municipal corporations, and erect	2073
stop signs thereat.	2074
(C)(1) The department and local authorities shall erect	2075
stop signs at a railroad highway grade crossing in either of the	2076

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following circumstances:

- (a) New warning devices that are not active grade crossing 2078 warning devices are being installed at the grade crossing, and 2079 railroad crossbucks were the only warning devices at the grade 2080 crossing prior to the installation of the new warning devices. 2081
- (b) The grade crossing is constructed after the effective date of this amendment July 1, 2013, and only warning devices that are not active grade crossing warning devices are installed at the grade crossing.
- (2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not apply to a 2086 railroad highway grade crossing that the director of 2087 transportation has exempted from that division because of 2088 traffic flow or other considerations or factors. 2089
- (D) When stop signs are erected pursuant to division (B) 2090 or (C) of this section, the operator of any vehicle, streetcar, 2091 or trackless trolley shall stop within fifty, but not less than 2092 fifteen, feet from the nearest rail of the railroad tracks and 2093 shall exercise due care before proceeding across such grade 2094 crossing.
- (E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 2096 violates division (D) of this section is quilty of a minor 2097 misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender 2098 previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one 2099 predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates 2100 this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 2101 If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has 2102 been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic 2103 offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 2104 2105 misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2106
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2107
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2108
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2109
Revised Code.	2110
Sec. 4511.64. (A) No person shall operate or move any	2111
crawler-type tractor, steam shovel, derrick, roller, or any	2112
equipment or structure having a normal operating speed of six or	2113
less miles per hour or a vertical body or load clearance of less	2114
than nine inches above the level surface of a roadway, upon or	2115
across any tracks at a railroad grade crossing without first	2116
complying with divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section.	2117
(1) Before making any such crossing, the person operating	2118
or moving any such vehicle or equipment shall first stop the	2119
same, and while stopped the person shall listen and look in both	2120
directions along such track for any approaching train and for	2121
signals indicating the approach of a train, and shall proceed	2122
only upon exercising due care.	2123
(2) No such crossing shall be made when warning is given	2124
by automatic signal or crossing gates or a flagperson or	2125
otherwise of the immediate approach of a railroad train or car.	2126
(B) If the normal sustained speed of such vehicle,	2127
equipment, or structure is not more than three miles per hour,	2128
the person owning, operating, or moving the same shall also give	2129
notice of such intended crossing to a station agent or	2130
superintendent of the railroad, and a reasonable time shall be	2131
given to such railroad to provide proper protection for such	2132
crossing. Where such vehicles or equipment are being used in	2133
constructing or repairing a section of highway lying on both	2134
sides of a railroad grade crossing, and in such construction or	2135

repair it is necessary to repeatedly move such vehicles or	2136
equipment over such crossing, one daily notice specifying when	2137
such work will start and stating the hours during which it will	2138
be prosecuted is sufficient.	2139
(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2140
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2141
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2142
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	2143
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2144
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2145
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2146
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2147
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2148
degree.	2149
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2150
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2151
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2152
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2153
Revised Code.	2154
Sec. 4511.71. (A) No person shall drive upon, along, or	2155
across a street or highway, or any part of a street or highway	2156
that has been closed in the process of its construction,	2157
reconstruction, or repair, and posted with appropriate signs by	2158
the authority having jurisdiction to close such highway.	2159
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2160
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2161
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2162
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	2163
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2164
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2165

offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2166
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2167
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2168
degree.	2169
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2170
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2171
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2172
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2173
Revised Code.	2174
Sec. 4511.711. (A) No person shall drive any vehicle,	2175
other than a bicycle, upon a sidewalk or sidewalk area except	2176
upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway.	2177
Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting	2178
local authorities from regulating the operation of bicycles	2179
within their respective jurisdictions, except that no local	2180
authority may require that bicycles be operated on sidewalks.	2181
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2182
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2183
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2184
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	2185
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2186
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2187
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2188
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2189
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2190
degree.	2191
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2192
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2193
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2194

additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2195
Revised Code.	2196
Sec. 4511.712. (A) No driver shall enter an intersection	2197
or marked crosswalk or drive onto any railroad grade crossing	2198
unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the	2199
intersection, crosswalk, or grade crossing to accommodate the	2200
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley the driver is operating	2201
without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, streetcars,	2202
trackless trolleys, pedestrians, or railroad trains,	2203
notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to	2204
proceed.	2205
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2206
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2207
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2208
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	2209
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2210
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2211
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2212
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2213
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2214
degree.	2215
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2216
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2217
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2218
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2219
Revised Code.	2220
Sec. 4511.713. (A) No person shall operate a motor	2221
vehicle, snowmobile, or all-purpose vehicle upon any path set	2222
aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, when an appropriate	2223
sign giving notice of such use is posted on the path.	2224

Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any	2225
rule of the director of natural resources governing the	2226
operation of motor vehicles, snowmobiles, all-purpose vehicles,	2227
and bicycles on lands under the director's jurisdiction.	2228
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2229
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2230
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2231
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	2232
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2233
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2234
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2235
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2236
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2237
degree.	2238
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2239
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2240
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2241
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2242
Revised Code.	2243
Sec. 4511.72. (A) The driver of any vehicle, other than an	2244
emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle on official business,	2245
shall not follow any emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle	2246
traveling in response to an alarm closer than five hundred feet,	2247
or drive into or park such vehicle within the block where fire	2248
apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm, unless directed	2249
to do so by a police officer or a firefighter.	2250
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2251
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2252
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2253

convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or

traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2255
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2256
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2257
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2258
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2259
degree.	2260
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2261
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2262
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2263
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2264
Revised Code.	2265
Sec. 4511.73. (A) No streetcar, trackless trolley, or	2266
vehicle shall, without the consent of the fire department	2267
official in command, be driven over any unprotected hose of a	2268
fire department that is laid down on any street, private	2269
driveway, or streetcar track to be used at any fire or alarm of	2270
fire.	2271
(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever	2272
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,	2273
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been	2274
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or	2275
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a	2276
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	2277
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or	2278
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever	2279
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third	2280
degree.	2281
If the offender commits the offense while distracted and	2282
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the	2283
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the	2284

additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the	2285
Revised Code.	2286
Sec. 4511.991. (A) As used in this section and each	2287
section referenced in division (B) of this section, all of the	2288
<pre>following apply:</pre>	2289
(1) "Distracted" means doing either of the following while	2290
<pre>operating a vehicle:</pre>	2291
(a) Using a handheld electronic wireless communications	2292
device, as defined in section 4511.204 of the Revised Code,	2293
except when utilizing any of the following:	2294
(i) The device's speakerphone function;	2295
(ii) A wireless technology standard for exchanging data	2296
<pre>over short distances;</pre>	2297
(iii) A "voice-operated or hands-free" device that allows	2298
the person to use the electronic wireless communications device	2299
without the use of either hand except to activate, deactivate,	2300
or initiate a feature or function;	2301
(iv) Any device that is physically or electronically	2302
integrated into the motor vehicle.	2303
(b) Engaging in any activity that is not necessary to the	2304
operation of a vehicle and impairs, or reasonably would be	2305
expected to impair, the ability of the operator to drive the	2306
vehicle safely.	2307
(2) "Distracted" does not include operating a motor	2308
vehicle while wearing an earphone or earplug over or in both	2309
ears at the same time. A person who so wears earphones or	2310
earplugs may be charged with a violation of section 4511.84 of	2311
the Revised Code.	2312

