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A BILL

То	amend sections 1531.01, 1533.01, 1533.10,	1
	1533.101, 1533.102, 1533.103, 1533.11, 1533.111,	2
	1533.13, 1533.32, and 2923.16 and to enact	3
	sections 1533.321 and 1533.38 of the Revised	4
	Code to make changes to the laws governing	5
	hunting and fishing.	6

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

Section 1. That sections 1531.01, 1533.01, 1533.10,	7
1533.101, 1533.102, 1533.103, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.13,	8
1533.32, and 2923.16 be amended and sections 1533.321 and	9
1533.38 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	10
Sec. 1531.01. As used in this chapter and Chapter 1533. of	11
the Revised Code:	12
(A) "Person" means a person as defined in section 1.59 of	13
the Revised Code or a company; an employee, agent, or officer of	14
such a person or company; a combination of individuals; the	15
state; a political subdivision of the state; an interstate body	16

created by a compact; or the federal government or a department, agency, or instrumentality of it.	17 18
(B) "Resident" means any individual who has resided in	19
this state for not less than six months preceding the date of	20
making application for a license or permit.	21
(C) "Nonresident" means any individual who does not qualify as a resident.	22 23
(D) "Division rule" or "rule" means any rule adopted by	24
the chief of the division of wildlife under section 1531.10 of	25
the Revised Code unless the context indicates otherwise.	26
(E) "Closed season" means that period of time during which	27
the taking of wild animals protected by this chapter and Chapter	28
1533. of the Revised Code is prohibited.	29
(F) "Open season" means that period of time during which	30
the taking of wild animals protected by this chapter and Chapter	31
1533. of the Revised Code is permitted.	32
(G) "Take or taking" includes pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, trapping, angling, fishing with a trotline, or netting any clam, mussel, crayfish, aquatic insect, fish, frog, turtle, wild bird, or wild quadruped, and any lesser act, such as wounding, or placing, setting, drawing, or using any other device for killing or capturing any wild animal, whether it results in killing or capturing the animal or not. "Take or taking" includes every attempt to kill or capture and every act of assistance to any other person in killing or capturing or attempting to kill or capture a wild animal.	 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42
(H) "Possession" means both actual and constructive	43

possession and any control of things referred to. 44

(I) "Bag limit" means the number, measurement, or weight
of any kind of crayfish, aquatic insects, fish, frogs, turtles,
wild birds, and wild quadrupeds permitted to be taken.
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(J) "Transport and transportation" means carrying or48moving or causing to be carried or moved.49

(K) "Sell and sale" means barter, exchange, or offer or expose for sale.

(L) "Whole to include part" means that every provision
relating to any wild animal protected by this chapter and
Chapter 1533. of the Revised Code applies to any part of the
wild animal with the same effect as it applies to the whole.

(M) "Angling" means fishing with not more than two hand lines, not more than two units of rod and line, or a combination of not more than one hand line and one rod and line, either in hand or under control at any time while fishing. The hand line or rod and line shall have attached to it not more than three baited hooks, not more than three artificial fly rod lures, or one artificial bait casting lure equipped with not more than three sets of three hooks each.

(N) "Trotline" means a device for catching fish that
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consists of a line having suspended from it, at frequent
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intervals, vertical lines with hooks attached.
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(O) "Fish" means a cold-blooded vertebrate having fins. 67

(P) "Measurement of fish" means length from the end of the nose to the longest tip or end of the tail.

(Q) "Wild birds" includes game birds and nongame birds. 70

(R) "Game" includes game birds, game quadrupeds, and fur-bearing animals.72

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(S) "Game birds" includes mourning doves, ringneck
pheasants, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse,
pinnated grouse, wild turkey, Hungarian partridge, Chukar
partridge, woodcocks, black-breasted plover, golden plover,
Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs,
rail, coots, gallinules, duck, geese, brant, and crows.

(T) "Nongame birds" includes all other wild birds not79included and defined as game birds or migratory game birds.80

(U) "Wild quadrupeds" includes game quadrupeds and furbearing animals.

(V) "Game quadrupeds" includes cottontail rabbits, gray squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, flying squirrels, chipmunks, groundhogs or woodchucks, white-tailed deer, wild boar, elk, and black bears.

(W) "Fur-bearing animals" includes minks, weasels, raccoons, skunks, opossums, muskrats, fox, beavers, badgers, otters, coyotes, and bobcats.

(X) "Wild animals" includes mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic
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insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, wild birds, wild
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quadrupeds, and all other wild mammals, but does not include
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domestic deer.
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(Y) "Hunting" means pursuing, shooting, killing, following 94 after or on the trail of, lying in wait for, shooting at, or 95 wounding wild birds or wild quadrupeds while employing any 96 device commonly used to kill or wound wild birds or wild 97 quadrupeds whether or not the acts result in killing or 98 wounding. "Hunting" includes every attempt to kill or wound and 99 every act of assistance to any other person in killing or 100 wounding or attempting to kill or wound wild birds or wild 101

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quadrupeds.	102
(Z) "Trapping" means securing or attempting to secure	103
possession of a wild bird or wild quadruped by means of setting,	104
placing, drawing, or using any device that is designed to close	105
upon, hold fast, confine, or otherwise capture a wild bird or	106
wild quadruped whether or not the means results in capture.	107
"Trapping" includes every act of assistance to any other person	108
in capturing wild birds or wild quadrupeds by means of the	109
device whether or not the means results in capture.	110
(AA) "Muskrat spear" means any device used in spearing	111
muskrats.	112
(BB) "Channels and passages" means those narrow bodies of	113
water lying between islands or between an island and the	114
mainland in Lake Erie.	115
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(CC) "Island" means a rock or land elevation above the	116
waters of Lake Erie having an area of five or more acres above	117
water.	118
(DD) "Reef" means an elevation of rock, either broken or	119
in place, or gravel shown by the latest United States chart to	120
be above the common level of the surrounding bottom of the lake,	121
other than the rock bottom, or in place forming the base or	122
foundation rock of an island or mainland and sloping from the	123
shore of it. "Reef" also means all elevations shown by that	124
chart to be above the common level of the sloping base or	125
foundation rock of an island or mainland, whether running from	126
the shore of an island or parallel with the contour of the shore	127
of an island or in any other way and whether formed by rock,	128
broken or in place, or from gravel.	129

130 (EE) "Fur farm" means any area used exclusively for

raising fur-bearing animals or in addition thereto used for hunting game, the boundaries of which are plainly marked as such.

(FF) "Waters" includes any lake, pond, reservoir, stream,
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channel, lagoon, or other body of water, or any part thereof,
whether natural or artificial.
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(GG) "Crib" or "car" refers to that particular compartment 137
of the net from which the fish are taken when the net is lifted. 138

139 (HH) "Commercial fish" means those species of fish permitted to be taken, possessed, bought, or sold unless 140 otherwise restricted by the Revised Code or division rule and 141 are alewife (Alosa pseudoharengus), American eel (Anguilla 142 rostrata), bowfin (Amia calva), burbot (Lota lota), carp 143 (Cyprinus carpio), smallmouth buffalo (Ictiobus bubalus), 144 bigmouth buffalo (Ictiobus cyprinellus), black bullhead 145 (Ictalurus melas), yellow bullhead (Ictalurus natalis), brown 146 bullhead (Ictalurus nebulosus), channel catfish (Ictalurus 147 punctatus), flathead catfish (Pylodictis olivaris), whitefish 148 (Coregonus sp.), cisco (Coregonus sp.), freshwater drum or 149 sheepshead (Aplodinotus grunniens), gar (Lepisosteus sp.), 150 gizzard shad (Dorosoma cepedianum), goldfish (Carassius 151 auratus), lake trout (Salvelinus namaycush), mooneye (Hiodon 152 tergisus), quillback (Carpiodes cyprinus), smelt (Allosmerus 153 elongatus, Hypomesus sp., Osmerus sp., Spirinchus sp.), sturgeon 154 (Acipenser sp., Scaphirhynchus sp.), sucker other than buffalo 155 and quillback (Carpiodes sp., Catostomus sp., Hypentelium sp., 156 Minytrema sp., Moxostoma sp.), white bass (Morone chrysops), 157 white perch (Roccus americanus), and yellow perch (Perca 158 flavescens). When the common name of a fish is used in this 159 chapter or Chapter 1533. of the Revised Code, it refers to the 160

