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A BILL

To amend sections 1547.30, 4585.31, 4585.32, 1
4585.33, and 4585.34; to amend, for the purpose 2
of adopting new section numbers as indicated in 3
parentheses, sections 4585.31 (1547.306), 4
4585.32 (1547.307), 4585.33 (1547.308), and 5
4585.34 (1547.309); and to enact sections 6
1547.305 and 1547.58 of the Revised Code to 7
alter the process by which a person may obtain 8
title to a watercraft vessel or outboard motor 9
that has been left on the person's property. 10

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

Section 1. That sections 1547.30, 4585.31, 4585.32, 11
4585.33, and 4585.34 be amended; sections 4585.31 (1547.306), 12
4585.32 (1547.307), 4585.33 (1547.308), and 4585.34 (1547.309) 13
be amended for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as 14
indicated in parentheses; and sections 1547.305 and 1547.58 of 15
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 16

Sec. 1547.30. (A) As used in this section and sections 17
1547.301, and 1547.302, ~~and 1547.304~~ of the Revised Code: 18

(1) "Vessel or outboard motor" excludes an abandoned junk 19
vessel or outboard motor, as defined in section 1547.303 of the 20
Revised Code, or any ~~watercraft~~ vessel or outboard motor under 21
section ~~4585.31~~ 1547.305 or 1547.306 of the Revised Code. 22

(2) "Law enforcement agency" means any organization or 23
unit comprised of law enforcement officers, as defined in 24
section 2901.01 of the Revised Code. 25

(B) (1) The sheriff of a county, chief of police of a 26
municipal corporation, township, township police district, or 27
joint police district, or other chief of a law enforcement 28
agency, within the sheriff's or chief's respective territorial 29
jurisdiction, upon complaint of any person adversely affected, 30
may order into storage any vessel or outboard motor that has 31
been left on private property, other than a private dock or 32
mooring facility or structure, for at least seventy-two hours 33
without the permission of the person having the right to the 34
possession of the property. The sheriff or chief, upon complaint 35
of the owner of a marine repair facility or place of storage, 36
may order into storage any vessel or outboard motor that has 37
been left at the facility or place of storage for a longer 38
period than that agreed upon. The place of storage shall be 39
designated by the sheriff or chief. When ordering a vessel or 40
motor into storage under division (B) (1) of this section, a 41
sheriff or chief, whenever possible, shall arrange for the 42
removal of the vessel or motor by a private tow truck operator 43
or towing company. 44

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (B) (2) (d) of this 45
section, no person, without the consent of the owner or other 46

person authorized to give consent, shall moor, anchor, or tie a 47
vessel or outboard motor at a private dock or mooring facility 48
or structure owned by another person if the owner has posted, in 49
a conspicuous manner, a prohibition against the mooring, 50
anchoring, or tying of vessels or outboard motors at the dock, 51
facility, or structure by any person not having the consent of 52
the owner or other person authorized to give consent. 53

(b) If the owner of a private dock or mooring facility or 54
structure has posted at the dock, facility, or structure, in a 55
conspicuous manner, conditions and regulations under which the 56
mooring, anchoring, or tying of vessels or outboard motors is 57
permitted at the dock, facility, or structure, no person, except 58
as provided in division (B)(2)(d) of this section, shall moor, 59
anchor, or tie a vessel or outboard motor at the dock, facility, 60
or structure in violation of the posted conditions and 61
regulations. 62

(c) The owner of a private dock or mooring facility or 63
structure may order towed into storage any vessel or outboard 64
motor found moored, anchored, or tied in violation of division 65
(B)(2)(a) or (b) of this section, provided that the owner of the 66
dock, facility, or structure posts on it a sign that states that 67
the dock, facility, or structure is private, is visible from all 68
entrances to the dock, facility, or structure, and contains all 69
of the following information: 70

(i) The information specified in division (B)(2)(a) or (b) 71
of this section, as applicable; 72

(ii) A notice that violators will be towed and that 73
violators are responsible for paying the cost of the towing; 74

(iii) The telephone number of the person from whom a towed 75

vessel or outboard motor may be recovered, and the address of 76
the place to which the vessel or outboard motor will be taken 77
and the place from which it may be recovered. 78

(d) Divisions (B) (2) (a) and (b) of this section do not 79
prohibit a person from mooring, anchoring, or tying a vessel or 80
outboard motor at a private dock or mooring facility or 81
structure if either of the following applies: 82

