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5736.04, and 5736.13; to enact sections	15
1548.062, 4503.183, 4503.261, 4503.262,	16
4505.072, 4511.15, 4511.765, 4561.03, 4955.52,	17

4955.53, 4955.55, 4955.57, 4981.36, 4981.361, 18  
5501.041, 5511.11, 5515.10, 5517.06, and 19  
5517.08; and to repeal sections 4506.072, 20  
4507.021, 4507.063, 4507.511, 4511.351, 21  
4511.491, and 5501.60 of the Revised Code and to 22  
amend Section 755.20 of H.B. 23 of the 135th 23  
General Assembly to make appropriations for 24  
programs related to transportation for the 25  
biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 26  
30, 2027, and to provide authorization and 27  
conditions for the operation of those programs. 28

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

**Section 101.01.** That sections 154.01, 306.35, 306.43, 29  
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4503.102, 4503.103, 4503.19, 4505.08, 4506.01, 4506.11, 4507.01, 31  
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5525.03, 5525.04, 5525.08, 5525.14, 5571.01, 5736.02, 5736.04, 39  
and 5736.13 be amended and sections 1548.062, 4503.183, 40  
4503.261, 4503.262, 4505.072, 4511.15, 4511.765, 4561.03, 41  
4955.52, 4955.53, 4955.55, 4955.57, 4981.36, 4981.361, 5501.041, 42  
5511.11, 5515.10, 5517.06, and 5517.08 of the Revised Code be 43  
enacted to read as follows: 44

<b>Sec. 154.01.</b> As used in this chapter:	45
(A) "Commission" means the Ohio public facilities commission created in section 151.02 of the Revised Code.	46 47
(B) "Obligations" means bonds, notes, or other evidences of obligation, including interest coupons pertaining thereto, issued pursuant to Chapter 154. of the Revised Code.	48 49 50
(C) "Bond proceedings" means the order or orders, resolution or resolutions, trust agreement, indenture, lease, and other agreements, amendments and supplements to the foregoing, or any combination thereof, authorizing or providing for the terms and conditions applicable to, or providing for the security of, obligations issued pursuant to Chapter 154. of the Revised Code, and the provisions contained in such obligations.	51 52 53 54 55 56 57
(D) "State agencies" means the state of Ohio and officers, boards, commissions, departments, divisions, or other units or agencies of the state.	58 59 60
(E) "Governmental agency" means state agencies, state supported and assisted institutions of higher education, municipal corporations, counties, townships, school districts, and any other political subdivision or special district in this state established pursuant to law, and, except where otherwise indicated, also means the United States or any department, division, or agency thereof, and any agency, commission, or authority established pursuant to an interstate compact or agreement.	61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69
(F) "Institutions of higher education" and "state supported or state assisted institutions of higher education" means the state universities identified in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, the northeast Ohio medical university, state	70 71 72 73

universities or colleges at any time created, community college 74  
districts, university branch districts, and technical college 75  
districts at any time established or operating under Chapter 76  
3354., 3355., or 3357. of the Revised Code, and other 77  
institutions for education, including technical education, 78  
beyond the high school, receiving state support or assistance 79  
for their expenses of operation. 80

(G) "Governing body" means: 81

(1) In the case of institutions of higher education, the 82  
board of trustees, board of directors, commission, or other body 83  
vested by law with the general management, conduct, and control 84  
of one or more institutions of higher education; 85

(2) In the case of a county, the board of county 86  
commissioners or other legislative body; in the case of a 87  
municipal corporation, the council or other legislative body; in 88  
the case of a township, the board of township trustees; in the 89  
case of a school district, the board of education; 90

(3) In the case of any other governmental agency, the 91  
officer, board, commission, authority or other body having the 92  
general management thereof or having jurisdiction or authority 93  
in the particular circumstances. 94

(H) "Person" means any person, firm, partnership, 95  
association, or corporation. 96

(I) "Bond service charges" means principal, including 97  
mandatory sinking fund requirements for retirement of 98  
obligations, and interest, and redemption premium, if any, 99  
required to be paid by the state on obligations. If not 100  
prohibited by the applicable bond proceedings, bond service 101  
charges may include costs relating to credit enhancement 102

facilities that are related to and represent, or are intended to 103  
provide a source of payment of or limitation on, other bond 104  
service charges. 105

(J) "Capital facilities" means buildings, structures, and 106  
other improvements, and equipment, real estate, and interests in 107  
real estate therefor, within the state, and any one, part of, or 108  
combination of the foregoing, to serve the general purposes for 109  
which the issuing authority is authorized to issue obligations 110  
pursuant to Chapter 154. of the Revised Code, including, but not 111  
limited to, highways, drives, roadways, parking facilities, 112  
walks, lighting, machinery, furnishings, utilities, landscaping, 113  
wharves, docks, piers, reservoirs, dams, tunnels, bridges, 114  
retaining walls, riprap, culverts, ditches, channels, 115  
watercourses, retention basins, standpipes and water storage 116  
facilities, waste treatment and disposal facilities, heating, 117  
air conditioning and communications facilities, inns, lodges, 118  
cabins, camping sites, golf courses, boat and bathing 119  
facilities, athletic and recreational facilities, and site 120  
improvements. 121

(K) "Costs of capital facilities" means the costs of 122  
acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, rehabilitating, 123  
remodeling, renovating, enlarging, improving, equipping, or 124  
furnishing capital facilities, and the financing thereof, 125  
including the cost of clearance and preparation of the site and 126  
of any land to be used in connection with capital facilities, 127  
the cost of any indemnity and surety bonds and premiums on 128  
insurance, all related direct administrative expenses and 129  
allocable portions of direct costs of the commission or issuing 130  
authority and department of administrative services, or other 131  
designees of the commission under section 154.17 of the Revised 132  
Code, cost of engineering and architectural services, designs, 133

plans, specifications, surveys, and estimates of cost, legal 134  
fees, fees and expenses of trustees, depositories, and paying 135  
agents for the obligations, cost of issuance of the obligations 136  
and financing charges and fees and expenses of financial 137  
advisers and consultants in connection therewith, interest on 138  
obligations, including but not limited to, interest from the 139  
date of their issuance to the time when interest is to be 140  
covered from sources other than proceeds of obligations, amounts 141  
necessary to establish reserves as required by the bond 142  
proceedings, costs of audits, the reimbursement of all moneys 143  
advanced or applied by or borrowed from any governmental agency, 144  
whether to or by the commission or others, from whatever source 145  
provided, for the payment of any item or items of cost of the 146  
capital facilities, any share of the cost undertaken by the 147  
commission pursuant to arrangements made with governmental 148  
agencies under division (H) of section 154.06 of the Revised 149  
Code, and all other expenses necessary or incident to planning 150  
or determining feasibility or practicability with respect to 151  
capital facilities, and such other expenses as may be necessary 152  
or incident to the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, 153  
rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, enlargement, 154  
improvement, equipment, and furnishing of capital facilities, 155  
the financing thereof and the placing of the same in use and 156  
operation, including any one, part of, or combination of such 157  
classes of costs and expenses. 158

(L) "Public service facilities" means inns, lodges, 159  
hotels, cabins, camping sites, scenic trails, picnic sites, 160  
restaurants, commissaries, golf courses, boating and bathing 161  
facilities and other similar facilities in state parks. 162

(M) "State parks" means: 163

(1) State reservoirs described and identified in section 1546.11 of the Revised Code;	164 165
(2) All lands or interests therein of the state identified as administered by the division of parks and watercraft in the "inventory of state owned lands administered by the department of natural resources as of June 1, 1963," as recorded in the journal of the director, which inventory was prepared by the real estate section of the department and is supported by maps now on file in said real estate section;	166 167 168 169 170 171 172
(3) All lands or interests in lands of the state designated after June 1, 1963, as state parks in the journal of the director with the approval of the director of natural resources.	173 174 175 176
State parks do not include any lands or interest in lands of the state administered jointly by two or more divisions of the department of natural resources. The designation of lands as state parks under divisions (M) (1) to (3) of this section is conclusive and such lands shall be under the control of and administered by the division of parks and watercraft. No order or proceeding designating lands as state parks or park purchase areas is subject to any appeal or review by any officer, board, commission, or court.	177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185
(N) "Bond service fund" means the applicable fund created for and pledged to the payment of bond service charges under section 154.20, 154.21, 154.22, or 154.23 of the Revised Code, including all moneys and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to be credited thereto.	186 187 188 189 190
(O) "Improvement fund" means the applicable fund created for the payment of costs of capital facilities under section	191 192

123.201, 154.20, 154.21, or 154.22 of the Revised Code, 193  
including all moneys and investments, and earnings from 194  
investments, credited and to be credited thereto. 195

(P) "Special funds" or "funds" means, except where the 196  
context does not permit, the bond service funds, the 197  
improvements funds, and any other funds for similar or different 198  
purposes created under bond proceedings, including all moneys 199  
and investments, and earnings from investments, credited and to 200  
be credited thereto. 201

(Q) "Year" unless the context indicates a different 202  
meaning or intent, means a calendar year beginning on the first 203  
day of January and ending on the thirty-first day of December. 204

(R) "Fiscal year" means the period of twelve months 205  
beginning on the first day of July and ending on the thirtieth 206  
day of June. 207

(S) "Issuing authority" means the treasurer of state or 208  
the officer or employee who by law performs the functions of 209  
that office. 210

(T) "Credit enhancement facilities" has the same meaning 211  
as in section 133.01 of the Revised Code. 212

(U) "Ohio cultural facility" and "Ohio sports facility" 213  
have the same meanings as in section 123.28 of the Revised Code. 214

**Sec. 306.35.** Upon the creation of a regional transit 215  
authority as provided by section 306.32 of the Revised Code, and 216  
upon the qualifying of its board of trustees and the election of 217  
a president and a vice-president, the authority shall exercise 218  
in its own name all the rights, powers, and duties vested in and 219  
conferred upon it by sections 306.30 to 306.53 of the Revised 220  
Code. Subject to any reservations, limitations, and 221



qualifications that are set forth in those sections, the	222
regional transit authority:	223
(A) May sue or be sued in its corporate name;	224
(B) May make contracts in the exercise of the rights,	225
powers, and duties conferred upon it;	226
(C) May adopt and at will alter a seal and use such seal	227
by causing it to be impressed, affixed, reproduced, or otherwise	228
used, but failure to affix the seal shall not affect the	229
validity of any instrument;	230
(D) (1) May adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws for the	231
administration of its affairs and rules for the control of the	232
administration and operation of transit facilities under its	233
jurisdiction, and for the exercise of all of its rights of	234
ownership in those transit facilities;	235
(2) The regional transit authority also may adopt bylaws	236
and rules for the following purposes:	237
(a) To prohibit selling, giving away, or using any beer or	238
intoxicating liquor on transit vehicles or transit property;	239
(b) For the preservation of good order within or on	240
transit vehicles or transit property;	241
(c) To provide for the protection and preservation of all	242
property and life within or on transit vehicles or transit	243
property;	244
(d) To regulate and enforce the collection of fares.	245
(3) Before a bylaw or rule adopted under division (D) (2)	246
of this section takes effect, the regional transit authority	247
shall provide for a notice of its adoption to be published once	248

a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general 249  
circulation within the territorial boundaries of the regional 250  
transit authority, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised 251  
Code. 252

(4) No person shall violate any bylaw or rule of a 253  
regional transit authority adopted under division (D) (2) of this 254  
section. 255

(E) May fix, alter, and collect fares, rates, and rentals 256  
and other charges for the use of transit facilities under its 257  
jurisdiction to be determined exclusively by it for the purpose 258  
of providing for the payment of the expenses of the regional 259  
transit authority, the acquisition, construction, improvement, 260  
extension, repair, maintenance, and operation of transit 261  
facilities under its jurisdiction, the payment of principal and 262  
interest on its obligations, and to fulfill the terms of any 263  
agreements made with purchasers or holders of any such 264  
obligations, or with any person or political subdivision; 265

(F) Shall have jurisdiction, control, possession, and 266  
supervision of all property, rights, easements, licenses, 267  
moneys, contracts, accounts, liens, books, records, maps, or 268  
other property rights and interests conveyed, delivered, 269  
transferred, or assigned to it; 270

(G) (1) Except as provided in division (G) (2) of this 271  
section, may acquire, construct, improve, extend, repair, lease, 272  
operate, maintain, or manage transit facilities within or 273  
without its territorial boundaries, considered necessary to 274  
accomplish the purposes of its organization and make charges for 275  
the use of transit facilities. 276

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2011, a regional transit 277

authority shall not extend its service or facilities into a 278  
political subdivision outside the territorial boundaries of the 279  
authority without giving prior notice to the legislative 280  
authority of the political subdivision. The legislative 281  
authority shall have thirty days after receiving the notice to 282  
comment on the proposal. 283

(H) May levy and collect taxes as provided in sections 284  
306.40 and 306.49 of the Revised Code; 285

(I) May issue bonds secured by its general credit as 286  
provided in section 306.40 of the Revised Code; 287

(J) May hold, encumber, control, acquire by donation, by 288  
purchase for cash or by installment payments, by lease-purchase 289  
agreement, by lease with option to purchase, by borrowing from 290  
any federal, state, or other governmental or private source, or 291  
by condemnation, and may construct, own, lease as lessee or 292  
lessor, use, and sell, real and personal property, or any 293  
interest or right in real and personal property, within or 294  
without its territorial boundaries, for the location or 295  
protection of transit facilities and improvements and access to 296  
transit facilities and improvements, the relocation of 297  
buildings, structures, and improvements situated on lands 298  
acquired by the regional transit authority, or for any other 299  
necessary purpose, or for obtaining or storing materials to be 300  
used in constructing, maintaining, and improving transit 301  
facilities under its jurisdiction; 302

(K) May exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire 303  
property or any interest in property, within or without its 304  
territorial boundaries, that is necessary or proper for the 305  
construction or efficient operation of any transit facility or 306  
access to any transit facility under its jurisdiction in 307

accordance with section 306.36 of the Revised Code; 308

(L) May provide by agreement with any county, including 309  
the counties within its territorial boundaries, or any municipal 310  
corporation or any combination of counties or municipal 311  
corporations for the making of necessary surveys, appraisals, 312  
and examinations preliminary to the acquisition or construction 313  
of any transit facility and the amount of the expense for the 314  
surveys, appraisals, and examinations to be paid by each such 315  
county or municipal corporation; 316

(M) May provide by agreement with any county, including 317  
the counties within its territorial boundaries, or any municipal 318  
corporation or any combination of those counties or municipal 319  
corporations for the acquisition, construction, improvement, 320  
extension, maintenance, or operation of any transit facility 321  
owned or to be owned and operated by it or owned or to be owned 322  
and operated by any such county or municipal corporation and the 323  
terms on which it shall be acquired, leased, constructed, 324  
maintained, or operated, and the amount of the cost and expense 325  
of the acquisition, lease, construction, maintenance, or 326  
operation to be paid by each such county or municipal 327  
corporation; 328

(N) May issue revenue bonds for the purpose of acquiring, 329  
replacing, improving, extending, enlarging, or constructing any 330  
facility or permanent improvement that it is authorized to 331  
acquire, replace, improve, extend, enlarge, or construct, 332  
including all costs in connection with and incidental to the 333  
acquisition, replacement, improvement, extension, enlargement, 334  
or construction, and their financing, as provided by section 335  
306.37 of the Revised Code; 336

(O) May enter into and supervise franchise agreements for 337

the operation of a transit system; 338

(P) May accept the assignment of and supervise an existing 339  
franchise agreement for the operation of a transit system; 340

(Q) May exercise a right to purchase a transit system in 341  
accordance with the acquisition terms of an existing franchise 342  
agreement; and in connection with the purchase the regional 343  
transit authority may issue revenue bonds as provided by section 344  
306.37 of the Revised Code or issue bonds secured by its general 345  
credit as provided in section 306.40 of the Revised Code; 346

(R) May apply for and accept grants or loans from the 347  
United States, the state, or any other public or any private 348  
source for the purpose of providing for the development or 349  
improvement of transit facilities, mass transportation 350  
facilities, equipment, techniques, methods, or services, and 351  
grants or loans needed to exercise a right to purchase a transit 352  
system pursuant to agreement with the owner of those transit 353  
facilities, or for providing lawful financial assistance to 354  
existing transit systems; and may provide any consideration that 355  
may be required in order to obtain those grants or loans from 356  
the United States, the state, or other public or private source, 357  
either of which grants or loans may be evidenced by the issuance 358  
of revenue bonds as provided by section 306.37 of the Revised 359  
Code or general obligation bonds as provided by section 306.40 360  
of the Revised Code; 361

(S) May employ and fix the compensation of consulting 362  
engineers, superintendents, managers, and such other 363  
engineering, construction, accounting and financial experts, 364  
attorneys, and other employees and agents necessary for the 365  
accomplishment of its purposes; 366

(T) May procure insurance against loss to it by reason of 367  
damages to its properties resulting from fire, theft, accident, 368  
or other casualties or by reason of its liability for any 369  
damages to persons or property occurring in the construction or 370  
operation of transit facilities under its jurisdiction or the 371  
conduct of its activities; 372

(U) May maintain funds that it considers necessary for the 373  
efficient performance of its duties; 374

(V) May direct its agents or employees, when properly 375  
identified in writing, after at least five days' written notice, 376  
to enter upon lands within or without its territorial boundaries 377  
in order to make surveys and examinations preliminary to the 378  
location and construction of transit facilities, without 379  
liability to it or its agents or employees except for actual 380  
damage done; 381

(W) On its own motion, may request the appropriate zoning 382  
board, as defined in section 4563.03 of the Revised Code, to 383  
establish and enforce zoning regulations pertaining to any 384  
transit facility under its jurisdiction in the manner prescribed 385  
by sections 4563.01 to 4563.21 of the Revised Code; 386