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fish designated by the scientific name in this definition.	161
(II) "Fishing" means taking or attempting to take fish by	162
any method, and all other acts such as placing, setting,	163
drawing, or using any device commonly used to take fish whether	164
resulting in a taking or not.	165
(JJ) "Fillet" means the pieces of flesh taken or cut from	166
both sides of a fish, joined to form one piece of flesh.	167
(KK) "Part fillet" means a piece of flesh taken or cut	168
from one side of a fish.	169
(LL) "Round" when used in describing fish means with head	170
and tail intact.	171
(MM) "Migrate" means the transit or movement of fish to or	172
from one place to another as a result of natural forces or	173
instinct and includes, but is not limited to, movement of fish	174
induced or caused by changes in the water flow.	175
(NN) "Spreader bar" means a brail or rigid bar placed	176
across the entire width of the back, at the top and bottom of	177
the cars in all trap, crib, and fyke nets for the purpose of	178
keeping the meshes hanging squarely while the nets are fishing.	179
(OO) "Fishing guide" means any person who, for	180
consideration or hire, operates a boat, rents, leases, or	181
otherwise furnishes angling devices, ice fishing shanties or	182
shelters of any kind, or other fishing equipment, and	183
accompanies, guides, directs, or assists any other person in	184
order for the other person to engage in fishing.	185
(PP) "Net" means fishing devices with meshes composed of	186
twine or synthetic material and includes, but is not limited to,	187

trap nets, fyke nets, crib nets, carp aprons, dip nets, and

seines, except minnow seines and minnow dip nets.

(QQ) "Commercial fishing gear" means seines, trap nets, 190 fyke nets, dip nets, carp aprons, trotlines, other similar gear, 191 and any boat used in conjunction with that gear, but does not 192 include gill nets. 193

(RR) "Native wildlife" means any species of the animal 194 195 kingdom indigenous to this state.

(SS) "Gill net" means a single section of fabric or 196 netting seamed to a float line at the top and a lead line at the 197 bottom, which is designed to entangle fish in the net openings 198 as they swim into it. 199

(TT) "Tag fishing tournament" means a contest in which a 200 participant pays a fee, or gives other valuable consideration, 201 for a chance to win a prize by virtue of catching a tagged or otherwise specifically marked fish within a limited period of time.

(UU) "Tenant" means an individual who resides on land for 205 which the individual pays rent and whose annual income is 206 primarily derived from agricultural production conducted on that 207 land, as "agricultural production" is defined in section 929.01 208 of the Revised Code. 209

(VV) "Nonnative wildlife" means any wild animal not 210 indigenous to this state, but does not include domestic deer. 211

(WW) "Reptiles" includes common musk turtle (sternotherus 212 odoratus), common snapping turtle (Chelydra serpentina 213 serpentina), spotted turtle (Clemmys guttata), eastern box 214 turtle (Terrapene carolina carolina), Blanding's turtle 215 (Emydoidea blandingii), common map turtle (Graptemys 216 217 geographica), ouachita map turtle (Graptemys pseudogeographica

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ouachitensis), midland painted turtle (Chrysemys picta 218 marginata), red-eared slider (Trachemys scripta elegans), 219 eastern spiny softshell turtle (Apalone spinifera spinifera), 220 midland smooth softshell turtle (Apalone mutica mutica), 221 2.2.2 northern fence lizard (Sceloporus undulatus hyacinthinus), ground skink (Scincella lateralis), five-lined skink (Eumeces 223 224 fasciatus), broadhead skink (Eumeces laticeps), northern coal skink (Eumeces anthracinus anthracinus), European wall lizard 225 (Podarcis muralis), queen snake (Regina septemvittata), 226 227 Kirtland's snake (Clonophis kirtlandii), northern water snake (Nerodia sipedon sipedon), Lake Erie watersnake (Nerodia sipedon 228 insularum), copperbelly water snake (Nerodia erythrogaster 229 neglecta), northern brown snake (Storeria dekayi dekayi), 230 midland brown snake (Storeria dekayi wrightorum), northern 231 redbelly snake (Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata), 232 eastern garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis), eastern 233 plains garter snake (Thamnophis radix radix), Butler's garter 234 snake (Thamnophis butleri), shorthead garter snake (Thamnophis 235 brachystoma), eastern ribbon snake (Thamnophis sauritus 236 sauritus), northern ribbon snake (Thamnophis sauritus 237 septentrionalis), eastern hognose snake (Heterodon platirhinos), 238 eastern smooth earth snake (Virginia valeriae valeriae), 239 northern ringneck snake (Diadophis punctatus edwardsii), midwest 240 worm snake (Carphophis amoenus helenae), eastern worm snake 241 (Carphophis amoenus amoenus), black racer (Coluber constrictor 242 constrictor), blue racer (Coluber constrictor foxii), rough 243 green snake (opheodrys aestivus), smooth green snake (opheodrys 244 vernalis vernalis), black rat snake (Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta), 245 eastern fox snake (Elaphe vulpina gloydi), black kingsnake 246 (Lampropeltis getula nigra), eastern milk snake (Lampropeltis 247 triangulum triangulum), northern copperhead (Agkistrodon 248 249 contortrix mokasen), eastern massasauga (Sistrurus catenatus

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catenatus), and timber rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus horridus).	250
(XX) "Amphibians" includes eastern hellbender	251
(Crytpobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis), mudpuppy (Necturus	252
maculosus maculosus), red-spotted newt (Notophthalmus	253
viridescens viridescens), Jefferson salamander (Ambystoma	254
jeffersonianum), spotted salamander (Ambystoma maculatum), blue-	255
spotted salamander (Ambystoma laterale), smallmouth salamander	256
(Ambystoma texanum), streamside salamander (Ambystoma barbouri),	257
marbled salamander (Ambystoma opacum), eastern tiger salamander	258
(Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum), northern dusky salamander	259
(Desmognathus fuscus fuscus), mountain dusky salamander	260
(Desmognathus ochrophaeus), redback salamander (Plethodon	261
cinereus), ravine salamander (Plethodon richmondi), northern	262
slimy salamander (Plethodon glutinosus), Wehrle's salamander	263
(Plethodon wehrlei), four-toed salamander (Hemidactylium	264
scutatum), Kentucky spring salamander (Gyrinophilus	265
porphyriticus duryi), northern spring salamander (Gyrinophilus	266
porphyriticus porphyriticus), mud salamander (Pseudotriton	267
montanus), northern red salamander (Pseudotriton ruber ruber),	268
green salamander (Aneides aeneus), northern two-lined salamander	269
(Eurycea bislineata), longtail salamander (Eurycea longicauda	270
longicauda), cave salamander (Eurycea lucifuga), southern two-	271
lined salamander (Eurycea cirrigera), Fowler's toad (Bufo	272
woodhousii fowleri), American toad (Bufo americanus), eastern	273
spadefoot (Scaphiopus holbrookii), Blanchard's cricket frog	274
(Acris crepitans blanchardi), northern spring peeper (Pseudacris	275
crucifer crucifer), gray treefrog (Hyla versicolor), Cope's gray	276
treefrog (Hyla chrysoscelis), western chorus frog (Pseudacris	277
triseriata triseriata), mountain chorus frog (Pseudacris	278
brachyphona), bullfrog (Rana catesbeiana), green frog (Rana	279
clamitans melanota), northern leopard frog (Rana pipiens),	280

pickerel frog (Rana palustris), southern leopard frog (Rana 281 utricularia), and wood frog (Rana sylvatica). 282 (YY) "Deer" means white-tailed deer (Oddocoileus 283 virginianus). 284 (ZZ) "Domestic deer" means nonnative deer that have been 285 legally acquired or their offspring and that are held in private 286 ownership for primarily agricultural purposes. 287 (AAA) "Migratory game bird" includes waterfowl (Anatidae); 288 doves (Columbidae); cranes (Gruidae); cormorants 289 (Phalacrocoracidea); rails, coots, and gallinules (Rallidae); 290 291 and woodcock and snipe (Scolopacidae). (BBB) "Accompany" means to go along with another person 292 while staying within a distance from the person that enables 293 uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communication. 294 (CCC) "Electric-powered all-purpose All-purpose vehicle" 295 means any battery-powered self-propelled electric-vehicle that 296 is designed primarily for cross-country travel on land, water, 297 or land and water and that is steered by wheels, caterpillar 298 treads, or a combination of wheels and caterpillar treads and 299 includes vehicles that operate on a cushion of air, vehicles 300 commonly known as all-terrain vehicles, all-season vehicles, 301 mini-bikes, and trail bikes. "Electric-powered all-purpose-302 vehicle" does not include a utility vehicle as defined in 303 section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, any vehicle that is 304 principally used in playing golf, any motor vehicle or aircraft 305 that is required to be registered under Chapter 4503. or 4561. 306 of the Revised Code, or any vehicle that is excluded from the 307 definition of "motor vehicle" as provided in division (B) of 308 section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 309