(i) The vessel or outboard motor is disabled due to a 83
mechanical or structural malfunction, provided that the person 84
immediately removes the vessel or outboard motor from the dock, 85
facility, or structure when the malfunction is corrected or when 86
a reasonable attempt has been made to correct it; 87

(ii) Weather conditions are creating an imminent threat to 88
safe operation of the vessel or outboard motor, provided that 89
the person immediately removes the vessel or outboard motor from 90
the dock, facility, or structure when the weather conditions 91
permit safe operation of the vessel or outboard motor. 92

(e) A person whose vessel or outboard motor is towed into 93
storage under division (B) (2) (c) of this section either shall 94
pay the costs of the towing of the vessel or outboard motor or 95
shall reimburse the owner of the dock or mooring facility or 96
structure for the costs that the owner incurs in towing the 97
vessel or outboard motor. 98

(3) Subject to division (C) of this section, the owner of 99
a vessel or motor that has been removed under division (B) of 100
this section may recover the vessel or motor only in accordance 101
with division (F) of this section. 102

(C) If the owner or operator of a vessel or outboard motor 103
that has been ordered into storage under division (B) of this 104

section arrives after the vessel or motor has been prepared for 105
removal, but prior to its actual removal from the property, the 106
owner or operator shall be given the opportunity to pay a fee of 107
not more than one-half of the charge for the removal of vessels 108
or motors under division (B) of this section that normally is 109
assessed by the person who has prepared the vessel or motor for 110
removal, in order to obtain release of the vessel or motor. Upon 111
payment of that fee, the vessel or motor shall be released to 112
the owner or operator, and upon its release, the owner or 113
operator immediately shall move it so that it is not on the 114
private property without the permission of the person having the 115
right to possession of the property, or is not at the facility 116
or place of storage without the permission of the owner, 117
whichever is applicable. 118

(D) Each county sheriff, each chief of police of a 119
municipal corporation, township, township police district, or 120
joint police district, and each other chief of a law enforcement 121
agency shall maintain a record of vessels or outboard motors 122
that are ordered into storage under division (B)(1) of this 123
section. The record shall include an entry for each such vessel 124
or motor that identifies the vessel's hull identification number 125
or serial number, if any, the vessel's or motor's make, model, 126
and color, the location from which it was removed, the date and 127
time of its removal, the telephone number of the person from 128
whom it may be recovered, and the address of the place to which 129
it has been taken and from which it may be recovered. Any 130
information in the record that pertains to a particular vessel 131
or motor shall be provided to any person who, pursuant to a 132
statement the person makes either in person or by telephone, is 133
identified as the owner or operator of the vessel or motor and 134
requests information pertaining to its location. 135

(E) Any person who registers a complaint that is the basis 136
of a sheriff's or chief's order for the removal and storage of a 137
vessel or outboard motor under division (B) (1) of this section 138
shall provide the identity of the law enforcement agency with 139
which the complaint was registered to any person who, pursuant 140
to a statement the person makes, is identified as the owner or 141
operator of the vessel or motor and requests information 142
pertaining to its location. 143

(F) (1) The owner of a vessel or outboard motor that is 144
ordered into storage under division (B) of this section may 145
reclaim it upon payment of any expenses or charges incurred in 146
its removal, in an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars, and 147
storage, in an amount not to exceed five dollars per twenty- 148
four-hour period, and upon presentation of proof of ownership, 149
which may be evidenced by a certificate of title to the vessel 150
or motor, certificate of United States coast guard 151
documentation, or certificate of registration if the vessel or 152
motor is not subject to titling under section 1548.01 of the 153
Revised Code. 154

(2) If a vessel or outboard motor that is ordered into 155
storage under division (B) (1) of this section remains unclaimed 156
by the owner for thirty days, the procedures established by 157
sections 1547.301 and 1547.302 of the Revised Code shall apply. 158