(3) "Distracted" does not include conducting any activity	2313
while operating a utility service vehicle or a vehicle for or on	2314
behalf of a utility, provided that the driver of the vehicle is	2315
acting in response to an emergency, power outage, or a	2316
circumstance affecting the health or safety of individuals.	2317
As used in division (A)(3) of this section:	2318
(a) "Utility" means an entity specified in division (A),	2319
(C), (D), (E), or (G) of section 4905.03 of the Revised Code.	2320
(b) "Utility service vehicle" means a vehicle owned or	2321
operated by a utility.	2322
(B) If an offender violates section 4511.03, 4511.051,	2323
4511.12, 4511.121, 4511.132, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213,	2324
4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29,	2325
4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36,	2326
4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43,	2327
4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.46, 4511.47,	2328
4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61,	2329
4511.64, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, or	2330
4511.73 of the Revised Code while distracted and the distracting	2331
activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the	2332
violation, the offender is subject to the applicable penalty for	2333
the violation and, notwithstanding section 2929.28 of the	2334
Revised Code, is subject to an additional fine of not more than	2335
one hundred dollars as follows:	2336
(1) Subject to Traffic Rule 13, if a law enforcement	2337
officer issues an offender a ticket, citation, or summons for a	2338
violation of any of the aforementioned sections of the Revised_	2339
Code that indicates that the offender was distracted while	2340
committing the violation and that the distracting activity was a	23/11

contributing factor to the commission of the violation, the	2342
offender may enter a written plea of quilty and waive the	2343
offender's right to contest the ticket, citation, or summons in	2344
a trial provided that the offender pays the total amount of the	2345
fine established for the violation and pays the additional fine	2346
of one hundred dollars.	2347
In lieu of payment of the additional fine of one hundred	2348
dollars, the offender instead may elect to attend a distracted	2349
driving safety course, the duration and contents of which shall	2350
be established by the director of public safety. If the offender	2351
attends and successfully completes the course, the offender	2352
shall be issued written evidence that the offender successfully	2353
completed the course. The offender shall be required to pay the	2354
total amount of the fine established for the violation, but	2355
shall not be required to pay the additional fine of one hundred	2356
dollars, so long as the offender submits to the court both the	2357
offender's payment in full and such written evidence.	2358
(2) If the offender appears in person to contest the	2359
ticket, citation, or summons in a trial and the offender pleads	2360
guilty to or is convicted of the violation, the court, in	2361
addition to all other penalties provided by law, may impose the	2362
applicable penalty for the violation and may impose the	2363
additional fine of not more than one hundred dollars.	2364
If the court imposes upon the offender the applicable	2365
penalty for the violation and an additional fine of not more	2366
than one hundred dollars, the court shall inform the offender	2367
that, in lieu of payment of the additional fine of not more than	2368
one hundred dollars, the offender instead may elect to attend	2369
the distracted driving safety course described in division (B)	2370
(1) of this section. If the offender elects the course option	2371

and attends and successfully completes the course, the offender	2372
shall be issued written evidence that the offender successfully	2373
completed the course. The offender shall be required to pay the	2374
total amount of the fine established for the violation, but	2375
shall not be required to pay the additional fine of not more	2376
than one hundred dollars, so long as the offender submits to the	2377
court the offender's payment and such written evidence.	2378
Section 2. That existing sections 4511.03, 4511.051,	2379
4511.12, 4511.121, 4511.132, 4511.204, 4511.205, 4511.21,	2380
4511.211, 4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27,	2381
4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34,	2382
4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41,	2383
4511.42, 4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451,	2384
4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59,	2385
4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712,	2386
4511.713, 4511.72, and 4511.73 of the Revised Code are hereby	2387
repealed.	2388
Section 3. The amendments to sections 4511.204 and	2389
4511.205 of the Revised Code by this act are intended to reenact	2390
the amendments to those sections made by Sub. H.B. 606 of the	2391
129th General Assembly that were severed by the Tenth District	2392
Court of Appeals of Ohio in Linndale v. Ohio, 2014-Ohio-4024; 19	2393
N.E.3d 935 (10th Dist.) due to the determination that those	2394
provisions violated the one subject rule established under	2395
Article II, Section 15(D) of the Ohio Constitution.	2396