

RE: H.B. No. 195

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The National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association (“NMEDA”) is a non-profit association dedicated to expanding opportunities for people with disabilities to safely drive or be transported in adaptive mobility vehicles. NMEDA submits this letter in support of H.B. No. 195 which proposes to amend Sections 4501.01, 4503.44, 4517.01, 4517.02, and 4517.03 and enact Section 4517.041 of the Revised Code to create an adaptive mobility dealer license.

This legislation will remove ambiguities in current law and codify in Ohio several existing automotive mobility industry practices and standards, including the ability of mobility vehicle dealers to sell at retail, display, offer for sale, deliver, and deal in adaptive mobility vehicles; to sell and install adaptive mobility equipment, related accessories, and other goods and services; and to provide maintenance and repair services for adaptive mobility vehicles and adaptive mobility equipment.

A growing segment of the United States population consists of people with disabilities. Many states have established licenses for mobility vehicle dealers, and Ohioans seeking mobility vehicles, adaptive mobility equipment, and/or adaptive mobility vehicle maintenance and repair services will benefit from the designation of dealers that offer specialized product knowledge, warranty recognition, and facilities that meet or exceed the accessibility guidelines of the “Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.”

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Respectfully Submitted,

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