(X) If it acquires any existing transit system, shall 387  
assume all the employer's obligations under any existing labor 388  
contract between the employees and management of the system. If 389  
the board acquires, constructs, controls, or operates any such 390  
facilities, it shall negotiate arrangements to protect the 391  
interests of employees affected by the acquisition, 392  
construction, control, or operation. The arrangements shall 393  
include, but are not limited to: 394

(1) The preservation of rights, privileges, and benefits 395

under existing collective bargaining agreements or otherwise,	396
the preservation of rights and benefits under any existing	397
pension plans covering prior service, and continued	398
participation in social security in addition to participation in	399
the public employees retirement system as required in Chapter	400
145. of the Revised Code;	401
(2) The continuation of collective bargaining rights;	402
(3) The protection of individual employees against a	403
worsening of their positions with respect to their employment;	404
(4) Assurances of employment to employees of those transit	405
systems and priority reemployment of employees terminated or	406
laid off;	407
(5) Paid training or retraining programs;	408
(6) Signed written labor agreements.	409
The arrangements may include provisions for the submission	410
of labor disputes to final and binding arbitration.	411
(Y) May provide for and maintain security operations,	412
including a transit police department, subject to section	413
306.352 of the Revised Code. Regional transit authority police	414
officers shall have the power and duty to act as peace officers	415
within transit facilities owned, operated, or leased by the	416
transit authority to protect the transit authority's property	417
and the person and property of passengers, to preserve the	418
peace, and to enforce all laws of the state and ordinances and	419
regulations of political subdivisions in which the transit	420
authority operates. Regional transit authority police officers	421
also shall have the power and duty to act as peace officers when	422
they render emergency assistance outside their jurisdiction to	423
any other peace officer who is not a regional transit authority	424

police officer and who has arrest authority under section 425  
2935.03 of the Revised Code. Regional transit authority police 426  
officers may render emergency assistance if there is a threat of 427  
imminent physical danger to the peace officer, a threat of 428  
physical harm to another person, or any other serious emergency 429  
situation and if either the peace officer who is assisted 430  
requests emergency assistance or it appears that the peace 431  
officer who is assisted is unable to request emergency 432  
assistance and the circumstances observed by the regional 433  
transit authority police officer reasonably indicate that 434  
emergency assistance is appropriate. 435

Before exercising powers of arrest and the other powers 436  
and duties of a peace officer, each regional transit authority 437  
police officer shall take an oath and give bond to the state in 438  
a sum that the board of trustees prescribes for the proper 439  
performance of the officer's duties. 440

Persons employed as regional transit authority police 441  
officers shall complete training for the position to which they 442  
have been appointed as required by the Ohio peace officer 443  
training commission as authorized in section 109.77 of the 444  
Revised Code, or be otherwise qualified. The cost of the 445  
training shall be provided by the regional transit authority. 446

(Z) May procure a policy or policies insuring members of 447  
its board of trustees against liability on account of damages or 448  
injury to persons and property resulting from any act or 449  
omission of a member in the member's official capacity as a 450  
member of the board or resulting solely out of the member's 451  
membership on the board; 452

(AA) May enter into any agreement for the sale and 453  
leaseback or lease and leaseback of transit facilities, which 454



agreement may contain all necessary covenants for the security 455  
and protection of any lessor or the regional transit authority 456  
including, but not limited to, indemnification of the lessor 457  
against the loss of anticipated tax benefits arising from acts, 458  
omissions, or misrepresentations of the regional transit 459  
authority. In connection with that transaction, the regional 460  
transit authority may contract for insurance and letters of 461  
credit and pay any premiums or other charges for the insurance 462  
and letters of credit. The fiscal officer shall not be required 463  
to furnish any certificate under section 5705.41 of the Revised 464  
Code in connection with the execution of any such agreement. 465

(BB) In regard to any contract entered into on or after 466  
March 19, 1993, for the rendering of services or the supplying 467  
of materials or for the construction, demolition, alteration, 468  
repair, or reconstruction of transit facilities in which a bond 469  
is required for the faithful performance of the contract, may 470  
permit the person awarded the contract to utilize a letter of 471  
credit issued by a bank or other financial institution in lieu 472  
of the bond; 473

(CC) May enter into agreements with municipal corporations 474  
located within the territorial jurisdiction of the regional 475  
transit authority permitting regional transit authority police 476  
officers employed under division (Y) of this section to exercise 477  
full arrest powers, as provided in section 2935.03 of the 478  
Revised Code, for the purpose of preserving the peace and 479  
enforcing all laws of the state and ordinances and regulations 480  
of the municipal corporation within the areas that may be agreed 481  
to by the regional transit authority and the municipal 482  
corporation. 483

(DD) If it has a centralized transfer transportation hub 484

with six or more service routes, shall enter into and maintain a 485  
contract with one or more local law enforcement entities to 486  
enforce laws and ensure safety at or in the vicinity of the hub, 487  
provided, however, that this division does not apply to a 488  
regional transit authority that maintains a transit police 489  
department under division (Y) of this section. 490

**Sec. 306.43.** (A) The board of trustees of a regional 491  
transit authority or any officer or employee designated by such 492  
board may make any contract for the purchase of goods or 493  
services, the cost of which does not exceed one hundred thousand 494  
dollars. When an expenditure, other than for the acquisition of 495  
real estate, the discharge of claims, or the acquisition of 496  
goods or services under the circumstances described in division 497  
(H) of this section, is expected to exceed one hundred thousand 498  
dollars, such expenditure shall be made through full and open 499  
competition by the use of competitive procedures. The regional 500  
transit authority shall use the competitive procedure, as set 501  
forth in divisions (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this section, that 502  
is most appropriate under the circumstances of the procurement. 503

(B) Competitive sealed bidding is the preferred method of 504  
procurement and a regional transit authority shall use that 505  
method if all of the following conditions exist: 506

(1) A clear, complete, and adequate description of the 507  
goods, services, or work is available; 508

(2) Time permits the solicitation, submission, and 509  
evaluation of sealed bids; 510

(3) The award will be made on the basis of price and other 511  
price-related factors; 512

(4) It is not necessary to conduct discussions with 513

responding offerors about their bids; 514

(5) There is a reasonable expectation of receiving more 515  
than one sealed bid. 516

A regional transit authority shall publish a notice 517  
calling for bids once a week for no less than two consecutive 518  
weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the 519  
territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority, or as 520  
provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code. A regional transit 521  
authority may require that a bidder for any contract other than 522  
a construction contract provide a bid guaranty in the form, 523  
quality, and amount considered appropriate by the regional 524  
transit authority. The board may let the contract to the lowest 525  
responsive and responsible bidder. Where fewer than two 526  
responsive bids are received, a regional transit authority may 527  
negotiate price with the sole responsive bidder or may rescind 528  
the solicitation and procure under division (H) (2) of this 529  
section. 530

(C) A regional transit authority may use two-step 531  
competitive bidding, consisting of a technical proposal and a 532  
separate, subsequent sealed price bid from those submitting 533  
acceptable technical proposals, if both of the following 534  
conditions exist: 535

(1) A clear, complete, and adequate description of the 536  
goods, services, or work is not available, but definite criteria 537  
exist for the evaluation of technical proposals; 538

(2) It is necessary to conduct discussions with responding 539  
offerors. 540

A regional transit authority shall publish a notice 541  
calling for technical proposals once a week for no less than two 542

consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within 543  
the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority, or 544  
as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code. A regional 545  
transit authority may require a bid guaranty in the form, 546  
quality, and amount the regional transit authority considers 547  
appropriate. The board may let the contract to the lowest 548  
responsive and responsible bidder. Where fewer than two 549  
responsive and responsible bids are received, a regional transit 550  
authority may negotiate price with the sole responsive and 551  
responsible bidder or may rescind the solicitation and procure 552  
under division (H) (2) of this section. 553

(D) A regional transit authority shall make a procurement 554  
by competitive proposals if competitive sealed bidding or two- 555  
step competitive bidding is not appropriate. 556

A regional transit authority shall publish a notice 557  
calling for proposals once a week for no less than two 558  
consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within 559  
the territorial boundaries of the regional transit authority, or 560  
as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code. A regional 561  
transit authority may require a proposal guaranty in the form, 562  
quality, and amount considered appropriate by the regional 563  
transit authority. The board may let the contract to the 564  
proposer making the offer considered most advantageous to the 565  
authority. Where fewer than two competent proposals are 566  
received, a regional transit authority may negotiate price and 567  
terms with the sole proposer or may rescind the solicitation and 568  
procure under division (H) (2) of this section. 569

(E) (1) A regional transit authority shall procure the 570  
services of an architect or engineer in the manner prescribed by 571  
the "Federal Mass Transportation Act of 1987," Public Law No. 572

100-17, section 316, 101 Stat. 227, 232-234, 49 U.S.C.A. app. 573  
1608 and the services of a construction manager in the manner 574  
prescribed by sections 9.33 to 9.332 of the Revised Code. 575

(2) A regional transit authority may procure revenue 576  
rolling stock in the manner prescribed by division (B), (C), or 577  
(D) of this section. 578

(3) All contracts for construction in excess of one 579  
hundred thousand dollars shall be made only after the regional 580  
transit authority has published a notice calling for bids once a 581  
week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general 582  
circulation within the territorial boundaries of the regional 583  
transit authority, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised 584  
Code. The board may award a contract to the lowest responsive 585  
and responsible bidder. Where only one responsive and 586  
responsible bid is received, the regional transit authority may 587  
negotiate price with the sole responsive bidder or may rescind 588  
the solicitation. The regional transit authority shall award 589  
construction contracts in accordance with sections 153.12 to 590  
153.14 and 153.54 of the Revised Code. Divisions (B) and (C) of 591  
this section shall not apply to the award of contracts for 592  
construction. 593

~~(F)~~(F) (1) As used in division (F) (2) of this section, 594  
"simplified acquisition threshold" means the amount set forth in 595  
41 U.S.C. 134. 596

(2) The board may adopt a policy on whether board approval 597  
is required to enter into a contract involving expenditures 598  
below the simplified acquisition threshold. The board shall 599  
approve all contracts involving expenditures at or above the 600  
simplified acquisition threshold. 601

(3) All contracts involving expenditures in excess of ~~one~~ 602  
~~hundred thousand dollars~~ the amount for which board approval is 603  
required shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by or 604  
shall refer to plans and specifications for the work to be done. 605  
The plans and specifications shall at all times be made and 606  
considered part of the contract. For all contracts other than 607  
construction contracts, a regional transit authority may require 608  
performance, payment, or maintenance guaranties or any 609  
combination of such guaranties in the form, quality, and amount 610  
it considers appropriate. The contract shall be approved by the 611  
board and signed on behalf of the regional transit authority and 612  
by the contractor. 613

(G) In making a contract, a regional transit authority may 614  
give preference to goods produced in the United States in 615  
accordance with the Buy America requirements in the "Surface 616  
Transportation Assistance Act of 1982," Public Law No. 97-424, 617  
section 165, 96 Stat. 2097, 23 U.S.C.A. 101 note, as amended, 618  
and the rules adopted thereunder. The regional transit authority 619  
also may give preference to providers of goods produced in and 620  
services provided in labor surplus areas as defined by the 621  
United States department of labor in 41 U.S.C.A. 401 note, 622  
Executive Order No. 12073, August 16, 1978, 43 Fed. Reg. 36873, 623  
as amended. 624

(H) Competitive procedures under this section are not 625  
required in any of the following circumstances: 626

(1) The board of trustees of a regional transit authority, 627  
by a two-thirds affirmative vote of its members, determines that 628  
a real and present emergency exists under any of the following 629  
conditions, and the board enters its determination and the 630  
reasons for it in its proceedings: 631

(a) Affecting safety, welfare, or the ability to deliver transportation services;	632 633
(b) Arising out of an interruption of contracts essential to the provision of daily transit services;	634 635
(c) Involving actual physical damage to structures, supplies, equipment, or property.	636 637
(2) The purchase consists of goods or services, or any combination thereof, and after reasonable inquiry the board or any officer or employee the board designates finds that only one source of supply is reasonably available.	638 639 640 641
(3) The expenditure is for a renewal or renegotiation of a lease or license for telecommunications or electronic data processing equipment, services, or systems, or for the upgrade of such equipment, services, or systems, or for the maintenance thereof as supplied by the original source or its successors or assigns.	642 643 644 645 646 647
(4) The purchase of goods or services is made from another political subdivision, public agency, public transit system, regional transit authority, the state, or the federal government, or as a third-party beneficiary under a state or federal procurement contract, or as a participant in a department of administrative services contract under division (B) of section 125.04 of the Revised Code.	648 649 650 651 652 653 654
(5) The sale and leaseback or lease and leaseback of transit facilities is made as provided in division (AA) of section 306.35 of the Revised Code.	655 656 657
(6) The purchase substantially involves services of a personal, professional, highly technical, or scientific nature, including but not limited to the services of an attorney,	658 659 660

physician, surveyor, appraiser, investigator, court reporter, 661  
adjuster, advertising consultant, or licensed broker, or 662  
involves the special skills or proprietary knowledge required 663  
for the servicing of specialized equipment owned by the regional 664  
transit authority. 665

(7) Services or supplies are available from a qualified 666  
nonprofit agency pursuant to sections 4115.31 to 4115.35 of the 667  
Revised Code. 668

(8) The purchase consists of the product or services of a 669  
public utility. 670

(9) The purchase is for the services of individuals with 671  
disabilities to work in the authority's commissaries or 672  
cafeterias, and those individuals are supplied by a nonprofit 673  
corporation or association whose purpose is to assist 674  
individuals with disabilities, whether or not that corporation 675  
or association is funded entirely or in part by the federal 676  
government, or the purchase is for services provided by a 677  
nonprofit corporation or association whose purpose is to assist 678  
individuals with disabilities, whether or not that corporation 679  
or association is funded entirely or in part by the federal 680  
government. For purposes of division (H) (9) of this section, 681  
"disability" has the same meaning as in section 4112.01 of the 682  
Revised Code. 683

(I) A regional transit authority may enter into blanket 684  
purchase agreements for purchases of maintenance, operating, or 685  
repair goods or services where the item cost does not exceed 686  
five hundred dollars and the annual expenditure does not exceed 687  
one hundred thousand dollars. 688

(J) Nothing contained in this section prohibits a regional 689



transit authority from participating in intergovernmental 690  
cooperative purchasing arrangements. 691

(K) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a 692  
regional transit authority shall make a sale or other 693  
disposition of property through full and open competition. 694  
Except as provided in division (L) of this section, all 695  
dispositions of personal property and all grants of real 696  
property for terms exceeding five years shall be made by public 697  
auction or competitive procedure. 698

(L) The competitive procedures required by division (K) of 699  
this section are not required in any of the following 700  
circumstances: 701

(1) The grant is a component of a joint development 702  
between public and private entities and is intended to enhance 703  
or benefit public transit. 704

(2) The grant of a limited use or of a license affecting 705  
land is made to an owner of abutting real property. 706

(3) The grant of a limited use is made to a public 707  
utility. 708

(4) The grant or disposition is to a department of the 709  
federal or state government, to a political subdivision of the 710  
state, or to any other governmental entity. 711

(5) Used equipment is traded on the purchase of equipment 712  
and the value of the used equipment is a price-related factor in 713  
the basis for award for the purchase. 714

(6) The value of the personal property is such that 715  
competitive procedures are not appropriate and the property 716  
either is sold at its fair market value or is disposed of by 717

gift to a nonprofit entity having the general welfare or 718  
education of the public as one of its principal objects. 719

(M) The board of trustees of a regional transit authority, 720  
when making a contract funded exclusively by state or local 721  
moneys or any combination thereof, shall make a good faith 722  
effort to use disadvantaged business enterprise participation to 723  
the same extent required under Section 105(f) of the "Surface 724  
Transportation Assistance Act of 1982," Public Law No. 97-424, 725  
96 Stat. 2100, and Section 106(c) of the "Surface Transportation 726  
and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987," Public Law No. 727  
100-17, 101 Stat. 145, and the rules adopted thereunder. 728

(N) As used in this section: 729

(1) "Goods" means all things, including specially 730  
manufactured goods, that are movable at the time of 731  
identification to the contract for sale other than the money in 732  
which the price is to be paid, investment securities, and things 733  
in action. "Goods" also includes other identified things 734  
attached to realty as described in section 1302.03 of the 735  
Revised Code. 736

(2) "Services" means the furnishing of labor, time, or 737  
effort by a contractor, not involving the delivery of goods or 738  
reports other than goods or reports that are merely incidental 739  
to the required performance, including but not limited to 740  
insurance, bonding, or routine operation, routine repair, or 741  
routine maintenance of existing structures, buildings, real 742  
property, or equipment, but does not include employment 743  
agreements, collective bargaining agreements, or personal 744  
services. 745

(3) "Construction" means the process of building, 746

altering, repairing, improving, painting, decorating, or 747  
demolishing any structure or building, or other improvements of 748  
any kind to any real property owned or leased by a regional 749  
transit authority. 750

(4) "Full and open competition" has the same meaning as in 751  
the "Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act," Public Law No. 752  
98-369, section 2731, 98 Stat. 1195 (1984), 41 U.S.C.A. 403. 753

(5) A bidder is "responsive" if, applying the criteria of 754  
division (A) of section 9.312 of the Revised Code, the bidder is 755  
"responsive" as described in that section. 756

(6) A bidder is "responsible" if, applying the criteria of 757  
division (B) of section 9.312 of the Revised Code and of the 758  
"Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act," Public Law No. 98- 759  
369, section 2731, 98 Stat. 1195 (1984), 41 U.S.C.A. 403, the 760  
bidder is "responsible" as described in those sections. 761