(DDD) "Wholly enclosed preserve" means an area of land 310 that is surrounded by a fence that is at least six feet in 311 height, unless otherwise specified in division rule, and is 312 constructed of a woven wire mesh, or another enclosure that the 313 division of wildlife may approve, where game birds, game 314 quadrupeds, reptiles, amphibians, or fur-bearing animals are 315 316 raised and may be sold under the authority of a commercial 317 propagating license or captive white-tailed deer propagation license obtained under section 1533.71 of the Revised Code. 318

(EEE) "Commercial bird shooting preserve" means an area of 319
land where game birds are released and hunted by shooting as 320
authorized by a commercial bird shooting preserve license 321
obtained under section 1533.72 of the Revised Code. 322

(FFF) "Wild animal hunting preserve" means an area of land 323
where game, captive white-tailed deer, and nonnative wildlife, 324
other than game birds, are released and hunted as authorized by 325
a wild animal hunting preserve license obtained under section 326
1533.721 of the Revised Code. 327

(GGG) "Captive white-tailed deer" means legally acquired 328
deer that are held in private ownership at a facility licensed 329
under section 943.03 or 943.031 of the Revised Code and under 330
section 1533.71 or 1533.721 of the Revised Code. 331

(HHH) "Lake Erie sport fishing district" means the Ohio332waters of Lake Erie and its embayments, including Maumee bay,333Sandusky bay, East Harbor, Middle Harbor, West Harbor, and the334entire length of all tributaries or to the first dam or335designated landmark as follows:336

<u>Vermilion river - state route 2 bridge</u>

<u> Black river - state route 611 bridge</u>

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<u>Rocky river - Detroit road bridge</u>	339
<u>Cuyahoga river - Harvard road bridge</u>	340
<u>Euclid creek - state route 283 bridge</u>	341
<u>Chagrin river - state route 283 bridge</u>	342
<u>Arcola creek - United States route 20 bridge</u>	343
<u>Wheeler creek - United States route 20 bridge</u>	344
<u>Cowles creek - United States route 20 bridge</u>	345
<u>Indian creek - United States route 20 bridge</u>	346
<u>Grand river - state route 535 bridge</u>	347
<u>Conneaut creek - Main street bridge, downtown Conneaut</u>	348
<u>Ashtabula river - east 24th street bridge</u>	349
Sec. 1533.01. As used in this chapter, "person,"	350
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"resident," "nonresident," "division rule," "rule," "closed season," "open season," "take or taking," "possession," "bag	351 352
"resident," "nonresident," "division rule," "rule," "closed season," "open season," "take or taking," "possession," "bag limit," "transport and transportation," "sell and sale," "whole	351 352 353
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"wild animal hunting preserve," and "captive white-tailed deer_" 366 and "Lake Erie sport fishing district" have the same meanings as 367 in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code. 368 Sec. 1533.10. (A) Except as provided in this section or 369 division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 or section 1533.73 or 370 1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt any wild bird 371 or wild quadruped without a hunting license. Each day that any 372 person hunts within the state without procuring such a license 373 constitutes a separate offense. 374 (B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, 375 division (A) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, or in rules 376 adopted under division (B) of that section, each applicant for a 377 hunting license shall pay an annual fee for each annual license 378 in accordance with the following schedule: 379 Hunting license - resident \$18.00 380 Hunting license - nonresident, and not a resident of a 381 reciprocal state, all ages 18 and older \$174.00 382 Hunting license - nonresident, but is a resident of a 383 reciprocal state, all ages 18 and older \$18.00 384 \$18.00 Apprentice hunting license - resident 385 386 Apprentice hunting license - nonresident, and not a resident of a reciprocal state \$174.00 387 Apprentice hunting license - nonresident, but is a 388 resident of a reciprocal state \$18.00 389 Youth hunting license - resident and nonresident \$9.00 390 Apprentice youth hunting license - resident \$9.00 391

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Senior hunting license - resident	\$9.00	392
Apprentice senior hunting license - resident	\$9.00	393
(2) Apprentice resident hunting licenses, apprent	ice youth	394
hunting licenses, apprentice senior hunting licenses,	and	395
apprentice nonresident hunting licenses are subject to	the	396
requirements established under section 1533.102 of the	Revised	397
Code and rules adopted under it.		398
(3) As used in division (B)(1) of this section:		399
(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the a	ge of	400
eighteen years at the time of application for a permit		401
(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six	years of	402
age or older at the time of application for a permit.		403
(c) "Reciprocal state" means a state that is a pa	rty to an	404
agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code.		405
(C) A resident of this state who owns lands in th	e state	406
and the owner's children of any age and grandchildren	under	407
eighteen years of age may hunt on the lands without a	hunting	408
license. A resident of any other state who owns real p	roperty in	409
this state, and the spouse and children living with th	e property	410
owner, may hunt on that property without a license, pr	ovided	411
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limited liability company or a limited liability partn	ership	416
that consists of three or fewer individual members or	partners,	417
as applicable, an individual member or partner who is	a resident	418
of this state and the member's or partner's children o	f any age	419
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land owned by the limited liability company or limited liability 421 partnership without a hunting license. In addition, if the owner 422 of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or 423 fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee 424 or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the 425 individual's children of any age and grandchildren under 426 eighteen years of age may hunt on the land owned by the trust 427 without a hunting license. The tenant and children of the 428 tenant, residing on lands in the state, may hunt on them without 429 a hunting license. 430

(D) The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a 431 small game hunting license expiring three days from the 432 effective date of the license to a nonresident of the state, the 433 fee for which shall be thirty-nine dollars. No person shall take 434 or possess deer, wild turkeys, fur-bearing animals, ducks, 435 geese, brant, or any nongame animal while possessing only a 436 small game hunting license. A small game hunting license or an 437 apprentice nonresident hunting license does not authorize the 438 taking or possessing of ducks, geese, or brant without having 439 obtained, in addition to the small game hunting license or the 440 apprentice nonresident hunting license, a wetlands habitat stamp 441 as provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code. A small 442 game hunting license or an apprentice nonresident hunting 443 license does not authorize the taking or possessing of deer, 444 wild turkeys, or fur-bearing animals. A nonresident of the state 445 who wishes to take or possess deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing 446 animals in this state shall procure, respectively, a deer or 447 wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised 448 Code or a fur taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of 449 the Revised Code in addition to a nonresident hunting license, 450 an apprentice nonresident hunting license, a special youth 451

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applicable, as provided in this section. 453 (E) No person shall procure or attempt to procure a 454 hunting license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any 455 false statement. 456 (F)(1) This section does not authorize the taking and 457 possessing of deer or wild turkeys without first having 458 obtained, in addition to the hunting license required by this 459 section, a deer or wild turkey permit as provided in section 460 1533.11 of the Revised Code or the taking and possessing of 461 ducks, geese, or brant without first having obtained, in 462 addition to the hunting license required by this section, a 463 wetlands habitat stamp as provided in section 1533.112 of the 464 Revised Code. 465 (2) This section does not authorize the hunting or 466 trapping of fur-bearing animals without first having obtained, 467 in addition to a hunting license required by this section, a fur 468 taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of the Revised 469

hunting license, or an apprentice youth hunting license, as

(G) (1) No hunting license shall be issued unless it is
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accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section
1533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation,
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including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that
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may be imposed.