(3) If a vessel or outboard motor ordered into storage 159
under division (B) (2) of this section remains unclaimed for 160
seventy-two hours after being stored, the tow truck operator or 161
towing company that removed the vessel or outboard motor shall 162
provide notice of the removal and storage to the sheriff of a 163
county, chief of police of a municipal corporation, township, 164
township police district, or joint police district, or other 165

chief of a law enforcement agency within whose territorial 166
jurisdiction the vessel or outboard motor had been moored, 167
anchored, or tied in violation of division (B) (2) of this 168
section. The notice shall be in writing and include the vessel's 169
hull identification number or serial number, if any, the 170
vessel's or outboard motor's make, model, and color, the 171
location from which it was removed, the date and time of its 172
removal, the telephone number of the person from whom it may be 173
recovered, and the address of the place to which it has been 174
taken and from which it may be recovered. 175

Upon receipt of the notice, the sheriff or chief 176
immediately shall cause a search to be made of the records of 177
the division of parks and watercraft to ascertain the owner and 178
any lienholder of the vessel or outboard motor, and, if known, 179
shall send notice to the owner and lienholder, if any, at the 180
owner's and lienholder's last known address by certified mail, 181
return receipt requested, that the vessel or outboard motor will 182
be declared a nuisance and disposed of if not claimed not later 183
than thirty days after the date of the mailing of the notice. 184

If the owner or lienholder makes no claim to the vessel or 185
outboard motor within thirty days of the date of the mailing of 186
the notice, the sheriff or chief shall file with the clerk of 187
courts of the county in which the place of storage is located an 188
affidavit showing compliance with the requirements of division 189
(F) (3) of this section, and the vessel or outboard motor shall 190
be disposed of in accordance with section 1547.302 of the 191
Revised Code. 192

(G) No person shall remove, or cause the removal of, any 193
vessel or outboard motor from private property other than in 194
accordance with division (B) of this section or section 1547.301 195

of the Revised Code. 196

Sec. 1547.305. (A) In lieu of the processes set forth in 197
sections 1547.30 to 1547.303 of the Revised Code, a person may 198
obtain a certificate of title to a vessel or outboard motor of 199
another if all of the following apply: 200

(1) The person requests a watercraft dealer certified in 201
accordance with section 1547.543 of the Revised Code or an 202
independent marine surveyor and appraiser to appraise the vessel 203
or outboard motor and secures written confirmation that the fair 204
market value of the vessel or outboard motor is less than ten 205
thousand dollars. 206

(2) The vessel or outboard motor has been left unclaimed 207
on the person's property for twenty days or more without 208
permission prior to the provision of notice under division (A) 209
(4) of this section and the person does not have a valid storage 210
or repair contract with the owner or lienholder of the vessel or 211
outboard motor. 212

(3) Prior to sending a notice under division (A) (4) of 213
this section, the person causes a search to be made of the 214
records of both of the following to identify any owner or 215
lienholder of the vessel or outboard motor: 216

(a) The division of parks and watercraft in the department 217
of natural resources or, if it is known or should be known that 218
the vessel was last registered in another state, that state's 219
database in which vessel records are kept; 220

(b) The United States coast guard vessel documentation 221
database. 222

(4) The person sends notice by certified mail, return 223
receipt requested, to the last known address of any owner and 224

any lienholder of the vessel or outboard motor. The person shall 225
include both of the following in the notice: 226

(a) A statement that the vessel or outboard motor must be 227
removed from the property within ten days after receiving the 228
notice; 229

(b) A statement that informs the recipient of the vessel 230
or outboard motor's location. 231

(5) The person either received the signed receipt from the 232
certified mail or was notified that the delivery of the 233
certified mail was not possible. 234

(6) The vessel or outboard motor continues to remain 235
unclaimed for more than ten days after the date that the 236
required notice was received by the owner or lienholder, as 237
evidenced by a signed receipt, or the date that the person was 238
notified that the delivery was not possible. If a lienholder 239
does not claim the vessel or outboard motor within that ten-day 240
period, the lienholder's lien is invalid. 241

(7) The person that mailed the notice under division (A) 242
(4) of this section executes an affidavit, in a form established 243
by the director of natural resources by rule adopted under 244
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, affirming that all of the 245
requirements of this section necessary to authorize the issuance 246
of a certificate of title for the vessel or outboard motor have 247
been met. The person shall include all of the following in the 248
affidavit: 249

(a) A statement of the length of time that the vessel or 250
outboard motor remained unclaimed prior to sending the notice 251
under division (A) (4) of this section; 252

(b) A statement that the person does not have a valid 253

storage or repair contract with the owner or lienholder of the 254
vessel or outboard motor; 255