**Sec. 717.02.** (A) As used in this section: 762

(1) "Energy conservation measure" means the construction 763  
of, installation or modification of an installation in, or 764  
remodeling of, a new or existing building or infrastructure, to 765  
reduce energy consumption. It includes: 766

(a) Insulation of the building structure and of systems 767  
within the building; 768

(b) Storm windows and doors, multiglazed windows and 769  
doors, heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated 770  
window and door systems, additional glazing, reductions in glass 771  
area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce 772  
energy consumption; 773

(c) Automatic energy control systems; 774

(d) Heating, ventilating, or air conditioning system	775
modifications or replacements;	776
(e) Caulking and weatherstripping;	777
(f) Replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to	778
increase the energy efficiency of the system without increasing	779
the overall illumination of a facility, unless such an increase	780
in illumination is necessary to conform to the applicable state	781
or local building code for the proposed lighting system;	782
(g) Energy recovery systems;	783
(h) Cogeneration systems that produce steam or forms of	784
energy such as heat, as well as electricity, for use primarily	785
within a building or complex of buildings;	786
(i) Acquiring, constructing, furnishing, equipping,	787
improving the site of, or otherwise improving a central utility	788
plant to provide heating and cooling services to a building or	789
building infrastructure together with distribution piping and	790
ancillary distribution controls, equipment, and related	791
facilities from the central utility plant to the building or	792
building infrastructure;	793
(j) Meter replacement, installation of an automatic meter	794
reading system, or any other construction, modification,	795
installation, or remodeling of water, electric, gas, or any	796
other municipally supplied utility system;	797
(k) Any other construction, modification, installation, or	798
remodeling approved by the legislative authority of the	799
municipal corporation as an energy conservation measure.	800
(2) "Infrastructure" includes, but is not limited to, a	801
water, gas, or electric utility, renewable energy system or	802

technology, highway traffic ~~control~~-signal, or any other asset 803  
owned, operated, or maintained by a municipal corporation. 804

(B) For the purpose of evaluating buildings owned by a 805  
municipal corporation for energy conservation measures, a 806  
legislative authority of a municipal corporation may contract 807  
with an architect, professional engineer, energy services 808  
company, contractor, or other person experienced in the design 809  
and implementation of energy conservation measures for an energy 810  
conservation report. The report shall include all of the 811  
following: 812

(1) Analyses of the energy needs of the buildings owned by 813  
that municipal corporation and recommendations for building 814  
installations, modifications of existing installations, or 815  
building remodeling that would significantly reduce energy 816  
consumption in the buildings; 817

(2) Estimates of all costs of the recommended 818  
installations, modifications, or remodeling, including costs of 819  
design, engineering, installation, maintenance, and repair; 820

(3) Estimates of the amounts by which energy consumption 821  
could be reduced; 822

(4) The interest rate used to estimate the costs of any 823  
energy conservation measures that are to be financed by the 824  
municipal corporation; 825

(5) The average system life of the energy conservation 826  
measures; 827

(6) Estimates of the likely savings that will result from 828  
the reduction in energy consumption over the average system life 829  
of the energy conservation measures, including the methods used 830  
to estimate the savings; 831

(7) A certification under the seal of a registered professional engineer that the energy conservation report uses reasonable methods of analysis and estimation.

(C) (1) A municipal corporation desiring to implement energy conservation measures may proceed under any of the following methods:

(a) Procure the energy conservation measures in any manner authorized by the municipal corporation's charter, ordinances, or any other existing authority;

(b) Advertise for bids using a report or any part of an energy conservation report prepared under division (B) of this section, and, except as otherwise provided in this section, comply with competitive bidding requirements;

(c) Notwithstanding any requirement in the Revised Code that requires competitive bidding or specifies bidding procedures, request proposals from at least three vendors for the implementation of energy conservation measures. A request for proposals shall require the vendor that is awarded a contract under division (C) (2) (b) of this section to prepare an energy conservation report in accordance with division (B) of this section.

Prior to sending any vendor a copy of any request for proposals, the legislative authority shall advertise its intent to request proposals for the installation of energy conservation measures in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation once a week for two consecutive weeks. The notice shall state that the legislative authority intends to request proposals for the installation of energy conservation measures, indicate the date on which the request for proposals will be

mailed to vendors, which shall be at least ten days after the 861  
second publication in the newspaper, and state that any vendor 862  
interested in receiving the request for proposals shall submit 863  
written notice to the legislative authority not later than noon 864  
of the day on which the request for proposals is to be mailed. 865

(2) (a) Upon receiving bids under division (C) (1) (b) of 866  
this section, the legislative authority shall analyze them and 867  
select the lowest and best bid or bids most likely to result in 868  
the greatest energy savings considering the cost of the project 869  
and the legislative authority's ability to pay for the 870  
improvements with current revenues or by financing the 871  
improvements. 872

(b) Upon receiving proposals under division (C) (1) (c) of 873  
this section, the legislative authority shall analyze the 874  
proposals and the vendors' qualifications and select the most 875  
qualified vendor to prepare an energy conservation report in 876  
accordance with division (B) of this section. After receipt and 877  
review of the energy conservation report, the legislative 878  
authority may award a contract to the selected vendor to install 879  
the energy conservation measures that are most likely to result 880  
in the greatest energy savings considering the cost of the 881  
project and the legislative authority's ability to pay for the 882  
improvements with current revenues or by financing the 883  
improvements. 884

(c) The awarding of a contract to install energy 885  
conservation measures under division (C) (2) (a) or (b) of this 886  
section shall be conditioned upon a finding by the contracting 887  
authority that the amount of money spent on energy conservation 888  
measures is not likely to exceed the amount of money the 889  
municipal corporation would save in energy, operating, 890

maintenance, and avoided capital costs over the average system 891  
life of the energy conservation measures as specified in the 892  
energy conservation report. In making such a finding, the 893  
contracting authority may take into account the increased costs 894  
due to inflation as shown in the energy conservation report. 895  
Nothing in this division prohibits a municipal corporation from 896  
rejecting all bids or proposals under division (C) (1) (b) or (c) 897  
of this section or from selecting more than one bid or proposal. 898

(D) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation 899  
may enter into an installment payment contract for the purchase 900  
and installation of energy conservation measures. Provisions of 901  
installment payment contracts that deal with interest charges 902  
and financing terms shall not be subject to competitive bidding 903  
requirements and shall be on the following terms: 904

(1) Not less than a specified percentage of the costs of 905  
the contract shall be paid within two years from the date of 906  
purchase, as determined and approved by the legislative 907  
authority of a municipal corporation. 908

(2) The remaining balance of the costs of the contract 909  
shall be paid within the lesser of the average system life of 910  
the energy conservation measures as specified in the energy 911  
conservation report or thirty years. 912

(E) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation 913  
may issue the notes of the municipal corporation specifying the 914  
terms of a purchase of energy conservation measures under this 915  
section and securing any deferred payments provided for in 916  
division ~~(C)~~ (D) of this section. The notes shall be payable at 917  
the times provided and bear interest at a rate not exceeding the 918  
rate determined as provided in section 9.95 of the Revised Code. 919  
The notes may contain an option for prepayment and shall not be 920



subject to Chapter 133. of the Revised Code. Revenues derived 921  
from local taxes or otherwise, for the purpose of conserving 922  
energy or for defraying the current operating expenses of the 923  
municipal corporation, may be pledged and applied to the payment 924  
of interest and the retirement of the notes. The notes may be 925  
sold at private sale or given to the contractor under an 926  
installment payment contract authorized by division ~~(C)~~(D) of 927  
this section. 928

(F) Debt incurred under this section shall not be included 929  
in the calculation of the net indebtedness of a municipal 930  
corporation under section 133.05 of the Revised Code. 931

**Sec. 1548.061.** (A) Notwithstanding any general requirement 932  
in this chapter to the effect that an application for a 933  
certificate of title to a watercraft or outboard motor shall be 934  
"sworn to" or shall be "sworn to before a notary public or other 935  
officer empowered to administer oaths," that requirement shall 936  
apply only in the case of a transfer of a watercraft or outboard 937  
motor between parties in the course of a sale by a person other 938  
than a registered watercraft dealer, as defined in section 939  
1546.01 of the Revised Code, to a person who purchases the 940  
watercraft or outboard motor for use as a consumer. 941

(B) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code 942  
to the contrary that requires a document to be "sworn to before" 943  
or "signed in the presence of" a notary or other officer 944  
empowered to administer oaths, when a registered watercraft 945  
dealer is a party to the transfer of a watercraft or outboard 946  
motor, no notarization is required on any of the following as it 947  
relates to a watercraft or outboard motor: 948

(a) A certificate of title; 949

<u>(b) An assignment of ownership;</u>	950
<u>(c) A power of attorney used for the purposes of titling;</u>	951
<u>(d) Any document related to the titling that the dealer is required to provide to a clerk of a court of common pleas.</u>	952 953
<u>(2) A clerk of courts may request a notarized affidavit to make corrections to the documents listed in division (B) (1) of this section, if necessary.</u>	954 955 956
<u>(3) All documents provided to a clerk of courts under division (B) of this section may be signed electronically.</u>	957 958
<b>Sec. 1548.062.</b> <u>(A) (1) Notwithstanding section 1337.06 of the Revised Code, a registered watercraft dealer, as defined in section 1546.01 of the Revised Code, involved in a title transfer, or the employee or agent of the registered watercraft dealer, may be granted power of attorney by the principal to become the principal's attorney in fact.</u>	959 960 961 962 963 964
<u>(2) The power of attorney granted under division (A) (1) of this section may be used only when the granting instrument limits the power of the attorney in fact to act on the principal's behalf for either of the following:</u>	965 966 967 968
<u>(a) Making an assignment of a certificate of title;</u>	969
<u>(b) Completing an application for a certificate of title.</u>	970
<u>(3) Such instrument shall state the following, as applicable, to which the grant of power applies:</u>	971 972
<u>(a) A description of the watercraft, including the make, year, length, series or model, if any, body type, hull identification number or serial number, and make, manufacturer's serial number, and horsepower of any inboard motor;</u>	973 974 975 976

(b) A description of the outboard motor, including the 977  
make, year, series or model, if any, manufacturer's serial 978  
number, and horsepower. 979

(B) The power of attorney is exempt from the requirements 980  
of notarization and verification as described in this chapter 981  
and in section 1337.25 of the Revised Code, and the documents 982  
may be signed electronically. This power of attorney shall be 983  
presented to the clerk of the court of common pleas when used to 984  
transfer title to a watercraft or outboard motor and shall be 985  
retained by the clerk in the same manner that a certificate of 986  
title is retained. 987

**Sec. 3503.11.** ~~(A) (1) When~~ (A) (1) (a) Subject to division 988  
(A) (1) (b) of this section, when any person applies for a 989  
driver's license, commercial driver's license, a state of Ohio 990  
identification card issued under section 4507.50 of the Revised 991  
Code, or motorcycle operator's license or endorsement, or the 992  
renewal or duplicate of any license or endorsement under Chapter 993  
4506. or 4507. of the Revised Code, the registrar of motor 994  
vehicles or deputy registrar—shall offer the applicant the 995  
opportunity to register to vote or to update the applicant's 996  
voter registration by electronic means in conjunction with the 997  
person's transaction with the registrar or deputy registrar, in 998  
a manner prescribed by the secretary of state. 999

(b) The registrar or a deputy registrar shall not offer 1000  
the opportunity to register to vote to a person who, according 1001  
to the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, is ineligible to 1002  
register to vote. 1003

(2) When any person submits a notice of change of address 1004  
to the registrar under division (C) of section 4507.09 of the 1005  
Revised Code, the registrar shall offer the applicant the 1006

opportunity to submit a notice of change of address for voter 1007  
registration purposes by electronic means in conjunction with 1008  
the person's transaction with the registrar, in a manner 1009  
prescribed by the secretary of state. 1010

(3) When a person registers to vote or updates the 1011  
person's voter registration under division (A) (1) or (2) of this 1012  
section, the registrar or deputy registrar shall electronically 1013  
transmit the person's signature that is on file with the bureau 1014  
of motor vehicles with the electronic record of the voter 1015  
registration or update, and that signature shall be considered 1016  
the person's signature on the voter registration or update and 1017  
for all other election and signature-matching purposes. 1018

(B) Within twenty-four hours after a person registers to 1019  
vote or updates the person's voter registration under division 1020  
(A) of this section, the registrar or deputy registrar shall 1021  
transmit the electronic record of the voter registration or 1022  
update to the secretary of state by electronic means in a manner 1023  
prescribed by the secretary of state by rule. Rules adopted 1024  
under this division shall do all of the following: 1025

(1) Prohibit any direct electronic connection between the 1026  
office of the registrar or a deputy registrar and the statewide 1027  
voter registration database; 1028

(2) Require any voter registration information to be 1029  
verified by the secretary of state or a board of elections 1030  
before the information is added to the statewide voter 1031  
registration database; 1032

(3) Require the registrar or deputy registrar to 1033  
electronically date stamp each electronic record in a manner 1034  
that does not disclose the identity of the office that receives 1035

the voter registration or update. 1036

(C) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles and each deputy 1037  
registrar also shall make available to all other customers paper 1038  
voter registration applications and update forms, but are not 1039  
required to offer assistance to customers in completing those 1040  
forms. The bureau of motor vehicles shall supply all of its 1041  
deputy registrars with a sufficient number of voter registration 1042  
applications and update forms. 1043

(2) Within five days after a person submits a completed 1044  
paper voter registration application or update form to the 1045  
registrar or a deputy registrar, the registrar or deputy 1046  
registrar shall send the form to the board of elections of the 1047  
county in which the office of the registrar or deputy registrar 1048  
is located. 1049

(D) The registrar shall collect from each deputy registrar 1050  
through the reports filed under division (J) of section 4503.03 1051  
of the Revised Code and transmit to the secretary of state 1052  
information on the number of voter registration applications and 1053  
change of residence or change of name forms completed or 1054  
declined, and any additional information required by the 1055  
secretary of state to comply with the National Voter 1056  
Registration Act of 1993. No information relating to an 1057  
applicant's decision to decline to register or update the 1058  
applicant's voter registration at the office of the registrar or 1059  
deputy registrar may be used for any purpose other than voter 1060  
registration record-keeping required by the secretary of state, 1061  
and all such information shall be kept confidential. 1062

**Sec. 3704.14.** (A) (1) If the director of environmental 1063  
protection determines that implementation of a motor vehicle 1064  
inspection and maintenance program is necessary for the state to 1065

effectively comply with the federal Clean Air Act after June 30, 1066  
2023, the director may provide for the implementation of the 1067  
program in those counties in this state in which such a program 1068  
is federally mandated. Upon making such a determination, the 1069  
director of environmental protection may request the director of 1070  
administrative services to extend the terms of the contract that 1071  
was entered into under the authority of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 1072  
131st general assembly. Upon receiving the request, the director 1073  
of administrative services shall extend the contract, beginning 1074  
on July 1, 2023, in accordance with this section. The contract 1075  
shall be extended for a period of up to twenty-four months with 1076  
the contractor who conducted the motor vehicle inspection and 1077  
maintenance program under that contract. 1078

(2) Prior to the expiration of the contract extension that 1079  
is authorized by division (A) (1) of this section, the director 1080  
of environmental protection shall request the director of 1081  
administrative services to enter into a contract with a vendor 1082  
to operate a decentralized motor vehicle inspection and 1083  
maintenance program in each county in this state in which such a 1084  
program is federally mandated through June 30, 2027, with an 1085  
option for the state to renew the contract for a period of up to 1086  
twenty-four months through June 30, 2029. The contract shall 1087  
ensure that the decentralized motor vehicle inspection and 1088  
maintenance program achieves at least the same emission 1089  
reductions as achieved by the program operated under the 1090  
authority of the contract that was extended under division (A) 1091  
(1) of this section. The director of administrative services 1092  
shall select a vendor through a competitive selection process in 1093  
compliance with Chapter 125. of the Revised Code. 1094

(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the director 1095  
of administrative services shall ensure that a competitive 1096

selection process regarding a contract to operate a 1097  
decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program 1098  
in this state incorporates the following, which shall be 1099  
included in the contract: 1100

(a) For purposes of expanding the number of testing 1101  
locations for consumer convenience, a requirement that the 1102  
vendor utilize established local businesses, auto repair 1103  
facilities, or leased properties to operate state-approved 1104  
inspection and maintenance testing facilities; 1105

(b) A requirement that the vendor selected to operate the 1106  
program provide notification of the program's requirements to 1107  
each owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be inspected 1108  
under the program. The contract shall require the notification 1109  
to be provided not later than sixty days prior to the date by 1110  
which the owner of the motor vehicle is required to have the 1111  
motor vehicle inspected. The director of environmental 1112  
protection and the vendor shall jointly agree on the content of 1113  
the notice. However, the notice shall include at a minimum the 1114  
locations of all inspection facilities within a specified 1115  
distance of the address that is listed on the owner's motor 1116  
vehicle registration; 1117

(c) A requirement that the vendor comply with testing 1118  
methodology and supply the required equipment approved by the 1119  
director of environmental protection as specified in the 1120  
competitive selection process in compliance with Chapter 125. of 1121  
the Revised Code. 1122

(4) A decentralized motor vehicle inspection and 1123  
maintenance program operated under this section shall comply 1124  
with division (B) of this section. The director of environmental 1125  
protection shall administer the decentralized motor vehicle 1126

inspection and maintenance program operated under this section. 1127

(B) The director shall establish a decentralized motor 1128  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program as authorized by this 1129  
section and, at a minimum, the director shall ~~do~~ ensure that the 1130  
program does all of the following: 1131