(2) No hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting
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license, shall be issued unless the applicant presents to the
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upon completion of a hunter education and conservation course481approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training in482content and manner approved by the chief. A previously held483apprentice hunting license does not satisfy the requirement484concerning the presentation of a previously held hunting license485or evidence of it.486

(3) No person shall issue a hunting license, except an 487 apprentice hunting license, to any person who fails to present 488 the evidence required by this section. No person shall purchase 489 490 or obtain a hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting license, without presenting to the issuing agent the evidence 491 required by this section. Issuance of a hunting license in 492 violation of the requirements of this section is an offense by 493 both the purchaser of the illegally obtained hunting license and 494 the clerk or agent who issued the hunting license. Any hunting 495 license issued in violation of this section is void. 496

(H) The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, 497 shall adopt rules prescribing a hunter education and 498 conservation course for first-time hunting license buyers, other 499 than buyers of apprentice hunting licenses, and for volunteer 500 instructors. The course shall consist of subjects including, but 501 502 not limited to, hunter safety and health, use of hunting implements, hunting tradition and ethics, the hunter and 503 conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code 504 along with the penalty for its violation, including a 505 description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be 506 imposed, and other law relating to hunting. Authorized personnel 507 of the division or volunteer instructors approved by the chief 508 shall conduct such courses with such frequency and at such 509 locations throughout the state as to reasonably meet the needs 510 of license applicants. The chief shall issue a certificate of 511

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completion to each person who successfully completes the course 512 and passes an examination prescribed by the chief. 513 **Sec. 1533.101.** Any person who has been issued a current 514 hunting or fishing license, a nonresident Lake Erie sport 515 fishing district permit, a wetlands habitat stamp, a deer or 516 wild turkey permit, or a fur taker permit for the current-517 license, stamp, or permit year or for the license, stamp, or 518 permit year next preceding the current such year pursuant to 519 this chapter, and if the license, stamp, or permit has been and 520 <u>has lost, or destroyed the license, stamp, or permit</u>, or had the 521 license, stamp, or permit stolen, may be issued a reissued 522 hunting or fishing license, wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild 523 turkey permit, or fur taker reissued such license, stamp, or 524 permit. The person shall file with the clerk of the court of 525 common pleas an application in affidavit form or, if the chief 526 of the division of wildlife authorizes it, apply for a reissued 527 license, stamp, or permit to an authorized agent designated by 528 the chief, and pay a fee for each license, stamp, or permit of 529 four dollars. The clerk or agent shall administer the oath to 530 the applicant, issue a reissued license, stamp, or permit that 531 shall allow the applicant to hunt, fish, or trap, as applicable, 532 and send a copy of the reissued license, stamp, or permit to the 533 division of wildlife. 534

All moneys received as fees for the issuance of reissued535licenses, stamps, or permits shall be transmitted to the536director of natural resources to be paid into the state treasury537to the credit of the funds to which the fees for the original538licenses, stamps, and permits were credited.539

No person shall knowingly or willfully secure, attempt to 540 secure, or use a reissued hunting or fishing license, wetlands 541

habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit542to which the person is not entitled. No person shall knowingly543or willfully issue a reissued hunting or fishing license,544wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker545permit under this section to any person who is not entitled to546receive and use such a reissued license, stamp, or permit.547

Sec. 1533.102. The chief of the division of wildlife may 548 adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code that the 549 chief considers to be necessary to administer the issuance of 550 apprentice hunting licenses and apprentice fur taker permits 551 under sections 1533.10 and 1533.111 of the Revised Code, 552 respectively, and their use, except that the rules shall not 553 establish fee amounts for those licenses and permits that differ 554 from the fee amounts established in those sections, as 555 556 applicable.

Unless otherwise provided by division rule, an apprentice557license or permit is valid beginning on the first day of March558and ending at midnight on the last day of February of the559following year. No person shall purchase more than three560apprentice hunting licenses of any type or more than three561apprentice fur taker permits of any type.562

Any type of apprentice hunting license authorizes the 563 holder of such a license to hunt only while accompanied by 564 another person who is twenty-one years of age or older and who 565 possesses a valid hunting license. Any type of apprentice fur 566 taker permit authorizes the holder of such a permit to hunt or 567 trap fur-bearing animals only while accompanied by another 568 person who is twenty-one years of age or older and who possesses 569 a valid fur taker permit. No holder of a valid hunting license 570 or fur taker permit shall accompany more than two holders of any 571 type of apprentice hunting license or apprentice fur taker572permit at one time.573

Sec. 1533.103. The chief of the division of wildlife shall 574 adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code that are 575 necessary to administer the issuance of permits for the use of 576 electric-powered-all-purpose vehicles or motor vehicles by 577 persons with mobility impairments to hunt wild quadrupeds or 578 game birds in public wildlife and private areas. The rules shall 579 establish eligibility requirements, an application procedure, 580 the duration of a permit, identification and designation of 581 public wildlife and private areas in which electric powered all-582 purpose vehicles or motor vehicles may be used by permit 583 holders, and any other procedures and requirements governing the 584 permits that the chief determines are necessary. The chief shall 585 not charge a fee for the issuance of a permit under this 586 section. 587

Sec. 1533.11. (A) (1) Except as provided in this section or 588 section 1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt deer 589 on lands of another without first obtaining an annual deer 590 permit. Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt 591 wild turkeys on lands of another without first obtaining an 592 annual wild turkey permit. Except as provided in division (A) (2) 593 of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, a <u>A</u> deer or wild turkey 594 permit shall run concurrently with the hunting license is valid 595 during the hunting license year in which the permit is 596 purchased. Except as provided in rules adopted under division 597 (B) of that section, each applicant for a deer or wild turkey 598 permit shall pay an annual fee for each permit in accordance 599 with the following schedule: 600

Deer permit - resident

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Deer permit – nonresident, all ages	\$74.00	602
Youth deer permit - resident	\$11.50	603
Senior deer permit - resident	\$11.50	604
Wild turkey permit - resident	\$23.00	605
Wild turkey permit - nonresident, all ages	\$28.00	606
Youth wild turkey permit - resident	\$11.50	607
Senior wild turkey permit - resident	\$11.50	608
(2) As used in division (A)(1) of this section:		609
(a) "Resident" means an individual who has resided	l in this	610
state for not less than six months preceding the date of	f making	611
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permit and exhibit it to any enforcement officer so requesting.628Failure to so carry and exhibit such a permit constitutes an629offense under this section.630

(5) The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any
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additional rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this
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section and section 1533.10 of the Revised Code.
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(6) An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner 634 who is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 635 1533.10 of the Revised Code and the children of the owner of 636 lands in this state may hunt deer or wild turkey thereon without 637 a deer or wild turkey permit. If the owner of land in this state 638 is a limited liability company or a limited liability 639 partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members 640 or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who 641 is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's 642 children of any age may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land 643 owned by the limited liability company or limited liability 644 partnership without a deer or wild turkey permit. In addition, 645 if the owner of land in this state is a trust that has a total 646 of three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who 647 is a trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state 648 and the individual's children of any age may hunt deer or wild 649 turkey on the land owned by the trust without a deer or wild 650 turkey permit. The tenant and children of the tenant may hunt 651 deer or wild turkey on lands where they reside without a deer or 652 wild turkey permit. 653

(B) A deer or wild turkey permit is not transferable. No person shall carry a deer or wild turkey permit issued in the name of another person.

(C) The wildlife refunds fund is hereby created in the

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state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from658application fees for deer permits that are not issued. Money in659the fund shall be used to make refunds of such application fees.660

(D) If the division establishes a system for the
electronic submission of information regarding deer or wild
turkey that are taken, the division shall allow the owner and
the children of the owner of lands in this state to use the
owner's name or address for purposes of submitting that
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information electronically via that system.

Sec. 1533.111. Except as provided in this section or 667 division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no 668 person shall hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on land of another 669 without first obtaining some type of an annual fur taker permit. 670 Each applicant for a fur taker permit or an apprentice fur taker 671 permit shall pay an annual fee of fourteen dollars for the 672 permit, except as otherwise provided in this section or unless 673 the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the 674 Revised Code provide for issuance of a fur taker permit to the 675 applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted 676 under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a 677 678 resident of this state and who at the time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a special senior 679 fur taker permit or an apprentice senior fur taker permit, the 680 fee for which shall be one-half of the regular fur taker permit 681 fee. Each applicant under the age of eighteen years shall 682 procure a special youth fur taker permit or an apprentice youth 683 fur taker permit, the fee for which shall be one-half of the 684 regular fur taker permit fee. Each type of fur taker permit 685 shall run concurrently with is valid during the hunting license 686 year in which the permit is purchased. The money received shall 687 be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund 688

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established in section 1533.15 of the Revised Code. Apprentice689fur taker permits and apprentice youth fur taker permits are690subject to the requirements established under section 1533.102691of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to it.692

No fur taker permit shall be issued unless it is693accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section6941533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation,695including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that696may be imposed.697