(c) A statement that, prior to sending a notice under 256
division (A) (4) of this section, a search of the records of the 257
department of natural resources was made to identify any owner 258
or lienholder of the vessel or outboard motor; 259

(d) A statement that the notice to remove the vessel or 260
outboard motor was mailed to any owner and any lienholder by 261
certified mail, return receipt requested, under division (A) (4) 262
of this section; 263

(e) A statement that the vessel or outboard motor remains 264
unclaimed for more than ten days after the date that the 265
required notice was received by the owner or lienholder, as 266
evidenced by a signed receipt, or the date that the person was 267
notified that the delivery was not possible; 268

(f) A statement that the vessel or outboard motor remains 269
unclaimed at the time the affidavit is presented under division 270
(C) of this section; 271

(g) A statement that the vessel or outboard motor's fair 272
market value is less than ten thousand dollars after appraisal 273
by a watercraft dealer certified in accordance with section 274
1547.543 of the Revised Code or an independent marine surveyor 275
and appraiser. The person shall include with the affidavit the 276
written confirmation secured under division (A) (1) of this 277
section. 278

(B) The clerk of courts shall issue a certificate of 279
title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to a person 280
that presents an affidavit that complies with all of the 281
requirements of division (A) of this section. 282

(C) (1) A person that owns property where a vessel or 283
outboard motor has been left unclaimed may bring a civil action 284
in a court of common pleas or other court of competent 285
jurisdiction against the owner of the vessel or outboard motor 286
to recover the costs of storing or removing the vessel or 287
outboard motor if both of the following apply: 288

(a) The vessel or outboard motor has been left unclaimed 289
on the person's property for twenty days or more prior to the 290
provision of notice under division (A) (4) of this section. 291

(b) The person does not have a valid storage or repair 292
contract with the owner of the vessel or outboard motor. 293

(2) A person that owns property where a vessel or outboard 294
motor has been left unclaimed may have the vessel or outboard 295
motor impounded until the costs of storing the vessel or 296
outboard motor have been paid or until the clerk of courts 297
issues the property owner a certificate of title under division 298
(B) of this section if all of the following apply: 299

(a) The vessel or outboard motor has been left unclaimed 300
on the person's property for twenty days or more prior to the 301
provision of notice under division (A) (4) of this section. 302

(b) The property owner sends notice in accordance with 303
division (A) (4) of this section to any owner and any lienholder 304
of the vessel or outboard motor. 305

(c) The person does not have a valid storage or repair 306
contract with the owner of the vessel or outboard motor. 307

Sec. ~~4585.31-1547.306~~. (A) As used in sections ~~4585.31-~~ 308
~~1547.307~~ to ~~4585.34-1547.309~~ of the Revised Code, "owner of any 309
property" or "owner of the property owner" means an owner, 310
lessee, or other person entitled to possession of the property. 311

~~The owner of any property on which a watercraft~~ (B) In 312
lieu of the processes set forth in sections 1547.30 to 1547.303 313
of the Revised Code, a property owner may sell a vessel or 314
outboard motor ~~valued at less than~~ public auction and recover 315
the property owner's maintenance or repair charges, including 316
parts and labor charges and dockage or storage charges, if all 317
of the following conditions are met: 318

(1) The property owner requests a watercraft dealer 319
certified in accordance with section 1547.543 of the Revised 320
Code or an independent marine surveyor and appraiser to appraise 321
the vessel or outboard motor and secures written confirmation 322
that the fair market value of the vessel or outboard motor is 323
ten thousand dollars or more. 324

(2) The vessel or outboard motor has been left unclaimed 325
on the property owner's property for ~~six months~~ twenty days or 326
more without permission may sell the watercraft or motor at 327
public auction and recover the owner's maintenance or repair 328
charges, including parts and labor charges and dockage or 329
storage charges, if all of the following conditions are met: 330

~~(A) The owner of the property applies for a search of the~~ 331
~~records of the division of parks and watercraft in the~~ 332
~~department of natural resources for the name and address of the~~ 333
~~owner of the watercraft or motor and for a search for any lien~~ 334
~~or mortgage thereon.~~ 335

~~(B) Upon receiving the results of the searches, the owner~~ 336
~~of the property prior to the provision of notice under division~~ 337
(B) (4) of this section and the property owner does not have a 338
valid storage or repair contract with the owner or lienholder of 339
the vessel or outboard motor. 340