(1) ~~Comply~~ Complies with the federal Clean Air Act; 1132

(2) ~~Provide~~ Provides for the issuance of inspection 1133  
certificates and alternative emissions certificates as specified 1134  
in rules adopted under division (C) (2) of this section; 1135

(3) ~~Provide~~ Provides for a new car exemption for motor 1136  
vehicles ~~four~~ six years old or newer and ~~provide~~ provides that a 1137  
new motor vehicle is exempt for ~~four~~ six years regardless of 1138  
whether legal title to the motor vehicle is transferred during 1139  
that period; 1140

(4) ~~Provide~~ Provides for an exemption for battery electric 1141  
motor vehicles; 1142

(5) Provides for an exemption for hybrid motor vehicles 1143  
seven years old or newer and provides that a hybrid motor 1144  
vehicle is exempt for seven years regardless of whether legal 1145  
title to the motor vehicle is transferred during that period. 1146

(C) (1) The director of environmental protection shall 1147  
adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 1148  
that the director determines are necessary to implement this 1149  
section. The director may continue to implement and enforce 1150  
rules pertaining to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 1151  
program previously implemented under former section 3704.14 of 1152  
the Revised Code as that section existed prior to its repeal and 1153  
reenactment by Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th general assembly, 1154  
provided that the rules do not conflict with this section. 1155



~~(2) The director of environmental protection shall issue  
an inspection certificate provided for under division (B) (2) of  
this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised  
Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:~~

~~(a) The individual holds a certificate or license in  
another state.~~

~~(b) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a  
government certification, or a private certification as  
described in that chapter as a vehicle inspector in a state that  
does not issue that certificate. The rules adopted under  
division (C) (1) of this section shall provide for the issuance  
of inspections certificates and alternative emissions  
certificates. Under the rules, an inspection certificate shall  
be issued to the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle when the  
motor vehicle passes an emissions inspection conducted in  
accordance with the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance  
program established under this section. In lieu of obtaining an  
inspection certificate, the rules shall establish a system by  
which the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may request an  
alternative emissions certificate from the director.~~

(a) The rules providing for the issuance of alternative  
emissions certificates shall require an owner or lessee of a  
motor vehicle to do the following in order to receive the  
certificate:

(i) Complete and submit an attestation form created by the  
director that includes a statement that reads substantially as  
follows:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, attest that, to the best of my knowledge, the  
motor vehicle concerning which I am the owner or lessee complies

with all laws of Ohio and the United States governing motor 1185  
vehicle emissions. I, \_\_\_\_\_, am aware that a false statement on 1186  
this form is not permitted." 1187

(ii) Sign and date the form either manually or 1188  
electronically; 1189

(iii) Submit the form to the director either by regular 1190  
mail, certified mail, or electronically. 1191

(b) The rules shall require the director to include both 1192  
of the following additional information on the attestation form: 1193

(i) A provision that allows the owner or lessee of a motor 1194  
vehicle to specify one of the following methods by which the 1195  
owner or lessee may request delivery of the alternative 1196  
emissions certificate: certified mail, noncertified mail, or 1197  
electronically; 1198

(ii) A provision that allows the owner or lessee of a 1199  
motor vehicle to specify the vehicle identification number, 1200  
make, model, and year of the relevant motor vehicle and the date 1201  
the attestation form is submitted to the director. 1202

(c) Subject to division (C) (2) (d) of this section, the 1203  
rules shall require the director to deliver an alternative 1204  
emission certificate to the owner or lessee of a motor vehicle 1205  
who complies with rules adopted under division (C) (2) (a) of this 1206  
section. The director shall deliver the certificate within 1207  
thirty business days after the director's receipt of the 1208  
attestation form or, if the owner or lessee submits the form 1209  
electronically, within five business days after receipt of the 1210  
form. The director shall confirm the receipt of the attestation 1211  
form if the director receives it by electronic means. 1212

(d) The rules shall require the director to reject an 1213

attestation form for any of the following reasons: 1214

(i) The motor vehicle that is the subject of the 1215  
attestation form was in an accident or collision within the two 1216  
years prior to the date of submission of the form, and the 1217  
accident or collision caused substantial damage to the internal 1218  
structure of the motor vehicle. 1219

(ii) The owner or lessee of the motor vehicle that is the 1220  
subject of the attestation form has received a ticket, citation, 1221  
or summons with regard to that motor vehicle within the two 1222  
years prior to the date of submission of the form for a 1223  
violation of section 4513.22 of the Revised Code or 1224  
substantially equivalent municipal ordinance. 1225

(iii) The information in the attestation form is 1226  
determined by the director to be false. 1227

If the director rejects an attestation form under division 1228  
(C) (2) (d) (iii) of this section, the director shall provide 1229  
notice to the owner or lessee that the attestation form was 1230  
determined to be false. The notice shall inform the owner or 1231  
lessee that the owner or lessee may submit a corrected form to 1232  
the director within thirty days of the receipt of the notice. If 1233  
the owner or lessee submits a corrected attestation form that 1234  
complies with rules adopted under division (C) (2) of this 1235  
section within that thirty-day period, the director shall issue 1236  
an alternative emissions certificate to the owner or lessee. If 1237  
the owner or lessee fails to correct the attestation form, the 1238  
director shall require the owner or lessee to complete an 1239  
emissions inspection and obtain an inspection certificate in 1240  
accordance with rules adopted under this section. 1241

If the director rejects an attestation form under division 1242

(C) (2) (d) (i) or (ii) of this section, the director shall require 1243  
the owner or lessee to complete an emissions inspection and 1244  
obtain an inspection certificate in accordance with rules 1245  
adopted under this section. 1246

(e) In adopting rules under division (C) (2) of this 1247  
section, the director shall ensure that the owner or lessee of a 1248  
motor vehicle who falsifies an attestation form receives a 1249  
notice that includes a statement that reads substantially as 1250  
follows: "You have falsified an attestation form for your 1251  
vehicle under the E-Check/motor vehicle emissions testing 1252  
program. Your vehicle is registered in one of [insert the number 1253  
of counties] counties in this state that has federal emission 1254  
mandates imposed on it that the State of Ohio is required, under 1255  
threat of penalty, to enforce. This letter serves as Ohio's only 1256  
penalty for falsification of an attestation form. You have 1257  
thirty days from the date of this notice to amend your 1258  
attestation form and submit the amended form to the 1259  
Environmental Protection Agency. However, if you choose not to 1260  
submit an amended attestation form, you must have a motor 1261  
vehicle emissions inspection conducted for your vehicle in 1262  
accordance with section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules 1263  
adopted under it." 1264

(f) No penalties apply to a person who the director has 1265  
determined to have falsified an attestation form, other than the 1266  
issuance of the notice required under division (C) (2) (e) of this 1267  
section. 1268

(D) There is hereby created in the state treasury the auto 1269  
emissions test fund, which shall consist of money received by 1270  
the director from any cash transfers, state and local grants, 1271  
and other contributions that are received for the purpose of 1272

funding the program established under this section. The director 1273  
of environmental protection shall use money in the fund solely 1274  
for the implementation, supervision, administration, operation, 1275  
and enforcement of the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 1276  
program established under this section. Money in the fund shall 1277  
not be used for either of the following: 1278

(1) To pay for the inspection costs incurred by a motor 1279  
vehicle dealer so that the dealer may provide inspection 1280  
certificates to an individual purchasing a motor vehicle from 1281  
the dealer when that individual resides in a county that is 1282  
subject to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program; 1283

(2) To provide payment for more than one free passing 1284  
emissions inspection or a total of three emissions inspections 1285  
for a motor vehicle in any three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. 1286  
The owner or lessee of a motor vehicle is responsible for 1287  
inspection fees that are related to emissions inspections beyond 1288  
one free passing emissions inspection or three total emissions 1289  
inspections in any three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. 1290  
Inspection fees that are charged by a contractor conducting 1291  
emissions inspections under a motor vehicle inspection and 1292  
maintenance program shall be approved by the director of 1293  
environmental protection. 1294

(E) The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program 1295  
established under this section expires upon the termination of 1296  
all contracts entered into under this section and shall not be 1297  
implemented beyond the final date on which termination occurs. 1298

(F) As used in this section "battery electric motor 1299  
vehicle" ~~has~~ and "hybrid motor vehicle" have the same ~~meaning~~ 1300  
meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 1301

Sec. 4501.01. As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 1302  
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., ~~4511.~~4513., 4515., and 4517. of 1303  
the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise 1304  
provided: 1305

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 1306  
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric 1307  
personal assistive mobility devices, low-speed micromobility 1308  
devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively on rails or 1309  
tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and vehicles 1310  
that belong to any police department, municipal fire department, 1311  
or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such a 1312  
department in the discharge of its functions. 1313

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 1314  
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 1315  
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 1316  
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 1317  
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 1318  
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 1319  
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 1320  
motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction 1321  
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 1322  
in construction work and not designed for or employed in general 1323  
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 1324  
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 1325  
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 1326  
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 1327  
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 1328  
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 1329

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 1330  
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 1331

other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 1332  
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 1333  
used principally for agricultural purposes. 1334

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 1335  
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 1336  
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 1337  
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 1338  
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 1339  
its load, or both. 1340

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 1341  
designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 1342  
includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 1343  
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 1344  
arrangement. 1345

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 1346  
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 1347  
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 1348  
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 1349  
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 1350  
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 1351  
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 1352  
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 1353  
agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 1354  
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 1355  
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 1356  
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 1357  
provisions in the laws of other states. 1358

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 1359  
that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a 1360  
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 1361

exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 1362  
event is used for general transportation. 1363

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 1364  
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 1365  
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 1366  
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 1367  
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 1368

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 1369  
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 1370  
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 1371  
not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 1372

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 1373  
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 1374  
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 1375

(K) ~~"Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that~~ 1376  
~~is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is~~ 1377  
~~propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride,~~ 1378  
~~and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than~~ 1379  
~~fourteen inches in diameter.~~ has the same meaning as in section 1380  
4511.01 of the Revised Code. 1381

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 1382  
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 1383  
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 1384  
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 1385  
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 1386  
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 1387  
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 1388  
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 1389  
bicycle. 1390



(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 1391  
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 1392  
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 1393  
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 1394  
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 1395  
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 1396  
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 1397  
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 1398  
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 1399  
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 1400  
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 1401  
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 1402  
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 1403  
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 1404  
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 1405  
travel trailer. 1406

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 1407  
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 1408  
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 1409  
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 1410  
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 1411  
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 1412  
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 1413  
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 1414  
personal or recreational purposes. 1415

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 1416  
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 1417  
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 1418  
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 1419  
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 1420  
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 1421

(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 1422  
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 1423  
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 1424

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 1425  
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 1426  
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 1427  
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 1428  
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 1429  
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 1430  
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 1431  
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 1432  
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 1433  
semitrailer into a trailer. 1434

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 1435  
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 1436

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 1437  
travel. 1438

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 1439  
for profit. 1440

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in 1441  
intrastate commerce. 1442

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined 1443  
in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 1444

(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission 1445  
pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code. 1446

(6) It is classed as one of the following: 1447

(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself- 1448  
propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall 1449

length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or 1450  
coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping 1451  
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 1452

(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational 1453  
vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with 1454  
permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and 1455  
consuming of food, and for sleeping. 1456

(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational 1457  
vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed 1458  
to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck 1459  
camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and 1460  
a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to 1461  
be used as a dwelling. 1462

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 1463  
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 1464  
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 1465  
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 1466  
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 1467  
installed in the bed of a truck. 1468

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 1469  
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 1470  
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 1471  
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 1472  
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 1473  
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 1474  
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 1475  
appliances. 1476

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 1477  
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 1478

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of the load. 1479  
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(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is equipped with two or more solid tires. 1482  
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(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between a local place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, hammermills, and machinery used in the production of horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 1484  
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(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, "owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 1492  
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(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and firms that are regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 1496  
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departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 1509  
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 1510  
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 1511  
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 1512  
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 1513  
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 1514  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 1515  
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 1516  
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 1517  
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 1518  
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 1519  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or 1520  
dealing in motor vehicles. 1521

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates 1522  
a motor vehicle upon the public highways. 1523

(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor 1524  
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any 1525  
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than 1526  
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, 1527  
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by 1528  
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily 1529  
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an 1530  
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, 1531  
compensation, or profit. 1532

(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts 1533  
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada. 1534

(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all 1535  
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts. 1536

(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's 1537

original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the 1538  
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle. 1539

(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original 1540  
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor 1541  
of the vehicle. 1542

(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a 1543  
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to 1544  
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of 1545  
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of 1546  
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle 1547  
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle 1548  
dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the 1549  
location of the distributor's licensed dealership. 1550

(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 1551  
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is 1552  
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 1553  
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 1554  
buspools. 1555

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is 1556  
used or intended for use in two or more international 1557  
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or 1558  
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the 1559  
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 1560  
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and 1561  
that meets any of the following qualifications: 1562

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in 1563  
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; 1564

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless 1565  
of the gross vehicle weight; 1566

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 1567  
in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 1568

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 1569  
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up 1570  
and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the 1571  
United States, this state, or any political subdivisions 1572  
thereof. 1573

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who 1574  
contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger- 1575  
carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in 1576  
accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 1577  
United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 1578  
group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 1579  
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 1580  
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 1581

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 1582  
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 1583  
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 1584  
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 1585  
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 1586  
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 1587  
member jurisdictions. 1588

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 1589  
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 1590  
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 1591  
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 1592

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 1593  
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 1594  
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 1595

Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 1596  
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 1597  
vehicle. 1598

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 1599  
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 1600  
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 1601  
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 1602  
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 1603  
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 1604  
vehicles. 1605

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 1606  
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 1607  
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation 1608  
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under 1609  
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 1610  
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 1611  
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 1612  
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 1613  
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 1614  
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 1615

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 1616  
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 1617

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 1618  
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 1619  
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 1620  
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 1621  
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 1622  
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 1623  
mobile homes. 1624



(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 1625  
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 1626  
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 1627

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 1628  
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 1629  
an information system or for transmission from one information 1630  
system to another. 1631

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 1632  
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 1633  
electronic record. 1634

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 1635  
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 1636

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 1637  
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 1638  
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 1639  
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 1640  
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 1641  
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 1642

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 1643  
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 1644  
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 1645  
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 1646  
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 1647  
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 1648  
hour. 1649

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 1650  
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 1651  
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 1652  
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 1653

privilege has been suspended. 1654

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 1655  
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 1656  
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 1657  
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 1658  
handling, or similar activities. 1659

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 1660  
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 1661  
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 1662  
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 1663  
rating less than three thousand pounds. 1664

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 1665  
vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 1666  
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 1667  
twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 1668  
less than three thousand pounds. 1669

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 1670  
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 1671  
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 1672  
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 1673  
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic 1674  
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 1675  
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 1676  
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 1677

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 1678  
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 1679  
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 1680  
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 1681  
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 1682

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 1683  
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 1684  
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 1685  
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 1686  
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 1687

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 1688  
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 1689  
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 1690  
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 1691  
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 1692  
hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed 1693  
cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup 1694  
truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 1695  
vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 1696  
motor vehicle safety standards. 1697

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 1698  
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 1699  
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 1700  
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 1701  
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 1702

(DDD) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a 1703  
passenger car powered in part by a battery cell energy system 1704  
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 1705

(EEE) "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered 1706  
by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the 1707  
following: 1708

(1) A combustion engine; 1709

(2) A battery cell energy system that cannot be recharged 1710  
via an external source of electricity but can be recharged by 1711

other vehicle mechanisms that capture and store electric energy. 1712

(FFF) "Low-speed micromobility device" means a device 1713  
weighing less than one hundred pounds that has handlebars, is 1714  
propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an 1715  
attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 1716  
twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor. 1717

(GGG) "Specialty license plate" means a license plate, 1718  
authorized by the general assembly, that displays a combination 1719  
of words, markings, logos, or other graphic artwork that is in 1720  
addition to the words, images, and distinctive numbers and 1721  
letters required by section 4503.22 of the Revised Code. 1722

(HHH) "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a passenger 1723  
car powered wholly by a battery cell energy system that can be 1724  
recharged via an external source of electricity. 1725

(III) "Adaptive mobility vehicle" means ~~either a new~~ 1726  
~~passenger car or bus purchased from a new motor vehicle dealer~~ 1727  
~~or a used passenger car or bus, provided that such passenger car~~ 1728  
~~or bus that~~ is designed, modified, or equipped to enable an 1729  
individual with a disability to operate or to be transported in 1730  
the passenger car or bus, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 568 1731  
or 595, and contains at least one of the following: 1732

(1) An electronic or mechanical lift that enables a person 1733  
to enter or exit the motor vehicle while occupying a wheelchair 1734  
or scooter; 1735

(2) An electronic or mechanical wheelchair ramp; 1736

(3) A system to secure a wheelchair or scooter in order to 1737  
allow a person to operate or be transported safely while 1738  
occupying that wheelchair or scooter. 1739

(JJJ) "Replica motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that 1740  
is constructed, assembled, or modified so as to replicate the 1741  
make, model, and model year of a motor vehicle that is at least 1742  
twenty-five years old. 1743

**Sec. 4503.038.** (A) ~~Not later than ninety days after July~~ 1744  
~~3, 2019, the~~ The registrar of motor vehicles shall adopt rules 1745  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing 1746  
a service fee that applies for purposes of sections 4503.03, 1747  
4503.036, 4503.042, 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.182, 1748  
4503.24, 4503.261, 4503.44, 4503.65, 4505.061, 4506.08, 4507.24, 1749  
4507.50, 4507.52, 4509.05, 4519.03, 4519.05, 4519.10, 4519.56, 1750  
and 4519.69 of the Revised Code. The service fee shall be five 1751  
dollars. 1752