No fur taker permit, other than an apprentice fur taker 698 permit or an apprentice youth fur taker permit, shall be issued 699 unless the applicant presents to the agent authorized to issue a 700 fur taker permit a previously held hunting license or trapping 701 or fur taker permit or evidence of having held such a license or 702 permit in content and manner approved by the chief of the 703 division of wildlife, a certificate of completion issued upon 704 completion of a trapper education course approved by the chief, 705 or evidence of equivalent training in content and manner 706 approved by the chief. A previously held apprentice hunting 707 708 license, apprentice fur taker permit, or apprentice youth fur taker permit does not satisfy the requirement concerning the 709 presentation of a previously held hunting license or fur taker 710 permit or evidence of such a license or permit. 711

No person shall issue a fur taker permit, other than an712apprentice fur taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker713permit, to any person who fails to present the evidence required714by this section. No person shall purchase or obtain a fur taker715permit, other than an apprentice fur taker permit or an716apprentice youth fur taker permit, without presenting to the717issuing agent the evidence required by this section. Issuance of718

a fur taker permit in violation of the requirements of this719section is an offense by both the purchaser of the illegally720obtained permit and the clerk or agent who issued the permit.721Any fur taker permit issued in violation of this section is722void.723

The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall 724 adopt rules prescribing a trapper education course for first-725 time fur taker permit buyers, other than buyers of apprentice 726 fur taker permits or apprentice youth fur taker permits, and for 727 volunteer instructors. The course shall consist of subjects that 728 729 include, but are not limited to, trapping techniques, animal habits and identification, trapping tradition and ethics, the 730 trapper and conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the 731 Revised Code along with the penalty for its violation, including 732 a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be 733 imposed, and other law relating to trapping. Authorized 734 personnel of the division of wildlife or volunteer instructors 735 approved by the chief shall conduct the courses with such 736 frequency and at such locations throughout the state as to 737 reasonably meet the needs of permit applicants. The chief shall 738 issue a certificate of completion to each person who 739 successfully completes the course and passes an examination 740 prescribed by the chief. 741

Every person, while hunting or trapping fur-bearing742animals on lands of another, shall carry the person's fur taker743permit with the person's signature written on the permit.744Failure to carry such a signed permit constitutes an offense745under this section. The chief shall adopt any additional rules746the chief considers necessary to carry out this section.747

An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner who

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is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 1533.10 749 of the Revised Code and the children of the owner of lands in 750 this state may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals thereon without 751 a fur taker permit. If the owner of land in this state is a 752 limited liability company or a limited liability partnership 753 that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, 754 as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident 755 of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age 756 may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on the land owned by the 757 limited liability company or limited liability partnership 758 without a fur taker permit. In addition, if the owner of land in 759 this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer 760 trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or 761 beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the 762 individual's children of any age may hunt or trap fur-bearing 763 animals on the land owned by the trust without a fur taker 764 permit. The tenant and children of the tenant may hunt or trap 765 fur-bearing animals on lands where they reside without a fur 766 taker permit. 767

A fur taker permit is not transferable. No person shall 768 carry a fur taker permit issued in the name of another person. 769

A fur taker permit entitles a nonresident to take from770this state fur-bearing animals taken and possessed by the771nonresident as provided by law or division rule.772

Sec. 1533.13. Hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands 773 habitat stamps, deer and wild turkey permits, fur taker permits, 774 and any other licenses, permits, or stamps that are required 775 under this chapter or Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code and any 776 reissued license, permit, or stamp may be issued by the clerk of 777 the court of common pleas, village clerks, township fiscal 778

officers, and other authorized agents designated by the chief of779the division of wildlife. When required by the chief, a clerk,780fiscal officer, or other agent shall give bond in the manner781provided by the chief. All bonds, reports, except records782prescribed by the auditor of state, and moneys received by those783persons shall be handled under rules adopted by the director of784natural resources.785

The premium of any bond prescribed by the chief under this 786 section may be paid by the chief. Any person who is designated 787 and authorized by the chief to issue licenses, stamps, and 788 permits as provided in this section, except the clerk of the 789 court of common pleas, a village clerk, and a township fiscal 790 officer, shall pay to the chief a premium in an amount that 791 represents the person's portion of the premium paid by the chief 792 under this section, which amount shall be established by the 793 chief and approved by the wildlife council created under section 794 1531.03 of the Revised Code. The chief shall pay all moneys that 795 the chief receives as premiums under this section into the state 796 treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund created under 797 section 1531.17 of the Revised Code. 798

Every authorized agent, for the purpose of issuing hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands habitat stamps, deer and wild turkey permits, and fur taker permits, may administer oaths to and take affidavits from applicants for the licenses, stamps, or permits when required. An authorized agent may appoint deputies to perform any acts that the agent is authorized to perform, consistent with division rules.

Every applicant for a hunting or fishing license, wetlands806habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit,807unless otherwise provided by division rule, shall provide the808

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applicant's name, date of birth, weight, height, and place of 809 residence and any other information that the chief may require. 810 The clerk, fiscal officer, or other agent authorized to issue 811 licenses, stamps, and permits shall charge each applicant a fee 812 of one dollar or four per cent of the cost of the license, 813 stamp, or permit, whichever is greater, for taking the 814 information provided by the applicant and issuing the license, 815 stamp, or permit. The application, license, stamp, permit, and 816 other blanks required by this section shall be prepared and 817 furnished by the chief, in the form the chief provides, to the 818 clerk, fiscal officer, or other agent authorized to issue them. 819 The licenses and permits shall be issued to applicants by the 820 clerk, fiscal officer, or other agent. The record of licenses 821 and permits kept by the clerks, fiscal officers, and other 822 agents shall be uniform throughout the state and in the form or 823 manner as the auditor of state prescribes and shall be open at 824 all reasonable hours to the inspection of any person. Unless 825 otherwise provided by division rule, each <u>annual hunting</u> 826 license, deer or wild turkey permit, and fur taker permit issued 827 shall remain in force until midnight of the thirty-first day of 828 August next ensuing the first day of March. Application for any 829 such license or permit may be made and a license or permit 830 issued prior to the date upon which it becomes effective. 831

The chief may require an applicant who wishes to purchase 832 a license, stamp, or permit by mail or telephone or via the 833 internet to pay a nominal fee for postage and handling and 834 credit card transactions. 835

The court before whom a violator of any laws or division836rules for the protection of wild animals is tried, as a part of837the punishment, shall revoke the license, stamp, or permit of838any person convicted. The license, stamp, or permit fee paid by839

that person shall not be returned to the person. The person840shall not procure or use any other license, stamp, or permit or841engage in hunting wild animals or trapping fur-bearing animals842during the period of revocation as ordered by the court.843

No person under sixteen years of age shall engage in 844 hunting unless accompanied by the person's parent or another 845 adult person. 846

Sec. 1533.32. (A) Except as provided in this section or 847 division (A)(2) or (C) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code<u>or</u> 848 as exempted at the discretion of the chief of the division of 849 wildlife, no person, including nonresidents, shall take or catch 850 any fish by angling in any of the waters in the state or engage 851 in fishing in those waters without a license. No person shall 852 take or catch frogs or turtles without a valid fishing license, 853 except as provided in this section. Persons fishing in privately 854 owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs to or from which fish are not 855 accustomed to migrate are exempt from the license requirements 856 set forth in this section. Persons fishing in privately owned 857 858 ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that are open to public fishing 8.59 through an agreement or lease with the division of wildlife 860 shall comply with the license requirements set forth in this 861 section.

(B) (1) The fee for an annual license shall be forty-nine 862 dollars for a resident of a state that is not a party to an 863 agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for 864 an annual license shall be eighteen dollars for a resident of a 865 state that is a party to such an agreement. The fee for an 866 annual license for residents of this state shall be eighteen 867 dollars unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 868 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a resident 869

fishing license to the applicant free of charge. Except as870provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section,871each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the872time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall873procure a special senior fishing license, the fee for which874shall be one-half of the annual resident fishing license fee.875

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(C) (1) The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a 879 tourist's license expiring three days from the effective date of 880 the license to a resident of a state that is not a party to an 881 agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for 882 a tourist's license shall be eighteen dollars. 883

(2) The chief shall adopt rules under section 1531.10 of 884 the Revised Code providing for the issuance of a one-day fishing 885 license to a resident of this state or of any other state. The 886 fee for such a license shall be fifty-five per cent of the 887 amount established under this section for a tourist's license, 888 rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. A one-day fishing 889 license shall allow the holder to take or catch fish by angling 890 in the waters in the state, engage in fishing in those waters, 891 or take or catch frogs or turtles in those waters for one day 892 without obtaining an annual license or a tourist's license under 893 this section. At the request of a holder of a one-day fishing 894 license who wishes to obtain an annual license, a clerk or agent 895 authorized to issue licenses under section 1533.13 of the 896 Revised Code, not later than the last day on which the one-day 897 license would be valid if it were an annual license, shall 898 credit the amount of the fee paid for the one-day license toward 899

the fee charged for the annual license if so authorized by the900chief. The clerk or agent shall issue the annual license upon901presentation of the one-day license and payment of a fee in an902amount equal to the difference between the fee for the annual903license and the fee for the one-day license.904

(3)Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each905annual license shall begin on the first day of March of the906current year date of issuance and expire on the last day of907February of the following a year from the date of issuance.908

(4) Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each909multi-year license issued in accordance with section 1533.321 of910the Revised Code shall begin on the date of issuance and expire911three years, five years, or ten years from the date of issuance,912as applicable.913

(5) No person shall alter a fishing license or possess a fishing license that has been altered.