(3) Prior to sending a notice under division (B)(4) of 341
this section, the person causes a search to be made of the 342
records of both of the following to identify any owner or 343
lienholder of the vessel or outboard motor: 344

(a) The division of parks and watercraft in the department 345
of natural resources or, if it is known or should be known that 346
the vessel was last registered in another state, that state's 347
database in which vessel records are kept; 348

(b) The United States coast guard vessel documentation 349
database. 350

(4) The property owner sends notice by certified mail, 351
return receipt requested, to:— 352

~~(1) The the last known address of the any owner of the~~ 353
~~watercraft or motor, to remove the watercraft or motor;~~ 354

~~(2) Any and any lienholder or mortgagee, stating where the~~ 355
~~watercraft or motor is located and of the vessel or outboard~~ 356
motor. The person shall include all of the following in the 357
notice: 358

(a) A statement that the vessel or outboard motor must be 359
removed from the property within ten days after receiving the 360
notice; 361

(b) A statement that informs the recipient of the vessel 362
or outboard motor's location; 363

(c) A statement that informs the recipient of any 364
maintenance or repair charges, including parts and labor charges 365
and dockage or storage charges. ~~Unless~~ 366

(5) The property owner either received the signed receipt 367
from the certified mail or was notified that the delivery of the 368

certified mail was not possible. 369

(6) The vessel or outboard motor continues to remain 370
unclaimed for more than ten days after the date that the 371
required notice was received by the owner or lienholder, as 372
evidenced by a signed receipt, or the date that the person was 373
notified that the delivery was not possible. If the lienholder 374
~~or mortgagee redeems the watercraft does not claim the vessel or~~ 375
~~outboard motor within forty five days after the return receipt~~ 376
~~is received by the sender, the that ten-day period, the~~ 377
~~lienholder's lien or mortgage is invalid. The lienholder or~~ 378
~~mortgagee may, to the extent of the lienholder's or mortgagee's~~ 379
previously secured interest, assert a claim for any amount 380
deposited in the county treasury for the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or 381
outboard motor pursuant to section ~~4585.33-1547.308~~ of the 382
Revised Code. 383

~~(C) The watercraft or motor remains unredeemed by the~~ 384
~~owner, lienholder, or mortgagee for forty five days after the~~ 385
~~return receipts are recovered by the sender.~~ 386

~~(D) The owner of the property requests a watercraft dealer~~ 387
~~certified in accordance with section 1547.543 of the Revised~~ 388
~~Code or an independent marine surveyor and appraiser to appraise~~ 389
~~the watercraft or motor and secures written confirmation that~~ 390
~~the fair market value of the watercraft or motor is less than~~ 391
~~ten thousand dollars.~~ 392

~~(E) (7) The owner of the property owner~~ 393
~~advertises that~~ 394
~~the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or ~~outboard~~ motor will be sold at public~~ 395
~~auction. The advertisement of sale property owner shall be~~ 396
~~published publish the advertisement of sale once a week for two~~ 397
~~consecutive weeks in the auction section of a newspaper of~~ 397
~~general circulation in the county where the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or~~ 398

outboard motor has been left without permission. The 399
~~advertisement~~ property owner shall include in the advertisement 400
a description of the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or outboard motor, the 401
name of the owner, and the date, time, and place of the sale. 402

~~(F) An auction sale is conducted~~ (C) If a property owner 403
satisfies the conditions specified in division (B) of this 404
section, the property owner may conduct an auction sale on the 405
property where the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or outboard motor was left 406
~~without permission of the owner of the property~~, at which the 407
highest bidder is the purchaser of the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or 408
outboard motor. The ~~owner of the property~~ owner shall provide a 409
reasonable period of time prior to the sale for prospective 410
purchasers to examine the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or outboard motor. 411
The ~~owner of the property~~ owner may bid at the sale. 412

~~(G)~~ (D) Immediately after the auction sale, the ~~owner of~~ 413
~~the property~~ executes owner shall execute an affidavit in 414
triplicate, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and 415
provided by the clerk of courts, stating: 416

(1) That the requirements of this section have been met; 417

(2) The length of time that the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or 418
outboard motor was left on the owner's property without 419
permission, as of the date of the auction sale; 420

(3) The expenses incurred by the ~~owner of the property~~ 421
owner in connection with the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or outboard motor 422
as of the date of the auction sale, including the expenses of 423
conducting the sale and, if the property is operated as a place 424
of storage for charge, any accrued dockage or storage charges 425
and any maintenance or repair charges, including parts and labor 426
charges; 427

(4) The name and address of the purchaser of the watercraft vessel or outboard motor at the auction sale and the amount of the purchaser's bid.