(B) ~~Not later than ninety days after July 3, 2019, the~~ The 1753  
registrar shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of 1754  
the Revised Code establishing prorated service fees that apply 1755  
for purposes of multi-year registrations authorized under 1756  
section 4503.103 of the Revised Code. 1757

**Sec. 4503.10.** (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 1758  
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 1759  
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 1760  
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 1761  
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 1762  
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 1763  
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 1764  
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 1765  
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 1766  
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 1767  
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 1768  
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 1769

of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in sections 1770  
4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner of every 1771  
other motor vehicle not previously described in this section and 1772  
every person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title 1773  
of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public 1774  
roads or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 1775  
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 1776  
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 1777  
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 1778  
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 1779  
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 1780  
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 1781  
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 1782  
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 1783  
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 1784  
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 1785  
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 1786  
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 1787  
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 1788  
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 1789  
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 1790  
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 1791  
information: 1792

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 1793  
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 1794  
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 1795  
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 1796  
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 1797

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 1798  
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 1799

- (3) The district of registration, which shall be 1800  
determined as follows: 1801
- (a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 1802  
hire or principally in connection with any established business 1803  
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 1804  
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 1805  
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 1806  
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 1807  
located. 1808
- (b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 1809  
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 1810  
owner resides at the time of making the application. 1811
- (4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 1812  
vehicle; 1813
- (5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle; 1814
- (6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the 1815  
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the 1816  
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of 1817  
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application 1818  
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually 1819  
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited 1820  
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration, 1821  
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner 1822  
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with 1823  
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature 1824  
is not required. 1825
- (7) The owner's social security number, driver's license 1826  
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor 1827  
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 1828

connection with any established business, the owner's federal 1829  
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 1830  
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 1831  
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 1832  
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 1833

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 1834  
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 1835  
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 1836  
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 1837  
approve the application for registration. 1838

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 1839  
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 1840  
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 1841  
any of the following: 1842

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 1843  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 1844  
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 1845

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 1846  
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 1847  
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 1848

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 1849  
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 1850

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 1851  
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 1852  
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 1853  
the registrar. 1854

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 1855  
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 1856  
and rules adopted under it, each application for registration 1857



for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and 1858  
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate or 1859  
alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle issued 1860  
in accordance with that section. 1861

(3) An application for registration shall be refused if 1862  
any of the following applies: 1863

(a) The application is not in proper form. 1864

(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by 1865  
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 1866  
4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of 1867  
section 4503.234, division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or 1868  
division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code. 1869

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or 1870  
confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section. 1871

(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor 1872  
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 1873  
current registration year, have not been paid. 1874

(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection 1875  
certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the motor 1876  
vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, and 1877  
rules adopted under it, if that section is applicable. 1878

(4) This section does not require the payment of license 1879  
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, 1880  
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was 1881  
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 1882  
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. 1883  
of the Revised Code. 1884

(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 1885

first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 1886  
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 1887  
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 1888  
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 1889  
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 1890  
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 1891  
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 1892  
the motor vehicle, if any. 1893

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 1894  
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 1895  
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 1896  
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 1897  
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 1898  
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 1899  
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 1900  
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 1901  
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 1902  
certificate of registration. 1903

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 1904  
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 1905  
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 1906  
certificate number from the inspection certificate or the 1907  
alternative emissions certificate number from the alternative 1908  
emissions certificate that is presented at the time of 1909  
registration of the vehicle as required under this division. 1910

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 1911  
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 1912  
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 1913  
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 1914  
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 1915

Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 1916  
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 1917  
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 1918  
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 1919  
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 1920  
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 1921  
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 1922  
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 1923  
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1) and (3) of 1924  
this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 1925  
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 1926  
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 1927  
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 1928

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 1929  
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 1930  
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 1931  
identification sticker or each set of county identification 1932  
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 1933  
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 1934  
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 1935  
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 1936  
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 1937  
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 1938  
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 1939  
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 1940  
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 1941  
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 1942  
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 1943  
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 1944  
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 1945  
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 1946

Code.	1947
(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect	1948
the following additional fee, as applicable, for each	1949
application for registration or registration renewal received	1950
for any hybrid motor vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric motor	1951
vehicle, or battery electric motor vehicle:	1952
(a) One hundred dollars for a hybrid motor vehicle;	1953
(b) One hundred fifty dollars for a plug-in hybrid	1954
electric motor vehicle;	1955
(c) Two hundred dollars for a battery electric motor	1956
vehicle.	1957
Each fee imposed under this division shall be prorated	1958
based on the number of months for which the vehicle is	1959
registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from	1960
each fee to the treasurer of state for distribution in	1961
accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised	1962
Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised	1963
Code.	1964
(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to	1965
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised	1966
Code for each application for registration and registration	1967
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for	1968
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy	1969
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as	1970
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy	1971
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal	1972
notices and the issuing of registrations.	1973
(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county	1974
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates	1975

erroneously or fraudulently issued. 1976

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 1977  
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 1978  
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 1979  
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 1980  
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 1981  
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 1982  
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 1983  
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 1984  
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 1985  
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 1986  
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 1987  
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 1988  
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 1989  
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 1990  
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 1991  
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 1992  
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 1993  
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 1994  
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 1995  
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 1996  
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 1997  
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 1998  
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 1999  
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 2000  
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 2001  
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 2002  
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 2003  
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 2004  
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 2005  
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 2006

money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 2007  
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 2008  
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 2009

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 2010  
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 2011  
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 2012  
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 2013  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 2014  
Code for each application. 2015

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 2016  
district of registration in an application required by division 2017  
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 2018  
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 2019  
specified in that section. 2020

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 2021  
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 2022  
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 2023  
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 2024  
license for failure to present an inspection certificate or 2025  
alternative emissions certificate, and the stamping of the 2026  
inspection certificate or alternative emissions certificate by 2027  
the official issuing the certificate of registration apply to 2028  
the registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 2029  
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 2030  
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 2031  
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 2032  
Code. 2033

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 2034  
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 2035  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 2036

section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 2037  
receives information about the requirements established in that 2038  
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 2039  
present an inspection certificate or an alternative emissions 2040  
certificate with an application for registration or 2041  
preregistration. 2042

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 2043  
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 2044  
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 2045  
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 2046  
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 2047  
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 2048  
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 2049  
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 2050  
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 2051  
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 2052  
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 2053  
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 2054  
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 2055  
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 2056  
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 2057  
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 2058  
registration. 2059

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 2060  
for registration under the international registration plan, as 2061  
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 2062  
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 2063  
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 2064  
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 2065  
forms shall include the following: 2066

(1) A uniform mileage schedule;	2067
(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by the registrant;	2068 2069 2070
(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule.	2071
(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and management program that will enable the owners of commercial tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If the registrar determines that implementing such a program is feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as necessary in order to respond to advances in technology.	2072 2073 2074 2075 2076 2077 2078 2079 2080
If international registration plan guidelines and provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for registrations under the international registration plan to be made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this division shall permit such action.	2081 2082 2083 2084 2085
<b>Sec. 4503.102.</b> (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall adopt rules to establish a centralized system of motor vehicle registration renewal by mail or by electronic means. Any person owning a motor vehicle that was registered in the person's name during the preceding registration year shall renew the registration of the motor vehicle not more than ninety days prior to the expiration date of the registration either by mail or by electronic means through the centralized system of registration established under this section, or in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy registrar's office.	2086 2087 2088 2089 2090 2091 2092 2093 2094 2095



(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 2096  
section, no less than forty-five days prior to the expiration 2097  
date of any motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall mail 2098  
a renewal notice to the person in whose name the motor vehicle 2099  
is registered. The renewal notice shall clearly state that the 2100  
registration of the motor vehicle may be renewed by mail or 2101  
electronic means through the centralized system of registration 2102  
or in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy 2103  
registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information 2104  
including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence 2105  
address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, 2106  
a brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, 2107  
notice of the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle, 2108  
the toll-free telephone number of the registrar as required 2109  
under division (D) (1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code, a 2110  
statement that payment for a renewal may be made by financial 2111  
transaction device using the toll-free telephone number, and any 2112  
additional information the registrar may require by rule. The 2113  
renewal notice shall not include the social security number of 2114  
either the owner of the motor vehicle or the person in whose 2115  
name the motor vehicle is registered. The renewal notice shall 2116  
be sent by regular mail to the owner's last known address as 2117  
shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. 2118

(2) The registrar is not required to mail a renewal notice 2119  
if either of the following applies: 2120

(a) The owner of the vehicle has consented to receiving 2121  
the renewal notice by electronic means only. 2122

(b) The application for renewal of the registration of a 2123  
motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar 2124  
or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, 2125

division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 2126  
4510.22, division (D) of section 4503.234, division (B) (1) of 2127  
section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of the 2128  
Revised Code. 2129

(3) If the owner of a motor vehicle has consented to 2130  
receiving a renewal notice by electronic means only, the 2131  
registrar shall send an electronic renewal notice to the owner 2132  
that contains the information specified in division (B) (1) of 2133  
this section at the time specified under that division. 2134

(C) The owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the 2135  
information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or 2136  
by electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic 2137  
means, or the owner may take it in person to any office of the 2138  
registrar or of a deputy registrar. The owner shall include with 2139  
the notice a financial transaction device number when renewing 2140  
in person or by electronic means but not by mail, check, or 2141  
money order in the amount of the registration taxes and fees 2142  
payable on the motor vehicle and a service fee equal to the 2143  
amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, 2144  
plus postage as indicated on the notice if the registration is 2145  
renewed or fulfilled by mail, and an inspection certificate or 2146  
alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle as 2147  
provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. For purposes of 2148  
the centralized system of motor vehicle registration, the 2149  
registrar shall accept payments via the toll-free telephone 2150  
number established under division (D) (1) of section 4503.031 of 2151  
the Revised Code for renewals made by mail. If the motor vehicle 2152  
owner chooses to renew the motor vehicle registration by 2153  
electronic means, the owner shall proceed in accordance with the 2154  
rules the registrar adopts. 2155

(D) If all registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the current registration year have not been paid, if division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of section 4503.234, division (B)(1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code prohibits acceptance of the renewal notice, or if the owner or lessee does not have an inspection certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, if that section is applicable, the license shall be refused, and the registrar or deputy registrar shall so notify the owner. This section does not require the payment of license or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year or period under section 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not relieve a motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew the registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a motor vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive a renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section prior to the expiration date of the registration shall request an application for registration from the registrar or a deputy registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic means and submit the application and pay any applicable license taxes and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar.

(2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 4503.13, division

(B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of section 4503.234, 2187  
division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 2188  
5537.041 of the Revised Code from accepting the application, the 2189  
registrar shall return the application and the payment to the 2190  
owner. If the owner of a motor vehicle submits a registration 2191  
renewal application to the registrar by electronic means and the 2192  
registrar is prohibited from accepting the application as 2193  
provided in this division, the registrar shall notify the owner 2194  
of this fact and deny the application and return the payment or 2195  
give a credit on the financial transaction device account of the 2196  
owner in the manner the registrar prescribes by rule adopted 2197  
pursuant to division (A) of this section. 2198

(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place 2199  
at the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail 2200  
registration system required by this section and also shall post 2201  
a notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur 2202  
holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the 2203  
registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days 2204  
after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the 2205  
registrar prescribes by rule. 2206

(G) The service fee equal to the amount established under 2207  
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code that is collected from a 2208  
person who renews a motor vehicle registration by electronic 2209  
means or by mail, plus postage collected by the registrar and 2210  
any financial transaction device surcharge collected by the 2211  
registrar, shall be paid to the credit of the public safety - 2212  
highway purposes fund established by section 4501.06 of the 2213  
Revised Code. 2214

(H) (1) Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the 2215  
registrar shall implement a program permitting payment of motor 2216

vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license and 2217  
commercial driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees, 2218  
penalties, or charges imposed or levied by the state by means of 2219  
a financial transaction device for transactions occurring 2220  
online, at any office of the registrar, and at all deputy 2221  
registrar locations. The program shall take effect not later 2222  
than July 1, 2016. The registrar shall adopt rules as necessary 2223  
for this purpose, but all such rules are subject to any action, 2224  
policy, or procedure of the board of deposit or treasurer of 2225  
state taken or adopted under section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 2226

(2) The rules adopted under division (H) (1) of this 2227  
section shall require a deputy registrar to accept payments by 2228  
means of a financial transaction device beginning on the 2229  
effective date of the rules unless the deputy registrar contract 2230  
entered into by the deputy registrar prohibits the acceptance of 2231  
such payments by financial transaction device. However, 2232  
commencing with deputy registrar contract awards that have a 2233  
start date of July 1, 2016, and for all contract awards 2234  
thereafter, the registrar shall require that the proposer accept 2235  
payment by means of a financial transaction device, including 2236  
credit cards and debit cards, for all department of public 2237  
safety transactions conducted at that deputy registrar location. 2238

The bureau and deputy registrars are not required to pay 2239  
any costs that result from accepting payment by means of a 2240  
financial transaction device. A deputy registrar may charge a 2241  
person who tenders payment for a department transaction by means 2242  
of a financial transaction device any cost the deputy registrar 2243  
incurs from accepting payment by the financial transaction 2244  
device, but the deputy registrar shall not require the person to 2245  
pay any additional fee of any kind in connection with the use by 2246  
the person of the financial transaction device. 2247

(3) In accordance with division (H) (1) of this section and 2248  
rules adopted by the registrar under that division, a county 2249  
auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas that is designated a 2250  
deputy registrar shall accept payment by means of a financial 2251  
transaction device, including credit cards and debit cards, for 2252  
all department transactions conducted at the office of the 2253  
county auditor or clerk in the county auditor's or clerk's 2254  
capacity as deputy registrar. The bureau is not required to pay 2255  
any costs incurred by a county auditor or clerk that result from 2256  
accepting payment by means of a financial transaction device for 2257  
any department transaction. 2258

(I) For persons who reside in counties where tailpipe 2259  
emissions inspections are required under the motor vehicle 2260  
inspection and maintenance program, the notice required by 2261  
division (B) of this section shall also include the toll-free 2262  
telephone number maintained by the Ohio environmental protection 2263  
agency to provide information concerning the locations of 2264  
emissions testing centers. The registrar also shall include a 2265  
statement in the notice that a battery electric motor vehicle is 2266  
not required to undergo emissions inspection under the motor 2267  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under 2268  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. 2269

**Sec. 4503.103.** (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles may 2270  
adopt rules to permit any person or lessee, other than a person 2271  
receiving an apportioned license plate under the international 2272  
registration plan, who owns or leases one or more motor vehicles 2273  
to file a written application for registration for no more than 2274  
five succeeding registration years. The rules adopted by the 2275  
registrar may designate the classes of motor vehicles that are 2276  
eligible for such registration. At the time of application, all 2277  
annual taxes and fees shall be paid for each year for which the 2278

person is registering. 2279

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules to permit any 2280  
person or lessee who owns or leases a trailer or semitrailer 2281  
that is subject to the tax rate prescribed in either division 2282  
(C) (1) or, beginning January 1, 2022, (C) (2) of section 4503.042 2283  
of the Revised Code to file a written application for 2284  
registration for any number of succeeding registration years, 2285  
including a permanent registration, for such trailers or 2286  
semitrailers. 2287

At the time of application, the applicant shall pay all of 2288  
the following: 2289

(i) As applicable, either the annual tax prescribed in 2290  
division (C) (1) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code for each 2291  
year for which the applicant is registering or the annual tax 2292  
prescribed in division (C) (2) of section 4503.042 of the Revised 2293  
Code, unless the applicant previously paid the tax specified in 2294  
division (C) (2) of that section for the trailer or semitrailer 2295  
being registered. However, an applicant paying the annual tax 2296  
under division (C) (1) of section 4503.042 of the Revised Code 2297  
shall not pay more than eight times the annual taxes due, 2298  
regardless of the number of years for which the applicant is 2299  
registering. 2300

(ii) The additional fee established under division (C) (1) 2301  
of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code for each year of 2302  
registration, provided that not more than eight times the 2303  
additional fee due shall be paid, regardless of the number of 2304  
years for which the applicant is registering. 2305

(iii) One single deputy registrar service fee in the 2306  
amount specified in division (D) of section 4503.10 of the 2307

Revised Code or one single bureau of motor vehicles service fee 2308  
in the amount specified in division (G) of that section, as 2309  
applicable, regardless of the number of years for which the 2310  
applicant is registering. 2311

(b) In addition, each applicant registering a trailer or 2312  
semitrailer under division (A) (2) (a) of this section shall pay 2313  
any applicable local motor vehicle license tax levied under 2314  
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code for each year for which the 2315  
applicant is registering, provided that not more than eight 2316  
times any such annual local taxes shall be due upon 2317  
registration. 2318

(c) The period of registration for a trailer or 2319  
semitrailer registered under division (A) (2) (a) of this section 2320  
is exclusive to the trailer or semitrailer for which that 2321  
certificate of registration is issued and is not transferable to 2322  
any other trailer or semitrailer if the registration is a 2323  
permanent registration. 2324

(3) Except as provided in division (A) (4) of this section, 2325  
the registrar shall adopt rules to permit any person who owns a 2326  
motor vehicle to file an application for registration for not 2327  
more than five succeeding registration years. At the time of 2328  
application, the person shall pay the annual taxes and fees for 2329  
each registration year, calculated in accordance with division 2330  
(C) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code. A person who is 2331  
registering a vehicle under division (A) (3) of this section 2332  
shall pay for each year of registration the additional fee 2333  
established under division (C) (1) or (3) of section 4503.10 of 2334  
the Revised Code, as applicable. The person shall also pay the 2335  
deputy registrar service fee or the bureau of motor vehicles 2336  
service fee equal to the amount established under section 2337