(6) No person shall procure or attempt to procure a 916 fishing license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any 917 false statement. 918

(7) A resident of this state who owns land over, through, 919 upon, or along which any water flows or stands, except where the 920 land is in or borders on state parks or state-owned lakes, 921 together with the members of the immediate families of such 922 owners, may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of 923 the kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without 924 procuring a license provided for in this section. This exemption 925 extends to tenants actually residing upon such lands and to the 926 members of the immediate families of the tenants. A resident of 927 any other state who owns land in this state over, through, upon, 928

or along which any water flows or stands, except where the land 929 is in or borders on state parks or state-owned lakes, and the 930 spouse and children living with the owner, may take frogs and 931 turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be 932 taken or caught from that water without obtaining a license 933 under this section, provided that the state of residence of the 934 owner allows residents of this state owning real property in 935 that state, and the spouse and children living with such a 936 property owner, to take frogs and turtles and take or catch fish 937 without a license. If the owner of such land in this state is a 938 limited liability company or a limited liability partnership 939 that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners, 940 as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident 941 of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age 942 may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the 943 kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring 944 a license provided for in this section. In addition, if the 945 owner of such land in this state is a trust that has a total of 946 three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is 947 a trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and 948 the individual's children of any age may take frogs and turtles 949 and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be taken or 950 caught therefrom without procuring a license provided for in 951 this section. Residents of state or county institutions, 952 charitable institutions, and military homes in this state may 953 take frogs and turtles without procuring the required license, 954 provided that a member of the institution or home has an 955 identification card, which shall be carried on that person when 956 fishing. 957

(8) Every fisher required to be licensed, while fishing or 958 taking or attempting to take frogs or turtles, shall carry the 959

license and exhibit it to any person. Failure to so carry and	960
exhibit the license constitutes an offense under this section.	961
Sec. 1533.321. (A) The chief of the division of wildlife_	962
may issue any of the following:	963
(1) Multi-year hunting or fishing licenses for three-,	964
five-, or ten-year terms to a resident of this state;	965
(2) Lifetime hunting or fishing licenses to a resident of	966
this state;	967
(3) A package consisting of any combination of license,	968
stamp, or permit that the chief is authorized to issue under	969
this chapter.	970
(B) The chief may adopt rules in accordance with section	971
1531.10 of the Revised Code governing multi-year hunting and	972
fishing licenses, lifetime hunting and fishing licenses, and	973
combination packages, including rules establishing fees for the	974
combination packages. The chief shall ensure that the price for	975
a combination package is not discounted by more than five per	976
cent of the total fees for the licenses, permits, or stamps that	977
a person would otherwise pay for those licenses, permits, or	978
stamps if the person purchased them individually.	979
(C)(1) The multi-year and lifetime license fund is hereby	980
created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money	981
received from application fees for multi-year and lifetime	982
hunting and fishing licenses.	983
(2) Each fiscal year, a prorated amount of the money from	984
each multi-year and lifetime license fee shall be transferred	985
from the multi-year and lifetime license fund to the fund into	986
which the applicable single year license fee would otherwise be	987
deposited. The prorated amount shall equal the total amount of	988

the fee charged for the license divided by the number of years	989
the license is valid. The chief shall adopt rules in accordance	
with section 1531.10 of the Revised Code for the administration	
of this division, including establishing a system that prorates	
lifetime license fees for deposit each year into the wildlife	
fund created in section 1531.17 of the Revised Code.	
(3) Each fiscal year, all previous year's investment	995
earnings from the multi-year and lifetime license fund shall be	
transferred into the wildlife fund created in section 1531.17 of	
the Revised Code.	998
(D)(1) Each applicant for a multi-year or lifetime fishing	999
license who is a resident of this state shall pay a fee for each	1000
license in accordance with the following schedule:	1001
Senior 3-year fishing license \$27.50	1002
Senior 5-year fishing license \$45.75	1003
Senior lifetime fishing license \$81.00	1004
3-year fishing license \$52.00	1005
5-year fishing license \$86.75	1006
10-year fishing license \$173.50	1007
Lifetime fishing license \$450.00	1008
Youth lifetime fishing license \$414.00	1009
(2) As used in division (D)(1) of this section:	1010
(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of	1011
sixteen years at the time of application for a permit.	1012
(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of	1013
age or older at the time of application for a permit.	

(E)(1) Each applicant for a multi-year or lifetime hunting		1015
license who is a resident of this state shall pay a fee for each		1016
license in accordance with the following	schedule:	1017
Senior 3-year hunting license	\$27.50	1018
Senior 5-year hunting license	\$45.7 <u>5</u>	1019
Senior lifetime hunting license	\$81.00	1020
Youth 3-year hunting license	\$27.50	1021
Youth 5-year hunting license	\$45.75	1022
Youth 10-year hunting license	\$91.50	1023
Youth lifetime hunting license	\$414.00	1024
3-year hunting license	\$52.00	1025
5-year hunting license	\$86.75	1026
10-year hunting license	\$173.50	1027
Lifetime hunting license	\$450.00	1028
(2) As used in division (E)(1) of this section:		
(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the age of		
eighteen years at the time of application for a permit.		1031
(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six years of		
age or older at the time of application for a permit.		1033
(F) If a person who is issued a multi-year hunting or		
fishing license or lifetime hunting or fishing license in		1035
accordance with division (A) of this section subsequently		1036
becomes a nonresident after issuance of the license, the		1037
person's license remains valid in this state during its term,		1038
regardless of residency status.		1039
Sec. 1533.38. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this	1040	
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section, no nonresident shall take fish from the Lake Erie sport	1041	
fishing district between the first day of January and the last	1042	
day of April each year without first obtaining a nonresident	1043	
Lake Erie sport fishing district permit.	1044	
<u>(B) Each applicant for a nonresident Lake Erie sport</u>	1045	
fishing district permit shall pay an annual fee of ten dollars	1045	
for each permit. All money derived from the permit shall be	1047	
deposited into the wildlife fund created in section 1531.17 of	1048	
the Revised Code and shall be appropriated exclusively for the	1049	
following purposes:	1050	
(1) For the protection, propagation, preservation, and	1051	
stocking of fish in Lake Erie;	1052	
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(2) For the securing of more public fishing water access	1053	
including leasing, purchasing, or otherwise acquiring stream	1054	
banks, bottoms, and marginal strips, headwaters, and other	1055	
suitable public fishing grounds in the Lake Erie sport fishing	1056	
district as authorized under section 1531.06 of the Revised	1057	
Code;	1058	
(3) For the cooperation with other agencies, as provided	1059	
in section 1501.02 of the Revised Code, to assist in the	1060	
prevention, control, and management of injurious aquatic	1061	
invasive species in Lake Erie;	1062	
(4) For other practical fish management work in Lake Erie,	1063	
including biological investigations;	1064	
(5) For promoting educational and research activities,	1065	
other methods of fish propagation and fish culture, and other	1066	
proper conservation activities in Lake Erie.	1067	
(C) The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any	1068	

rules in accordance with section 1531.10 of the Revised Code 1069 that the chief considers necessary to implement this section. 1070 Sec. 2923.16. (A) No person shall knowingly discharge a 1071 firearm while in or on a motor vehicle. 1072 (B) No person shall knowingly transport or have a loaded 1073 firearm in a motor vehicle in such a manner that the firearm is 1074 accessible to the operator or any passenger without leaving the 1075 vehicle. 1076 1077 (C) No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm in a motor vehicle, unless the person may lawfully possess that 1078 firearm under applicable law of this state or the United States, 1079 the firearm is unloaded, and the firearm is carried in one of 1080 1081 the following ways: (1) In a closed package, box, or case; 1082 (2) In a compartment that can be reached only by leaving 1083 the vehicle; 1084 1085 (3) In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made 1086 for the purpose; (4) If the firearm is at least twenty-four inches in 1087 overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the 1088 stock furthest from the muzzle and if the barrel is at least 1089 eighteen inches in length, either in plain sight with the action 1090

open or the weapon stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on 1091 which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be 1092 stripped, in plain sight. 1093 (D) No person shall knowingly transport or have a loaded 1094

handgun in a motor vehicle if, at the time of that 1095 transportation or possession, any of the following applies: 1096

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(1) The person is under the influence of alcohol, a drugof abuse, or a combination of them.