~~(H)~~ (E) Upon payment of the bid price by the purchaser, the ~~owner of the property presents~~ owner shall present the affidavit in triplicate required by division ~~(G)~~ (D) of this section, the written confirmation of value required by division ~~(D)~~ (B) (1) of this section, and the return receipts required by division (B) (6) of this section to the purchaser of the watercraft vessel or outboard motor.

Sec. ~~4585.32~~ 1547.307. The purchaser of any watercraft vessel or outboard motor at an auction sale held pursuant to section ~~4585.31~~ 1547.306 of the Revised Code may obtain a certificate of title to the watercraft vessel or outboard motor, free of all liens, mortgages, and other encumbrances, if the purchaser presents the affidavit in triplicate, written confirmation of value, and return receipts obtained in accordance with division (H) of section ~~4585.31~~ 1547.306 of the Revised Code to the clerk of courts of the county in which the auction sale was held. The clerk shall issue the certificate of title upon presentation of such documentation and payment of the fee prescribed in section 1548.10 of the Revised Code. The clerk shall retain one copy of the affidavit and shall mail one copy to the county treasurer and one copy to the chief of the division of parks and watercraft in the department of natural resources.

Sec. ~~4585.33~~ 1547.308. ~~The owner of any~~ A property owner who sells a watercraft vessel or outboard motor in accordance with section ~~4585.31~~ 1547.306 of the Revised Code shall pay the money received from the purchaser of the watercraft vessel or

outboard motor, less the maintenance or repair charges and 458
dockage or storage charges listed in accordance with division 459
(G) (3) of section ~~4585.31~~ 1547.306 of the Revised Code, to the 460
county treasurer, who shall deposit the net amount into the 461
county treasury. Such amount shall be paid to the owner of the 462
~~watercraft vessel~~ or motor or to any lienholder ~~or mortgagee~~ 463
whose lien ~~or mortgage~~ was invalidated pursuant to division (B) 464
(2) of section ~~4585.31~~ 1547.306 of the Revised Code, if the 465
owner, or lienholder, ~~or mortgagee~~ asserts a claim for the 466
amount within one year after it is deposited in the treasury. If 467
the owner, or lienholder, ~~or mortgagee~~ does not assert a claim 468
for the amount within one year, the county auditor shall 469
transfer the unclaimed funds, or remainder of the unclaimed 470
funds, to the county general fund. 471

Sec. ~~4585.34~~ 1547.309. A purchaser in good faith of any 472
~~watercraft vessel~~ or outboard motor sold at public auction 473
pursuant to sections ~~4585.31~~ 1547.306 to ~~4585.33~~ 1547.308 of the 474
Revised Code obtains the ~~watercraft vessel~~ or outboard motor free 475
of any rights of the owner or any lienholder ~~or mortgagee~~, 476
despite noncompliance by the ~~owner of the property~~ owner with 477
the requirements of sections ~~4585.31~~ 1547.306 to ~~4585.33~~ 478
1547.308 of the Revised Code. The ~~owner of the property~~ owner is 479
liable for damages caused by ~~his~~ the owner's failure to comply 480
with sections ~~4585.31~~ 1547.306 to ~~4585.33~~ 1547.308 of the 481
Revised Code. 482

Sec. 1547.58. When the chief of the division of parks and 483
watercraft issues a registration certificate under section 484
1547.54 of the Revised Code, the chief also shall provide to the 485
owner of the registered watercraft a disclosure statement 486
regarding the requirements and procedures established under 487
section 1547.305 of the Revised Code. 488

The disclosure statement shall inform the owner that if 489
the watercraft is left on private property of another without a 490
valid service, repair, or storage contract, the watercraft may 491
be rendered abandoned and subject to the process set forth in 492
section 1547.305 of the Revised Code. 493

Section 2. That existing sections 1547.30, 4585.31, 494
4585.32, 4585.33, and 4585.34 of the Revised Code are hereby 495
repealed. 496