4503.038 of the Revised Code. 2338

(4) Division (A) (3) of this section does not apply to a 2339  
person receiving an apportioned license plate under the 2340  
international registration plan, or the owner of a commercial 2341  
car used solely in intrastate commerce, or the owner of a bus as 2342  
defined in section 4513.50 of the Revised Code. 2343

(5) A person registering a noncommercial trailer 2344  
permanently shall register the trailer under section 4503.107 of 2345  
the Revised Code. 2346

(B) No person applying for a multi-year registration under 2347  
division (A) of this section is entitled to a refund of any 2348  
taxes or fees paid. 2349

(C) The registrar shall not issue to any applicant who has 2350  
been issued a final, nonappealable order under division (D) of 2351  
this section a multi-year registration or renewal thereof under 2352  
this division or rules adopted under it for any motor vehicle 2353  
that is required to be inspected under section 3704.14 of the 2354  
Revised Code the district of registration of which, as 2355  
determined under section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, is or is 2356  
located in the county named in the order. 2357

(D) Upon receipt from the director of environmental 2358  
protection of a notice issued under rules adopted under section 2359  
3704.14 of the Revised Code indicating that an owner of a motor 2360  
vehicle that is required to be inspected under that section who 2361  
obtained a multi-year registration for the vehicle under 2362  
division (A) of this section or rules adopted under that 2363  
division has not obtained a required inspection certificate or 2364  
alternative emissions certificate for the vehicle, the registrar 2365  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code shall issue 2366

an order to the owner impounding the certificate of registration 2367  
and identification license plates for the vehicle. The order 2368  
also shall prohibit the owner from obtaining or renewing a 2369  
multi-year registration for any vehicle that is required to be 2370  
inspected under that section, the district of registration of 2371  
which is or is located in the same county as the county named in 2372  
the order during the number of years after expiration of the 2373  
current multi-year registration that equals the number of years 2374  
for which the current multi-year registration was issued. 2375

An order issued under this division shall require the 2376  
owner to surrender to the registrar the certificate of 2377  
registration and license plates for the vehicle named in the 2378  
order within five days after its issuance. If the owner fails to 2379  
do so within that time, the registrar shall certify that fact to 2380  
the county sheriff or local police officials who shall recover 2381  
the certificate of registration and license plates for the 2382  
vehicle. 2383

(E) Upon the occurrence of either of the following 2384  
circumstances, the registrar in accordance with Chapter 119. of 2385  
the Revised Code shall issue to the owner a modified order 2386  
rescinding the provisions of the order issued under division (D) 2387  
of this section impounding the certificate of registration and 2388  
license plates for the vehicle named in that original order: 2389

(1) Receipt from the director of environmental protection 2390  
of a subsequent notice under rules adopted under section 3704.14 2391  
of the Revised Code that the owner has obtained the inspection 2392  
certificate or alternative emissions certificate for the vehicle 2393  
as required under those rules; 2394

(2) Presentation to the registrar by the owner of the 2395  
required inspection certificate or alternative emissions 2396

certificate for the vehicle. 2397

(F) The owner of a motor vehicle for which the certificate 2398  
of registration and license plates have been impounded pursuant 2399  
to an order issued under division (D) of this section, upon 2400  
issuance of a modified order under division (E) of this section, 2401  
may apply to the registrar for their return. A fee of two 2402  
dollars and fifty cents shall be charged for the return of the 2403  
certificate of registration and license plates for each vehicle 2404  
named in the application. 2405

**Sec. 4503.183.** (A) No person shall use a replica motor 2406  
vehicle for general transportation. However, a person may 2407  
operate a replica motor vehicle registered under this section on 2408  
the public roads and highways as follows: 2409

(1) For club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and 2410  
similar uses; 2411

(2) To and from a location where maintenance is performed 2412  
on the replica motor vehicle. 2413

(B) In lieu of the annual license tax levied in sections 2414  
4503.02 and 4503.04 of the Revised Code, the registrar of motor 2415  
vehicles or a deputy registrar shall collect a license fee of 2416  
ten dollars for the registration of a replica motor vehicle 2417  
under this section. The fee shall be deposited into the public 2418  
safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of 2419  
the Revised Code. 2420

(C) A person who owns a replica motor vehicle and applies 2421  
for registration and a replica license plate under this section 2422  
shall execute an affidavit that the replica motor vehicle for 2423  
which the plate is requested is owned and operated solely for 2424  
the purposes enumerated in division (A) of this section. The 2425

affidavit also shall set forth that the replica motor vehicle 2426  
has been inspected and found safe to operate on the public roads 2427  
and highways in the state. No registration issued pursuant to 2428  
this section need specify the weight of the replica motor 2429  
vehicle. 2430

(D) The owner of a replica motor vehicle registered under 2431  
this section shall display in plain view on the rear of the 2432  
replica motor vehicle a replica license plate issued by the 2433  
registrar. A replica license plate shall not display a date, but 2434  
shall display the inscription "Replica Motor Vehicle--Ohio" and 2435  
the registration number assigned to that replica motor vehicle. 2436

(E) A replica license plate is valid without renewal as 2437  
long as the replica motor vehicle for which it was issued or 2438  
procured is in existence. A replica license plate is issued for 2439  
the owner's use only for such replica motor vehicle unless later 2440  
transferred to another replica motor vehicle owned by that 2441  
person. In order to effect such a transfer, the owner of the 2442  
replica motor vehicle that originally displayed the replica 2443  
license plate shall comply with division (C) of this section. In 2444  
the event of a transfer of title, the transferor shall surrender 2445  
the replica license plate or transfer it to another replica 2446  
motor vehicle owned by the transferor. The registrar may revoke 2447  
any replica license plate issued under this section, for cause 2448  
shown and after a hearing, for failure of the applicant to 2449  
comply with this section. Upon revocation, a replica license 2450  
plate shall be surrendered. 2451

**Sec. 4503.19.** (A) (1) Upon the filing of an application for 2452  
registration and the payment of the tax for registration, the 2453  
registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 2454  
determine whether the owner previously has been issued a license 2455

plate for the motor vehicle described in the application. If no 2456  
license plate previously has been issued to the owner for that 2457  
motor vehicle, the registrar or deputy registrar shall assign to 2458  
the motor vehicle a distinctive number and issue and deliver to 2459  
the owner in the manner that the registrar may select a 2460  
certificate of registration, in the form that the registrar 2461  
shall prescribe. The registrar or deputy registrar also shall 2462  
charge the owner any fees required under division (C) of section 2463  
4503.10 of the Revised Code and, if applicable, any fees and 2464  
contribution required in accordance with section 4503.261 of the 2465  
Revised Code. 2466

(2) The registrar or deputy registrar then shall deliver a 2467  
license plate and, when required, a validation sticker, or a 2468  
validation sticker alone, to be attached to the number plate as 2469  
provided in section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 2470

If an owner wishes to have two license plates, the 2471  
registrar or deputy registrar shall deliver two license plates, 2472  
duplicates of each other, and, when required, a validation 2473  
sticker, or a validation sticker alone, to be attached to the 2474  
number plates as provided in section 4503.191 of the Revised 2475  
Code. The owner shall display the license plate and, when 2476  
required, the validation sticker on the rear of the vehicle. 2477  
However, a commercial tractor shall display the license plate on 2478  
the front of the commercial tractor and a chauffeured limousine 2479  
shall display a livery sticker along with a validation sticker 2480  
as provided in section 4503.24 of the Revised Code. 2481

(3) The registrar or deputy registrar shall not issue a 2482  
license plate for a school bus. A school bus shall display 2483  
identifying numbers in the manner prescribed by section 4511.764 2484  
of the Revised Code. 2485

(4) The certificate of registration shall be issued and 2486  
delivered to the owner in person, by mail, or by electronic 2487  
delivery. The license plate and, when required, validation 2488  
sticker, or validation sticker alone, shall be issued and 2489  
delivered to the owner in person or by mail. 2490

(5) In the event of the loss, mutilation, or destruction 2491  
of any certificate of registration, or of any license plate or 2492  
validation sticker, or if the owner chooses to replace a license 2493  
plate previously issued for a motor vehicle, or if the 2494  
registration certificate and license plate have been impounded 2495  
as provided by division (B)(1) of section 4507.02 and section 2496  
4507.16 of the Revised Code, the owner of a motor vehicle, or 2497  
manufacturer or dealer, may obtain from the registrar, or from a 2498  
deputy registrar if authorized by the registrar, a duplicate 2499  
thereof or a new license plate bearing a different number, if 2500  
the registrar considers it advisable, upon filing an application 2501  
prescribed by the registrar, and upon paying a fee of one dollar 2502  
for such certificate of registration. The registrar shall 2503  
deposit the one dollar fee into the state treasury to the credit 2504  
of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 2505  
4501.06 of the Revised Code. The registrar or deputy registrar 2506  
shall charge a fee of seven dollars and fifty cents for each set 2507  
of two license plates or six dollars and fifty cents for each 2508  
single license plate or validation sticker issued, which the 2509  
registrar shall deposit into the state treasury to the credit of 2510  
the public safety - highway purposes fund. 2511

(6) Each applicant for a replacement certificate of 2512  
registration, license plate, or validation sticker also shall 2513  
pay the fees provided in divisions (C) and (D) of section 2514  
4503.10 of the Revised Code ~~and~~, any applicable fee under 2515  
section 4503.192 of the Revised Code, and any applicable fee or 2516

contribution under section 4503.261 of the Revised Code. 2517

Additionally, the registrar and each deputy registrar who 2518  
either issues a license plate and a validation sticker for use 2519  
on any vehicle other than a commercial tractor, semitrailer, or 2520  
apportioned vehicle, or who issues a validation sticker alone 2521  
for use on such a vehicle and the owner has changed the owner's 2522  
county of residence since the owner last was issued a county 2523  
identification sticker, also shall issue and deliver to the 2524  
owner a county identification sticker, which shall be attached 2525  
to the license plate in a manner prescribed by the director of 2526  
public safety. The county identification sticker shall identify 2527  
prominently by name or number the county in which the owner of 2528  
the vehicle resides at the time of registration. 2529

(B) A certificate of registration issued under this 2530  
section shall have a portion that contains all the information 2531  
contained in the main portion of the certificate except for the 2532  
address of the person to whom the certificate is issued. Except 2533  
as provided in this division, whenever a reference is made in 2534  
the Revised Code to a motor vehicle certificate of registration 2535  
that is issued under this section, the reference shall be deemed 2536  
to refer to either the main portion of the certificate or the 2537  
portion containing all information in the main portion except 2538  
the address of the person to whom the certificate is issued. If 2539  
a reference is made in the Revised Code to the seizure or 2540  
surrender of a motor vehicle certificate of registration that is 2541  
issued under this section, the reference shall be deemed to 2542  
refer to both the main portion of the certificate and the 2543  
portion containing all information in the main portion except 2544  
the address of the person to whom the certificate is issued. 2545

(C) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 2546

misdemeanor. 2547

Sec. 4503.261. (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles 2548  
shall use a competitive selection process to select a vendor for 2549  
a contract to operate a specialty license plate program. 2550

(2) Beginning nine months after the effective date of this 2551  
section, the vendor shall design and market specialty license 2552  
plates, including specialty license plates required to be issued 2553  
by the registrar under this chapter. Under the program, the 2554  
registrar remains responsible for the issuance of any specialty 2555  
license plate and validation sticker and the collection of taxes 2556  
and fees related to a specialty license plate. The contract 2557  
shall be for a period not to exceed two years and may be 2558  
extended for additional two-year terms. 2559

(3) A vendor selected under division (A) (1) of this 2560  
section is exempt from section 4503.106 of the Revised Code. 2561

(B) Any contract entered into under this section shall 2562  
include, at a minimum, all of the following: 2563

(1) A requirement that the vendor utilize electronic 2564  
infrastructure that is compatible with infrastructure used by 2565  
the bureau of motor vehicles; 2566

(2) Provisions concerning the security of the information 2567  
exchanged through the electronic infrastructure utilized by the 2568  
registrar, the vendor, and any other third parties; 2569

(3) Provisions allowing an owner or lessee to select the 2570  
combination of letters and numbers appearing on a license plate 2571  
in accordance with section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised 2572  
Code, subject to approval by the registrar; 2573

(4) Subject to division (C) of this section, provisions 2574



allowing an owner or lessee purchasing a specialty license plate 2575  
created by the vendor to select various design features of the 2576  
license plate; 2577

(5) Subject to division (C) of this section, provisions 2578  
allowing the vendor to enter into an agreement with any person 2579  
for the marketing and sale of a specialty license plate that is 2580  
not offered by the registrar under this chapter. A person or 2581  
entity that has sponsored a specialty license plate offered by 2582  
the registrar under this chapter may create a new specialty 2583  
license plate through the private vendor. 2584

(6) Provisions specifying that the vendor shall comply 2585  
with all applicable copyright and trademark laws; 2586

(7) A requirement that the registrar collect the following 2587  
fees and contribution, in amounts established in the contract, 2588  
related to the issuance of license plates under the program that 2589  
are in addition to any applicable motor vehicle registration 2590  
taxes and fees levied under Chapters 4503. and 4504. of the 2591  
Revised Code: 2592

(a) A fee to compensate the registrar for costs associated 2593  
with program administration and license plate production and 2594  
design. Fees collected under division (B)(7)(a) of this section 2595  
shall be deposited in the public safety-highway purposes fund 2596  
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 2597

(b) A fee to compensate the vendor for the performance of 2598  
its duties under the contract. Fees collected under division (B) 2599  
(7)(b) of this section shall be deposited in the public safety 2600  
license plate contract fund created in section 4503.262 of the 2601  
Revised Code. 2602

(c) A contribution for deposit in the drug law enforcement 2603

fund created in section 5502.68 of the Revised Code. 2604

(8) Provisions requiring the vendor to comply with all 2605  
applicable requirements of the Revised Code and the Ohio 2606  
Administrative Code. 2607

(C) (1) The registrar shall submit each specialty license 2608  
plate design created under the specialty license plate program 2609  
established under this section to the controlling board. The 2610  
registrar shall submit plate designs to the board either 2611  
individually or in a group as the registrar determines. The 2612  
board may vote to approve or disapprove a group of plates or an 2613  
individual plate from a group of plates as the board determines. 2614  
The board has final authority regarding the design and content 2615  
of any specialty license plate created under the program and 2616  
shall approve or disapprove of any proposed specialty license 2617  
plate. 2618

(2) Before the registrar submits a specialty license plate 2619  
to the controlling board for approval, the registrar may consult 2620  
with the superintendent of the state highway patrol concerning 2621  
any specialty license plate regarding readability, reflectivity, 2622  
and public safety. 2623

(3) The registrar shall not restrict the background color, 2624  
color combinations, or color of alphanumeric license plate 2625  
numbers of a specialty license plate proposed by the private 2626  
vendor except for purposes of public safety. 2627

(D) (1) If a contract with a vendor is entered into under 2628  
this section, the owner or lessee of any passenger car, 2629  
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 2630  
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar and the vendor may 2631  
apply for registration of the vehicle and issuance by the 2632

registrar of a specialty license plate pursuant to this section. 2633

(2) A specialty license plate available through the 2634  
program and a validation sticker, or validation sticker alone, 2635  
shall be issued by the registrar in coordination with the vendor 2636  
to the owner or lessee upon receipt of a completed application 2637  
under this section; payment of the regular license tax as 2638  
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any 2639  
applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 2640  
Revised Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed under 2641  
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, any additional 2642  
fees required by the vendor; and compliance with all other 2643  
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 2644

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 2645  
contrary, the registrar may execute all duties required by this 2646  
section and take all necessary actions to implement its 2647  
requirements. 2648

**Sec. 4503.262.** The public safety license plate contract 2649  
fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of 2650  
fees collected by the registrar pursuant to division (B) (7) (b) 2651  
of section 4503.261 of the Revised Code. The registrar shall use 2652  
the money in the fund to compensate the private vendor selected 2653  
under section 4503.261 of the Revised Code for the performance 2654  
of its duties under the contract authorized under that section. 2655

**Sec. 4505.072.** (A) The owner of a motor vehicle seeking to 2656  
obtain a certificate of title indicating that the motor vehicle 2657  
is a replica motor vehicle shall do all of the following: 2658

(1) Have that motor vehicle inspected by the state highway 2659  
patrol in the manner specified in section 4505.111 of the 2660  
Revised Code and obtain an inspection report from the state 2661

highway patrol; 2662

(2) Obtain a signed written statement from a person or 2663  
nonprofit corporation with expertise in historical motor 2664  
vehicles that the owner's motor vehicle reasonably replicates 2665  
the make, model, and model year of motor vehicle that the owner 2666  
is intending to replicate; 2667

(3) Sign the written statement and have it notarized by a 2668  
notary public. 2669

(B) When a clerk of a court of common pleas issues a 2670  
physical or electronic certificate of title for a motor vehicle, 2671  
the owner of the motor vehicle may request that the certificate 2672  
of title indicate that the motor vehicle is a replica motor 2673  
vehicle. 2674

When a clerk of a court of common pleas issues a duplicate 2675  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title for a 2676  
replica motor vehicle, that certificate of title shall be 2677  
identical to the existing certificate of title. 2678

Prior to issuance of the certificate of title, the owner 2679  
of the replica motor vehicle shall surrender to the clerk any 2680  
existing certificate of title, a copy of the inspection report, 2681  
and the signed notarized written statement described in division 2682  
(A) of this section. 2683