(2) The person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, 1099 breath, or urine contains a concentration of alcohol, a listed 1100 controlled substance, or a listed metabolite of a controlled 1101 substance prohibited for persons operating a vehicle, as 1102 specified in division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised 1103 Code, regardless of whether the person at the time of the 1104 transportation or possession as described in this division is 1105 the operator of or a passenger in the motor vehicle. 1106

(E) No person who has been issued a concealed handgun 1107 license or who is an active duty member of the armed forces of 1108 the United States and is carrying a valid military 1109 identification card and documentation of successful completion 1110 of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training 1111 requirements described in division (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of 1112 the Revised Code, who is the driver or an occupant of a motor 1113 vehicle that is stopped as a result of a traffic stop or a stop 1114 for another law enforcement purpose or is the driver or an 1115 occupant of a commercial motor vehicle that is stopped by an 1116 employee of the motor carrier enforcement unit for the purposes 1117 defined in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code, and who is 1118 transporting or has a loaded handgun in the motor vehicle or 1119 commercial motor vehicle in any manner, shall do any of the 1120 1121 following:

(1) Fail to promptly inform any law enforcement officer
who approaches the vehicle while stopped that the person has
been issued a concealed handgun license or is authorized to
carry a concealed handgun as an active duty member of the armed
forces of the United States and that the person then possesses

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or has a loaded handgun in the motor vehicle;

(2) Fail to promptly inform the employee of the unit who
approaches the vehicle while stopped that the person has been
issued a concealed handgun license or is authorized to carry a
concealed handgun as an active duty member of the armed forces
of the United States and that the person then possesses or has a
loaded handgun in the commercial motor vehicle;

(3) Knowingly fail to remain in the motor vehicle while
stopped or knowingly fail to keep the person's hands in plain
sight at any time after any law enforcement officer begins
approaching the person while stopped and before the law
enforcement officer leaves, unless the failure is pursuant to
and in accordance with directions given by a law enforcement
officer;

(4) Knowingly have contact with the loaded handgun by
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touching it with the person's hands or fingers in the motor
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vehicle at any time after the law enforcement officer begins
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approaching and before the law enforcement officer leaves,
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unless the person has contact with the loaded handgun pursuant
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to and in accordance with directions given by the law
enforcement officer;

(5) Knowingly disregard or fail to comply with any lawful
order of any law enforcement officer given while the motor
vehicle is stopped, including, but not limited to, a specific
order to the person to keep the person's hands in plain sight.

(F) (1) Divisions (A), (B), (C), and (E) of this section donot apply to any of the following:1153

(a) An officer, agent, or employee of this or any otherstate or the United States, or a law enforcement officer, when1155

authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in1156motor vehicles and acting within the scope of the officer's,1157agent's, or employee's duties;1158

(b) Any person who is employed in this state, who is 1159 authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in 1160 motor vehicles, and who is subject to and in compliance with the 1161 requirements of section 109.801 of the Revised Code, unless the 1162 appointing authority of the person has expressly specified that 1163 the exemption provided in division (F)(1)(b) of this section 1164 does not apply to the person. 1165

(2) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a 1166person if all of the following circumstances apply: 1167

(a) The person discharges a firearm from a motor vehicle
at a coyote or groundhog, the discharge is not during the deer
gun hunting season as set by the chief of the division of
wildlife of the department of natural resources, and the
discharge at the coyote or groundhog, but for the operation of
this section, is lawful.

(b) The motor vehicle from which the person discharges the
firearm is on real property that is located in an unincorporated
area of a township and that either is zoned for agriculture or
is used for agriculture.

(c) The person owns the real property described in 1178 division (F)(2)(b) of this section, is the spouse or a child of 1179 another person who owns that real property, is a tenant of 1180 another person who owns that real property, or is the spouse or 1181 a child of a tenant of another person who owns that real 1182 property. 1183

(d) The person does not discharge the firearm in any of 1184

the following manners: 1185 (i) While under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, 1186 or alcohol and a drug of abuse; 1187 (ii) In the direction of a street, highway, or other 1188 public or private property used by the public for vehicular 1189 traffic or parking; 1190 (iii) At or into an occupied structure that is a permanent 1191 or temporary habitation; 1192 (iv) In the commission of any violation of law, including, 1193 but not limited to, a felony that includes, as an essential 1194 element, purposely or knowingly causing or attempting to cause 1195 the death of or physical harm to another and that was committed 1196 by discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle. 1197 (3) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a 1198 person if all of the following apply: 1199 (a) The person possesses a valid electric-powered-all-1200 purpose vehicle permit issued under section 1533.103 of the 1201 Revised Code by the chief of the division of wildlife. 1202 (b) The person discharges a firearm at a wild quadruped or 1203 game bird as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code 1204 during the open hunting season for the applicable wild quadruped 1205 or game bird. 1206 1207 (c) The person discharges a firearm from a stationary electric-powered all-purpose vehicle as defined in section 1208 1531.01 of the Revised Code from private or publicly owned lands 1209 or from a motor vehicle that is parked on a road that is owned 1210 or administered by the division of wildlife, provided that the 1211

road is identified by an electric-powered all-purpose vehicle 1212

sign.

(d) The person does not discharge the firearm in any of 1214 the following manners: 1215 (i) While under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, 1216 or alcohol and a drug of abuse; 1217 (ii) In the direction of a street, a highway, or other 1218 public or private property that is used by the public for 1219 vehicular traffic or parking; 1220 (iii) At or into an occupied structure that is a permanent 1221 1222 or temporary habitation; (iv) In the commission of any violation of law, including, 1223 but not limited to, a felony that includes, as an essential 1224 element, purposely or knowingly causing or attempting to cause 1225 the death of or physical harm to another and that was committed 1226 by discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle. 1227 (4) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section do not apply to 1228 a person if all of the following circumstances apply: 1229 (a) At the time of the alleged violation of either of 1230 1231 those divisions, the person is the operator of or a passenger in a motor vehicle. 1232 (b) The motor vehicle is on real property that is located 1233 in an unincorporated area of a township and that either is zoned 1234 1235 for agriculture or is used for agriculture. (c) The person owns the real property described in 1236 division (D)(4)(b) of this section, is the spouse or a child of 1237 another person who owns that real property, is a tenant of 1238 another person who owns that real property, or is the spouse or 1239

a child of a tenant of another person who owns that real

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property.	1241
(d) The person, prior to arriving at the real property	1242
described in division (D)(4)(b) of this section, did not	1243
transport or possess a firearm in the motor vehicle in a manner	1244
prohibited by division (B) or (C) of this section while the	1245
motor vehicle was being operated on a street, highway, or other	1246
public or private property used by the public for vehicular	1247
traffic or parking.	1248
(5) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section do not apply to	1249
a person who transports or possesses a handgun in a motor	1250
vehicle if, at the time of that transportation or possession,	1251
both of the following apply:	1252
(a) The person transporting or possessing the handgun is	1253
either carrying a valid concealed handgun license or is an	1254
active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and	1255
is carrying a valid military identification card and	1256
documentation of successful completion of firearms training that	1257
meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division	1258
(G)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code.	1259
(b) The person transporting or possessing the handgun is	1260
not knowingly in a place described in division (B) of section	1261
2923.126 of the Revised Code.	1262
(6) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section do not apply to	1263
a person if all of the following apply:	1264
(a) The person possesses a valid electric-powered- all-	1265
purpose vehicle permit issued under section 1533.103 of the	1266
Revised Code by the chief of the division of wildlife.	1267
(b) The person is on or in an electric-powered all-purpose	1268
vehicle as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code or a	1269

(c) The person is on or in an electric-powered all-purpose 1272
vehicle as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code on 1273
private or publicly owned lands or on or in a motor vehicle that 1274
is parked on a road that is owned or administered by the 1275
division of wildlife, provided that the road is identified by an 1276
electric powered all purpose vehicle sign. 1277

(7) Nothing in this section prohibits or restricts a 1278 person from possessing, storing, or leaving a firearm in a 1279 locked motor vehicle that is parked in the state underground 1280 parking garage at the state capitol building or in the parking 1281 garage at the Riffe center for government and the arts in 1282 Columbus, if the person's transportation and possession of the 1283 firearm in the motor vehicle while traveling to the premises or 1284 facility was not in violation of division (A), (B), (C), (D), or 1285 (E) of this section or any other provision of the Revised Code. 1286

(G) (1) The affirmative defenses authorized in divisions
(D) (1) and (2) of section 2923.12 of the Revised Code are
affirmative defenses to a charge under division (B) or (C) of
this section that involves a firearm other than a handgun.

1291 (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under division (B) or (C) of this section of improperly handling 1292 firearms in a motor vehicle that the actor transported or had 1293 the firearm in the motor vehicle for any lawful purpose and 1294 while the motor vehicle was on the actor's own property, 1295 provided that this affirmative defense is not available unless 1296 the person, immediately prior to arriving at the actor's own 1297 property, did not transport or possess the firearm in a motor 1298 vehicle in a manner prohibited by division (B) or (C) of this 1299 section while the motor vehicle was being operated on a street, 1300 highway, or other public or private property used by the public 1301 for vehicular traffic. 1302

(H) (1) No person who is charged with a violation of
division (B), (C), or (D) of this section shall be required to
obtain a concealed handgun license as a condition for the
dismissal of the charge.

(2) (a) If a person is convicted of, was convicted of, 1307 pleads guilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of 1308 division (E) of this section as it existed prior to September 1309 30, 2011, and if the conduct that was the basis of the violation 1310 no longer would be a violation of division (E) of this section 1311 on or after September 30, 2011, the person may file an 1312 application under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code requesting 1313 the expungement of the record of conviction. 1314

If a person is convicted of, was convicted of, pleads 1315 quilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B) 1316 or (C) of this section as the division existed prior to 1317 September 30, 2011, and if the conduct that was the basis of the 1318 violation no longer would be a violation of division (B) or (C) 1319 of this section on or after September 30, 2011, due to the 1320 application of division (F)(5) of this section as it exists on 1321 and after September 30, 2011, the person may file an application 1322 under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code requesting the 1323 expungement of the record of conviction. 1324

(b) The attorney general shall develop a public media
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advisory that summarizes the expungement procedure established
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under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code and the offenders
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identified in division (H) (2) (a) of this section who are
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authorized to apply for the expungement. Within thirty days
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after September 30, 2011, the attorney general shall provide a1330copy of the advisory to each daily newspaper published in this1331state and each television station that broadcasts in this state.1332The attorney general may provide the advisory in a tangible1333form, an electronic form, or in both tangible and electronic1334forms.1335

(I) Whoever violates this section is guilty of improperly 1336 handling firearms in a motor vehicle. Violation of division (A) 1337 of this section is a felony of the fourth degree. Violation of 1338 division (C) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth 1339 degree. A violation of division (D) of this section is a felony 1340 of the fifth degree or, if the loaded handgun is concealed on 1341 the person's person, a felony of the fourth degree. Except as 1342 otherwise provided in this division, a violation of division (E) 1343 (1) or (2) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, 1344 and, in addition to any other penalty or sanction imposed for 1345 the violation, the offender's concealed handgun license shall be 1346 suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the 1347 Revised Code. If at the time of the stop of the offender for a 1348 traffic stop, for another law enforcement purpose, or for a 1349 purpose defined in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code that was 1350 the basis of the violation any law enforcement officer involved 1351 with the stop or the employee of the motor carrier enforcement 1352 unit who made the stop had actual knowledge of the offender's 1353 status as a licensee, a violation of division (E)(1) or (2) of 1354 this section is a minor misdemeanor, and the offender's 1355 concealed handgun license shall not be suspended pursuant to 1356 division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code. A 1357 violation of division (E)(4) of this section is a felony of the 1358 fifth degree. A violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of this 1359 section is a misdemeanor of the first degree or, if the offender 1360

previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 1361 violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of this section, a felony of 1362 the fifth degree. In addition to any other penalty or sanction 1363 imposed for a misdemeanor violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of 1364 this section, the offender's concealed handgun license shall be 1365 suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the 1366 Revised Code. A violation of division (B) of this section is a 1367 felony of the fourth degree. 1368

(J) If a law enforcement officer stops a motor vehicle for 1369 a traffic stop or any other purpose, if any person in the motor 1370 vehicle surrenders a firearm to the officer, either voluntarily 1371 or pursuant to a request or demand of the officer, and if the 1372 officer does not charge the person with a violation of this 1373 section or arrest the person for any offense, the person is not 1374 otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm, and the 1375 firearm is not contraband, the officer shall return the firearm 1376 to the person at the termination of the stop. If a court orders 1377 a law enforcement officer to return a firearm to a person 1378 pursuant to the requirement set forth in this division, division 1379 (B) of section 2923.163 of the Revised Code applies. 1380

(K) As used in this section:

(1) "Motor vehicle," "street," and "highway" have the same 1382meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code. 1383

(2) "Occupied structure" has the same meaning as in1384section 2909.01 of the Revised Code.1385

(3) "Agriculture" has the same meaning as in section1386519.01 of the Revised Code.1387

(4) "Tenant" has the same meaning as in section 1531.01 of 1388the Revised Code. 1389

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(5) (a) "Unloaded" means, with respect to a firearm other
than a firearm described in division (K) (6) of this section,
that no ammunition is in the firearm in question, no magazine or
speed loader containing ammunition is inserted into the firearm
in question, and one of the following applies:

(i) There is no ammunition in a magazine or speed loaderthat is in the vehicle in question and that may be used with thefirearm in question.

(ii) Any magazine or speed loader that contains ammunition
and that may be used with the firearm in question is stored in a
compartment within the vehicle in question that cannot be
accessed without leaving the vehicle or is stored in a container
that provides complete and separate enclosure.

(b) For the purposes of division (K) (5) (a) (ii) of this
section, a "container that provides complete and separate
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enclosure" includes, but is not limited to, any of the
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following:

(i) A package, box, or case with multiple compartments, as 1407 long as the loaded magazine or speed loader and the firearm in 1408 1409 question either are in separate compartments within the package, box, or case, or, if they are in the same compartment, the 1410 1411 magazine or speed loader is contained within a separate enclosure in that compartment that does not contain the firearm 1412 and that closes using a snap, button, buckle, zipper, hook and 1413 loop closing mechanism, or other fastener that must be opened to 1414 access the contents or the firearm is contained within a 1415 separate enclosure of that nature in that compartment that does 1416 not contain the magazine or speed loader; 1417

(ii) A pocket or other enclosure on the person of the

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person in question that closes using a snap, button, buckle,1419zipper, hook and loop closing mechanism, or other fastener that1420must be opened to access the contents.1421

(c) For the purposes of divisions (K) (5) (a) and (b) of
this section, ammunition held in stripper-clips or in en-bloc
clips is not considered ammunition that is loaded into a
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magazine or speed loader.

(6) "Unloaded" means, with respect to a firearm employing
a percussion cap, flintlock, or other obsolete ignition system,
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when the weapon is uncapped or when the priming charge is
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removed from the pan.

(7) "Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as indivision (A) of section 4506.25 of the Revised Code.1431

(8) "Motor carrier enforcement unit" means the motor
carrier enforcement unit in the department of public safety,
division of state highway patrol, that is created by section
5503.34 of the Revised Code.

(L) Divisions (K) (5) (a) and (b) of this section do not 1436 affect the authority of a person who is carrying a valid 1437 concealed handgun license to have one or more magazines or speed 1438 loaders containing ammunition anywhere in a vehicle, without 1439 being transported as described in those divisions, as long as no 1440 ammunition is in a firearm, other than a handgun, in the vehicle 1441 other than as permitted under any other provision of this 1442 chapter. A person who is carrying a valid concealed handgun 1443 license may have one or more magazines or speed loaders 1444 containing ammunition anywhere in a vehicle without further 1445 restriction, as long as no ammunition is in a firearm, other 1446 than a handgun, in the vehicle other than as permitted under any 1447 provision of this chapter.

Section 2. That existing sections 1531.01, 1533.01,	1449
1533.10, 1533.101, 1533.102, 1533.103, 1533.11, 1533.111,	1450
1533.13, 1533.32, and 2923.16 of the Revised Code are hereby	1451
repealed.	1452