(C) (1) Upon compliance with divisions (A) and (B) of this 2684  
section and payment of the fee prescribed in section 4505.09 of 2685  
the Revised Code, the clerk shall issue to the owner a 2686  
certificate of title that complies with this section. 2687

(2) The clerk shall use reasonable care in performing the 2688  
duties imposed on the clerk by this section in issuing a 2689  
certificate of title pursuant to this section, but the clerk is 2690

not liable for any of the clerk's errors or omissions or those 2691  
of the clerk's deputies, or the automated title processing 2692  
system in the performance of those duties. 2693

(D) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles shall ensure that 2694  
the certificate of title of a replica motor vehicle issued under 2695  
this section complies with all of the following: 2696

(a) It is in the same form as the original certificate of 2697  
title. 2698

(b) It displays the word "REPLICA" in black boldface 2699  
letters on its face. 2700

(c) It includes the make, model, and model year of motor 2701  
vehicle that the owner is intending the motor vehicle to 2702  
replicate. 2703

(d) It includes the year the replica motor vehicle was 2704  
constructed, assembled, or modified. 2705

(2) The registrar shall determine the exact location on 2706  
the face of the certificate of title of the word "REPLICA," the 2707  
make, model, and model year of motor vehicle the owner is 2708  
intending to replicate, and the year the replica motor vehicle 2709  
was constructed, assembled, or modified. The registrar shall 2710  
develop an automated procedure within the automated title 2711  
processing system for purposes of this section. 2712

(3) Every memorandum certificate of title or duplicate 2713  
certificate of title issued for a replica motor vehicle for 2714  
which a certificate of title has been issued under this section 2715  
shall display the same information as is required under division 2716  
(D) (1) of this section. 2717

Any subsequent certificate of title issued for a replica 2718

motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued 2719  
under this section shall display the same information as is 2720  
required under division (D) (1) of this section. 2721

(E) (1) The owner of a replica motor vehicle who titles 2722  
that vehicle as a replica motor vehicle under this section shall 2723  
obtain replica license plates and comply with the requirements 2724  
of section 4503.183 of the Revised Code. 2725

(2) The owner of a replica motor vehicle who does not 2726  
title that motor vehicle as a replica motor vehicle under this 2727  
section is not required to obtain replica motor vehicle license 2728  
plates and comply with the requirements of section 4503.183 of 2729  
the Revised Code. Such an owner is subject to the general 2730  
registration requirements of Chapter 4503., the titling 2731  
requirements of Chapter 4505., and the equipment requirements of 2732  
Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code. 2733

**Sec. 4505.08.** (A) When the clerk of a court of common 2734  
pleas issues a physical certificate of title, the clerk shall 2735  
issue the certificate of title on a form and in a manner 2736  
prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles. The clerk shall 2737  
file a copy of the physical evidence for the creation of the 2738  
certificate of title in a manner prescribed by the registrar. A 2739  
clerk may retain digital images of documents used as evidence 2740  
for issuance of a certificate of title. Certified printouts of 2741  
documents retained as digital images shall have the same 2742  
evidentiary value as the original physical documents. The record 2743  
of the issuance of the certificate of title shall be maintained 2744  
in the automated title processing system. The clerk shall sign 2745  
and affix the clerk's seal to the original certificate of title 2746  
and, if there are no liens on the motor vehicle, shall deliver 2747  
the certificate to the applicant or the selling dealer. If there 2748

are one or more liens on the motor vehicle, the certificate of 2749  
title shall be delivered to the holder of the first lien or the 2750  
selling dealer, who shall deliver the certificate of title to 2751  
the holder of the first lien. 2752

The registrar shall prescribe a uniform method of 2753  
numbering certificates of title, and such numbering shall be in 2754  
such manner that the county of issuance is indicated. The clerk 2755  
shall assign numbers to certificates of title in the manner 2756  
prescribed by the registrar. The clerk shall file all 2757  
certificates of title according to rules to be prescribed by the 2758  
registrar, and the clerk shall maintain in the clerk's office 2759  
indexes for the certificates of title. 2760

The clerk need not retain on file any current certificates 2761  
of title, current duplicate certificates of title, current 2762  
memorandum certificates of title, or current salvage 2763  
certificates of title, or supporting evidence of them covering 2764  
any motor vehicle or manufactured or mobile home for a period 2765  
longer than seven years after the date of its filing; 2766  
thereafter, the documents and supporting evidence may be 2767  
destroyed. The clerk need not retain on file any inactive 2768  
records, including certificates of title, duplicate certificates 2769  
of title, or memorandum certificates of title, or supporting 2770  
evidence of them, including the electronic record described in 2771  
division (A) of section 4505.06 of the Revised Code, covering 2772  
any motor vehicle or manufactured or mobile home for a period 2773  
longer than five years after the date of its filing; thereafter, 2774  
the documents and supporting evidence may be destroyed. 2775

The automated title processing system shall contain all 2776  
active records and an index of the active records, a record and 2777  
index of all inactive titles for ten years, and a record and 2778

index of all inactive titles for manufactured and mobile homes 2779  
for thirty years. If the clerk provides a written copy of any 2780  
information contained in the database, the copy shall be 2781  
considered the original for purposes of the clerk certifying the 2782  
record of the information for use in any legal proceeding. 2783

(B) (1) If the clerk issues a certificate of title for a 2784  
motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 2785  
state, the clerk shall record verbatim, where practicable, in 2786  
the space on the title described in division (B) (19) of section 2787  
4505.07 of the Revised Code, the words that appear as a notation 2788  
to the vehicle on the title issued by the previous state. These 2789  
notations may include, but are not limited to, words to the 2790  
effect that the vehicle was considered or was categorized by the 2791  
state in which it was last previously registered to be a law 2792  
enforcement vehicle or a taxicab or was once in a flood. 2793

(2) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 2794  
a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 2795  
state, receives information from the automated title processing 2796  
system indicating that a title to the vehicle previously was 2797  
issued by this state and that the previous title contained 2798  
notations that appeared in the space described in division (B) 2799  
(19) or (20) of section 4505.07 of the Revised Code, the clerk 2800  
shall enter the notations that appeared on the previous 2801  
certificate of title issued by this state on the new certificate 2802  
of title in the space described in division (B) (19) or (20) of 2803  
section 4505.07 of the Revised Code, irrespective of whether the 2804  
notations appear on the certificate of title issued by the state 2805  
in which the vehicle was last previously registered. 2806

(3) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 2807  
a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 2808



state, receives information from the automated title processing 2809  
system indicating that the vehicle was previously issued a title 2810  
by this state and that the previous title bore the notation 2811  
"REBUILT SALVAGE" as required by division (E) of section 4505.11 2812  
of the Revised Code, or the previous title to the vehicle issued 2813  
by this state was a salvage certificate of title, the clerk 2814  
shall cause the certificate of title the clerk issues to bear 2815  
the notation "REBUILT SALVAGE" in the location prescribed by the 2816  
registrar pursuant to that division. 2817

(4) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 2818  
a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 2819  
state, receives information from the automated title processing 2820  
system indicating that the vehicle was previously issued a title 2821  
by this state and that the previous title included the notation 2822  
"REPLICA" in accordance with section 4505.072 of the Revised 2823  
Code, or the previous title to the vehicle issued by another 2824  
state indicates that the vehicle is a replica motor vehicle, the 2825  
clerk shall cause the certificate of title the clerk issues to 2826  
display the notation "REPLICA" in the location prescribed by the 2827  
registrar pursuant to that section. 2828

(C) When the clerk issues a certificate of title for a 2829  
motor vehicle that was last previously registered in this state 2830  
and was a law enforcement vehicle or a taxicab or was once in a 2831  
flood, the clerk shall record that information in the space on 2832  
the title described in division (B) (20) of section 4505.07 of 2833  
the Revised Code. The registrar, by rule, may prescribe any 2834  
additional uses of or happenings to a motor vehicle that the 2835  
registrar has reason to believe should be noted on the 2836  
certificate of title as provided in this division. 2837

(D) The clerk shall use reasonable care in recording or 2838

entering onto titles the clerk issues any notation and 2839  
information the clerk is required by divisions (B) and (C) of 2840  
this section to record or enter and in causing the titles the 2841  
clerk issues to bear any notation required by those divisions, 2842  
but the clerk is not liable for any of the clerk's errors or 2843  
omissions or those of the clerk's deputies, or the automated 2844  
title processing system, in the performance of the duties 2845  
imposed on the clerk by this section. 2846

(E) The clerk may issue a duplicate title, when duly 2847  
applied for, of any title that has been destroyed as herein 2848  
provided. 2849

(F) Except as provided in section 4505.021 of the Revised 2850  
Code, the clerk shall issue a physical certificate of title to 2851  
an applicant unless the applicant specifically requests the 2852  
clerk not to issue a physical certificate of title and instead 2853  
to issue an electronic certificate of title. The fact that a 2854  
physical certificate of title is not issued for a motor vehicle 2855  
does not affect ownership of the vehicle. In that case, when the 2856  
clerk completes the process of entering certificate of title 2857  
application information into the automated title processing 2858  
system, the effect of the completion of the process is the same 2859  
as if the clerk actually issued a physical certificate of title 2860  
for the motor vehicle. 2861

(G) An electronic motor vehicle dealer who applies for a 2862  
certificate of title on behalf of a customer who purchases a 2863  
motor vehicle from the dealer may print a non-negotiable 2864  
evidence of ownership for the customer if the customer so 2865  
requests. The authorization to print the non-negotiable evidence 2866  
of ownership shall come from the clerk with whom the dealer 2867  
makes application for the certificate of title for the customer, 2868

but the printing by the dealer does not create an agency 2869  
relationship of any kind between the dealer and the clerk. 2870

(H) The owner of a motor vehicle may apply at any time to 2871  
a clerk of a court of common pleas for a non-negotiable evidence 2872  
of ownership for the motor vehicle. 2873

(I) In accordance with rules adopted by the registrar, a 2874  
clerk may issue a certificate of title applied for by an agent 2875  
of a licensed motor vehicle dealer when that agent has a 2876  
properly executed power of attorney from the dealer. 2877

**Sec. 4506.01.** As used in this chapter: 2878

(A) "Alcohol concentration" means the concentration of 2879  
alcohol in a person's blood, breath, or urine. When expressed as 2880  
a percentage, it means grams of alcohol per the following: 2881

(1) One hundred milliliters of whole blood, blood serum, 2882  
or blood plasma; 2883

(2) Two hundred ten liters of breath; 2884

(3) One hundred milliliters of urine. 2885

~~(B)(1)(B) "Commercial driver's license" means a license 2886  
issued in accordance with this chapter that authorizes an 2887  
individual to drive a commercial motor vehicle. Except as 2888  
otherwise specifically provided, "commercial driver's license" 2889  
includes an "enhanced commercial driver's license." 2890~~

~~(2) "Enhanced commercial driver's license" means a 2891  
commercial driver's license issued in accordance with sections 2892  
4507.021 and 4506.072 of the Revised Code that denotes 2893  
citizenship and identity and is approved by the United States 2894  
secretary of homeland security or other designated federal 2895  
agency for purposes of entering the United States. 2896~~

(C) "Commercial driver's license information system" means 2897  
the information system established pursuant to the requirements 2898  
of the "Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986," 100 Stat. 2899  
3207-171, 49 U.S.C.A. App. 2701. 2900

(D) Except when used in section 4506.25 of the Revised 2901  
Code, "commercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 2902  
designed or used to transport persons or property that meets any 2903  
of the following qualifications: 2904

(1) Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle 2905  
weight or combined gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six 2906  
thousand one pounds or more, provided the gross vehicle weight 2907  
or gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles being 2908  
towed is in excess of ten thousand pounds; 2909

(2) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight or 2910  
gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds or 2911  
more; 2912

(3) Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that is 2913  
not a class A or class B vehicle, but is designed to transport 2914  
sixteen or more passengers including the driver; 2915

(4) Any school bus with a gross vehicle weight or gross 2916  
vehicle weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand one 2917  
pounds that is designed to transport fewer than sixteen 2918  
passengers including the driver; 2919

(5) Is transporting hazardous materials for which 2920  
placarding is required under subpart F of 49 C.F.R. part 172, as 2921  
amended; 2922

(6) Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that is 2923  
designed to be operated and to travel on a public street or 2924  
highway and is considered by the federal motor carrier safety 2925

administration to be a commercial motor vehicle, including, but 2926  
not limited to, a motorized crane, a vehicle whose function is 2927  
to pump cement, a rig for drilling wells, and a portable crane. 2928

(E) "Controlled substance" means all of the following: 2929

(1) Any substance classified as a controlled substance 2930  
under the "Controlled Substances Act," 80 Stat. 1242 (1970), 21 2931  
U.S.C.A. 802(6), as amended; 2932

(2) Any substance included in schedules I through V of 21 2933  
C.F.R. part 1308, as amended; 2934

(3) Any drug of abuse. 2935

(F) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt 2936  
or a determination that a person has violated or failed to 2937  
comply with the law in a court of original jurisdiction or an 2938  
authorized administrative tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of 2939  
bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance 2940  
in court, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere accepted by the 2941  
court, the payment of a fine or court cost, or violation of a 2942  
condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or not 2943  
the penalty is rebated, suspended, or probated. 2944

(G) "Disqualification" means any of the following: 2945

(1) The suspension, revocation, or cancellation of a 2946  
person's privileges to operate a commercial motor vehicle; 2947

(2) Any withdrawal of a person's privileges to operate a 2948  
commercial motor vehicle as the result of a violation of state 2949  
or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control other 2950  
than parking, vehicle weight, or vehicle defect violations; 2951

(3) A determination by the federal motor carrier safety 2952  
administration that a person is not qualified to operate a 2953

commercial motor vehicle under 49 C.F.R. 391.	2954
(H) "Domiciled" means having a true, fixed, principal, and permanent residence to which an individual intends to return.	2955 2956
(I) "Downgrade" means any of the following, as applicable:	2957
(1) A change in the commercial driver's license, or commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit, holder's self-certified status as described in division (A) (1) of section 4506.10 of the Revised Code;	2958 2959 2960 2961
(2) A change to a lesser class of vehicle;	2962
(3) Removal of commercial driver's license privileges from the individual's driver's license.	2963 2964
(J) "Drive" means to drive, operate, or be in physical control of a motor vehicle.	2965 2966
(K) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates, or is in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle or is required to have a commercial driver's license.	2967 2968 2969
(L) "Driver's license" means a license issued by the bureau of motor vehicles that authorizes an individual to drive.	2970 2971
(M) "Drug of abuse" means any controlled substance, dangerous drug as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, harmful intoxicant as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, or over-the-counter medication that, when taken in quantities exceeding the recommended dosage, can result in impairment of judgment or reflexes.	2972 2973 2974 2975 2976 2977
(N) "Electronic device" includes a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a pager, a computer, and any other device used to input, write, send, receive, or read text.	2978 2979 2980

(O) "Eligible unit of local government" means a village, 2981  
township, or county that has a population of not more than three 2982  
thousand persons according to the most recent federal census. 2983

(P) "Employer" means any person, including the federal 2984  
government, any state, and a political subdivision of any state, 2985  
that owns or leases a commercial motor vehicle or assigns a 2986  
person to drive such a motor vehicle. 2987

(Q) "Endorsement" means an authorization on a person's 2988  
commercial driver's license that is required to permit the 2989  
person to operate a specified type of commercial motor vehicle. 2990

(R) "Farm truck" means a truck controlled and operated by 2991  
a farmer for use in the transportation to or from a farm, for a 2992  
distance of not more than one hundred fifty miles, of products 2993  
of the farm, including livestock and its products, poultry and 2994  
its products, floricultural and horticultural products, and in 2995  
the transportation to the farm, from a distance of not more than 2996  
one hundred fifty miles, of supplies for the farm, including 2997  
tile, fence, and every other thing or commodity used in 2998  
agricultural, floricultural, horticultural, livestock, and 2999  
poultry production, and livestock, poultry, and other animals 3000  
and things used for breeding, feeding, or other purposes 3001  
connected with the operation of the farm, when the truck is 3002  
operated in accordance with this division and is not used in the 3003  
operations of a motor carrier, as defined in section 4923.01 of 3004  
the Revised Code. 3005

(S) "Fatality" means the death of a person as the result 3006  
of a motor vehicle accident occurring not more than three 3007  
hundred sixty-five days prior to the date of death. 3008

(T) "Felony" means any offense under federal or state law 3009

that is punishable by death or specifically classified as a 3010  
felony under the law of this state, regardless of the penalty 3011  
that may be imposed. 3012

(U) "Foreign jurisdiction" means any jurisdiction other 3013  
than a state. 3014

(V) "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the value 3015  
specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a 3016  
single or a combination vehicle. The gross vehicle weight rating 3017  
of a combination vehicle is the gross vehicle weight rating of 3018  
the power unit plus the gross vehicle weight rating of each 3019  
towed unit. 3020

(W) "Hazardous materials" means any material that has been 3021  
designated as hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and is required to 3022  
be placarded under subpart F of 49 C.F.R. part 172 or any 3023  
quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 3024  
C.F.R. part 73, as amended. 3025

(X) "Imminent hazard" means the existence of a condition 3026  
that presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious 3027  
illness, severe personal injury, or a substantial endangerment 3028  
to health, property, or the environment may occur before the 3029  
reasonably foreseeable completion date of a formal proceeding 3030  
begun to lessen the risk of that death, illness, injury, or 3031  
endangerment. 3032

(Y) "Medical variance" means one of the following received 3033  
by a driver from the federal motor carrier safety administration 3034  
that allows the driver to be issued a medical certificate: 3035

(1) An exemption letter permitting operation of a 3036  
commercial motor vehicle under 49 C.F.R. 381, subpart C or 49 3037  
C.F.R. 391.64; 3038



(2) A skill performance evaluation certificate permitting 3039  
operation of a commercial motor vehicle pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 3040  
391.49. 3041

(Z) "Mobile telephone" means a mobile communication device 3042  
that falls under or uses any commercial mobile radio service as 3043  
defined in 47 C.F.R. 20, except that mobile telephone does not 3044  
include two-way or citizens band radio services. 3045

(AA) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, machine, tractor, 3046  
trailer, or semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power 3047  
used on highways, except that such term does not include a 3048  
vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer operated 3049  
exclusively on a rail. 3050

(BB) "Out-of-service order" means a declaration by an 3051  
authorized enforcement officer of a federal, state, local, 3052  
Canadian, or Mexican jurisdiction declaring that a driver, 3053  
commercial motor vehicle, or commercial motor carrier operation 3054  
is out of service as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5. 3055

(CC) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 3056  
2935.01 of the Revised Code. 3057

(DD) "Portable tank" means a liquid or gaseous packaging 3058  
designed primarily to be loaded onto or temporarily attached to 3059  
a vehicle and equipped with skids, mountings, or accessories to 3060  
facilitate handling of the tank by mechanical means. 3061

(EE) "Public safety vehicle" has the same meaning as in 3062  
divisions (E) (1) and (3) of section 4511.01 of the Revised Code. 3063

(FF) "Recreational vehicle" includes every vehicle that is 3064  
defined as a recreational vehicle in section 4501.01 of the 3065  
Revised Code and is used exclusively for purposes other than 3066  
engaging in business for profit. 3067

(GG) "Residence" means any person's residence determined 3068  
in accordance with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the 3069  
registrar. 3070

(HH) "School bus" has the same meaning as in section 3071  
4511.01 of the Revised Code. 3072

(II) "Serious traffic violation" means any of the 3073  
following: 3074

(1) A conviction arising from a single charge of operating 3075  
a commercial motor vehicle in violation of any provision of 3076  
section 4506.03 of the Revised Code; 3077

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (II) (2) (b) of this 3078  
section, a violation while operating a commercial motor vehicle 3079  
of a law of this state, or any municipal ordinance or county or 3080  
township resolution, or any other substantially similar law of 3081  
another state or political subdivision of another state 3082  
prohibiting either of the following: 3083

(i) Texting while driving; 3084

(ii) Using a handheld mobile telephone. 3085

(b) It is not a serious traffic violation if the person 3086  
was texting or using a handheld mobile telephone to contact law 3087  
enforcement or other emergency services. 3088

(3) A conviction arising from the operation of any motor 3089  
vehicle that involves any of the following: 3090

(a) A single charge of any speed in excess of the posted 3091  
speed limit by fifteen miles per hour or more; 3092

(b) Violation of section 4511.20 or 4511.201 of the 3093  
Revised Code or any similar ordinance or resolution, or of any 3094

similar law of another state or political subdivision of another state; 3095  
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(c) Violation of a law of this state or an ordinance or resolution relating to traffic control, other than a parking violation, or of any similar law of another state or political subdivision of another state, that results in a fatal accident; 3097  
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(d) Violation of section 4506.03 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or county or township resolution, or of any similar law of another state or political subdivision of another state, that involves the operation of a commercial motor vehicle without a valid commercial driver's license with the proper class or endorsement for the specific vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported; 3101  
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(e) Violation of section 4506.03 of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal ordinance or county or township resolution, or of any similar law of another state or political subdivision of another state, that involves the operation of a commercial motor vehicle without a valid commercial driver's license being in the person's possession; 3109  
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(f) Violation of section 4511.33 or 4511.34 of the Revised Code, or any municipal ordinance or county or township resolution substantially similar to either of those sections, or any substantially similar law of another state or political subdivision of another state; 3115  
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(g) Violation of any other law of this state, any law of another state, or any ordinance or resolution of a political subdivision of this state or another state that meets both of the following requirements: 3120  
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(i) It relates to traffic control, other than a parking violation;	3124 3125
(ii) It is determined to be a serious traffic violation by the United States secretary of transportation and is designated by the director as such by rule.	3126 3127 3128
(JJ) "State" means a state of the United States and includes the District of Columbia.	3129 3130
(KK) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous materials within a tank or tanks that are either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or its chassis and have an individual rated capacity of more than one hundred nineteen gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of one thousand gallons or more. "Tank vehicle" does not include a commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty storage container tank that is not designed for transportation, has a rated capacity of one thousand gallons or more, and is temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer.	3131 3132 3133 3134 3135 3136 3137 3138 3139 3140 3141
(LL) "Tester" means a person or entity acting pursuant to a valid agreement entered into pursuant to division (B) of section 4506.09 of the Revised Code.	3142 3143 3144
(MM) "Texting" means manually entering alphanumeric text into, or reading text from, an electronic device. Texting includes short message service, e-mail, instant messaging, a command or request to access a world wide web page, pressing more than a single button to initiate or terminate a voice communication using a mobile telephone, or engaging in any other form of electronic text retrieval or entry, for present or future communication. Texting does not include the following:	3145 3146 3147 3148 3149 3150 3151 3152

(1) Using voice commands to initiate, receive, or	3153
terminate a voice communication using a mobile telephone;	3154
(2) Inputting, selecting, or reading information on a	3155
global positioning system or navigation system;	3156
(3) Pressing a single button to initiate or terminate a	3157
voice communication using a mobile telephone; or	3158
(4) Using, for a purpose that is not otherwise prohibited	3159
by law, a device capable of performing multiple functions, such	3160
as a fleet management system, a dispatching device, a mobile	3161
telephone, a citizens band radio, or a music player.	3162
(NN) "Texting while driving" means texting while operating	3163
a commercial motor vehicle, with the motor running, including	3164
while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic	3165
control device, or other momentary delays. Texting while driving	3166
does not include operating a commercial motor vehicle with or	3167
without the motor running when the driver has moved the vehicle	3168
to the side of, or off, a highway and is stopped in a location	3169
where the vehicle can safely remain stationary.	3170
(OO) "United States" means the fifty states and the	3171
District of Columbia.	3172
(PP) "Upgrade" means a change in the class of vehicles,	3173
endorsements, or self-certified status as described in division	3174
(A) (1) of section 4506.10 of the Revised Code, that expands the	3175
ability of a current commercial driver's license holder to	3176
operate commercial motor vehicles under this chapter;	3177
(QQ) "Use of a handheld mobile telephone" means:	3178
(1) Using at least one hand to hold a mobile telephone to	3179
conduct a voice communication;	3180

(2) Dialing or answering a mobile telephone by pressing 3181  
more than a single button; or 3182

(3) Reaching for a mobile telephone in a manner that 3183  
requires a driver to maneuver so that the driver is no longer in 3184  
a seated driving position, or restrained by a seat belt that is 3185  
installed in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 393.93 and adjusted in 3186  
accordance with the vehicle manufacturer's instructions. 3187

(RR) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 3188  
of the Revised Code. 3189

**Sec. 4506.11.** (A) Every commercial driver's license shall 3190  
be marked "commercial driver's license" or "CDL" and shall be of 3191  
such material and so designed as to prevent its reproduction or 3192  
alteration without ready detection. The commercial driver's 3193  
license for licensees under twenty-one years of age shall have 3194  
characteristics prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles 3195  
distinguishing it from that issued to a licensee who is twenty- 3196  
one years of age or older. Every commercial driver's license 3197  
shall display all of the following information: 3198

(1) The name and residence address of the licensee; 3199

(2) A photograph of the licensee showing the licensee's 3200  
uncovered face; 3201

(3) A physical description of the licensee, including sex, 3202  
height, weight, and color of eyes and hair; 3203

(4) The licensee's date of birth; 3204

(5) The licensee's social security number if the person 3205  
has requested that the number be displayed in accordance with 3206  
section 4501.31 of the Revised Code or if federal law requires 3207  
the social security number to be displayed and any number or 3208

other identifier the director of public safety considers 3209  
appropriate and establishes by rules adopted under Chapter 119. 3210  
of the Revised Code and in compliance with federal law; 3211

(6) The licensee's signature; 3212

(7) The classes of commercial motor vehicles the licensee 3213  
is authorized to drive and any endorsements or restrictions 3214  
relating to the licensee's driving of those vehicles; 3215

(8) The name of this state; 3216

(9) The dates of issuance and of expiration of the 3217  
license; 3218

(10) If the licensee has certified willingness to make an 3219  
anatomical gift under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code, any 3220  
symbol chosen by the registrar of motor vehicles to indicate 3221  
that the licensee has certified that willingness; 3222

(11) If the licensee has executed a durable power of 3223  
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 3224  
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 3225  
sustaining treatment and has specified that the licensee wishes 3226  
the license to indicate that the licensee has executed either 3227  
type of instrument, any symbol chosen by the registrar to 3228  
indicate that the licensee has executed either type of 3229  
instrument; 3230

(12) If the licensee has specified that the licensee 3231  
wishes the license to indicate that the licensee is a veteran, 3232  
active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United 3233  
States and has presented a copy of the licensee's DD-214 form or 3234  
an equivalent document, any symbol chosen by the registrar to 3235  
indicate that the licensee is a veteran, active duty, or 3236  
reservist of the armed forces of the United States; 3237

(13) If the licensee is a noncitizen of the United States, 3238  
a notation designating that the licensee is a noncitizen; 3239

(14) Any other information the registrar considers 3240  
advisable and requires by rule. 3241

~~(B) Every enhanced commercial driver's license shall have 3242  
any additional characteristics established by the rules adopted 3243  
under section 4507.021 of the Revised Code. 3244~~

~~(C)~~ The registrar may establish and maintain a file of 3245  
negatives of photographs taken for the purposes of this section. 3246

~~(D)~~ (C) Neither the registrar nor any deputy registrar 3247  
shall issue a commercial driver's license to anyone under 3248  
twenty-one years of age that does not have the characteristics 3249  
prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it from the 3250  
commercial driver's license issued to persons who are twenty-one 3251  
years of age or older. 3252

~~(E)~~ (D) Whoever violates division ~~(D)~~ (C) of this section is 3253  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 3254

**Sec. 4507.01.** (A) As used in this chapter, "motor 3255  
vehicle," "motorized bicycle," "state," "owner," "operator," 3256  
"chauffeur," and "highways" have the same meanings as in section 3257  
4501.01 of the Revised Code. 3258

"Driver's license" means a class D license issued to any 3259  
person to operate a motor vehicle or motor-driven cycle, other 3260  
than a commercial motor vehicle, and includes "probationary 3261  
license," "restricted license," "limited term license," and any 3262  
operator's or chauffeur's license issued before January 1, 1990. 3263  
~~Except as otherwise specifically provided, "driver's license" 3264  
includes an "enhanced driver's license." 3265~~



~~"Enhanced driver's license" means a driver's license~~ 3266  
~~issued in accordance with sections 4507.021 and 4507.063 of the~~ 3267  
~~Revised Code that denotes citizenship and identity and is~~ 3268  
~~approved by the United States secretary of homeland security or~~ 3269  
~~other designated federal agency for purposes of entering the~~ 3270  
~~United States.~~ 3271

"Probationary license" means the license issued to any 3272  
person between sixteen and eighteen years of age to operate a 3273  
motor vehicle. 3274

"Restricted license" means the license issued to any 3275  
person to operate a motor vehicle subject to conditions or 3276  
restrictions imposed by the registrar of motor vehicles. 3277

"Commercial driver's license" means the license issued to 3278  
a person under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code to operate a 3279  
commercial motor vehicle. 3280

"Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in 3281  
section 4506.01 of the Revised Code. 3282

"Motorcycle operator's temporary instruction permit,  
license, or endorsement" includes a temporary instruction 3283  
permit, license, or endorsement for a motor-driven cycle or 3284  
motor scooter unless otherwise specified. 3285  
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"Motorized bicycle license" means the license issued under 3287  
section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a 3288  
motorized bicycle including a "probationary motorized bicycle 3289  
license." 3290

"Probationary motorized bicycle license" means the license 3291  
issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person 3292  
between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized 3293  
bicycle. 3294

"Identification card" means a card issued under sections 3295  
4507.50 to 4507.52 of the Revised Code. ~~Except as otherwise~~ 3296  
~~specifically provided, "identification card" includes an~~ 3297  
~~"enhanced identification card."~~ 3298

~~"Enhanced identification card" means an identification~~ 3299  
~~card issued in accordance with sections 4507.021 and 4507.511 of~~ 3300  
~~the Revised Code that denotes citizenship and identity and is~~ 3301  
~~approved by the United States secretary of homeland security or~~ 3302  
~~other designated federal agency for purposes of entering the~~ 3303  
~~United States.~~ 3304

"Resident" means a person who, in accordance with 3305  
standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, resides 3306  
in this state on a permanent basis. 3307

"Temporary resident" means a person who, in accordance 3308  
with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, 3309  
resides in this state on a temporary basis. 3310

(B) In the administration of this chapter and Chapter 3311  
4506. of the Revised Code, the registrar has the same authority 3312  
as is conferred on the registrar by section 4501.02 of the 3313  
Revised Code. Any act of an authorized deputy registrar of motor 3314  
vehicles under direction of the registrar is deemed the act of 3315  
the registrar. 3316

To carry out this chapter, the registrar shall appoint 3317  
such deputy registrars in each county as are necessary. 3318

The registrar also shall provide at each place where an 3319  
application for a driver's or commercial driver's license or 3320  
identification card may be made the necessary equipment to take 3321  
a photograph of the applicant for such license or card as 3322  
required under section 4506.11 or 4507.06 of the Revised Code, 3323

and to conduct the vision screenings required by section 4507.12 3324  
of the Revised Code. 3325

The registrar shall assign one or more deputy registrars 3326  
to any driver's license examining station operated under the 3327  
supervision of the director of public safety, whenever the 3328  
registrar considers such assignment possible. Space shall be 3329  
provided in the driver's license examining station for any such 3330  
deputy registrar so assigned. The deputy registrars shall not 3331  
exercise the powers conferred by such sections upon the 3332  
registrar, unless they are specifically authorized to exercise 3333  
such powers by such sections. 3334

(C) No agent for any insurance company, writing automobile 3335  
insurance, shall be appointed deputy registrar, and any such 3336  
appointment is void. No deputy registrar shall in any manner 3337  
solicit any form of automobile insurance, nor in any manner 3338  
advise, suggest, or influence any licensee or applicant for 3339  
license for or against any kind or type of automobile insurance, 3340  
insurance company, or agent, nor have the deputy registrar's 3341  
office directly connected with the office of any automobile 3342  
insurance agent, nor impart any information furnished by any 3343  
applicant for a license or identification card to any person, 3344  
except the registrar. This division shall not apply to any 3345  
nonprofit corporation appointed deputy registrar. 3346

(D) The registrar shall immediately remove a deputy 3347  
registrar who violates the requirements of this chapter. 3348

**Sec. 4507.061.** (A) The registrar of motor vehicles may 3349  
authorize the online renewal of a driver's license, commercial 3350  
driver's license, or identification card issued by the bureau of 3351  
motor vehicles for eligible applicants. An applicant is eligible 3352  
for online renewal if all of the following apply: 3353

- (1) The applicant's current driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card was processed in person at a deputy registrar office. 3354  
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- (2) The applicant has a photo on file with the bureau of motor vehicles from the applicant's current driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card. 3357  
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- (3) The applicant's current driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card expires on the birthday of the applicant in the fourth year after the date it was issued. 3360  
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- (4) The applicant is applying for a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card that expires on the birthday of the applicant in the fourth year after the date it is issued. 3364  
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- (5) The applicant's current driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card is unexpired or expired not more than six months prior to the date of the application. 3368  
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- (6) The applicant is a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States and a permanent resident of this state. 3371  
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- (7) The applicant's current driver's license, commercial driver's license, or identification card was ~~issue~~issued when the applicant was twenty-one years of age or older. 3373  
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- (8) If the applicant is renewing a driver's license or commercial driver's license, the applicant is less than sixty-five years of age. 3376  
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- (9) The applicant's current driver's license, commercial driver's license, or driving privileges are not suspended, canceled, revoked, or restricted, and the applicant is not 3379  
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otherwise prohibited by law from obtaining a driver's license, 3382  
commercial driver's license, or identification card. 3383

(10) The applicant has no changes to the applicant's name 3384  
or personal information, other than a change of address. 3385

(11) The applicant has no medical restrictions that would 3386  
require the applicant to apply for a driver's license, 3387  
commercial driver's license, or identification card in person at 3388  
a deputy registrar office. The registrar shall determine the 3389  
medical restrictions that require in person applications. 3390

(12) For a commercial driver's license, the applicant 3391  
complies with all the requirements of Chapter 4506. of the 3392  
Revised Code, including self-certification and medical 3393  
certificate requirements. 3394

(13) For a commercial driver's license, the applicant is 3395  
not under any restriction specified by any federal regulation. 3396

(B) An applicant may not submit an application online for 3397  
any of the following: 3398

(1) A temporary instruction permit; 3399

(2) A commercial driver's license temporary instruction 3400  
permit; 3401

(3) An initial issuance of an Ohio driver's license, 3402  
commercial driver's license, or identification card; 3403

(4) An initial issuance of a federally compliant driver's 3404  
license or identification card; 3405

~~(5) An initial issuance of an enhanced driver's license,~~ 3406  
~~commercial driver's license, or enhanced identification card;~~ 3407

~~(6) An ignition interlock license;~~ 3408

~~(7)~~(6) A limited term driver's license or nonrenewable  
commercial driver's license. 3409  
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(C) The registrar may require an applicant to provide a 3411  
digital copy of any identification documents and supporting 3412  
documents as required by statute or administrative rule to 3413  
comply with current state and federal requirements. 3414

(D) Except as otherwise provided, an applicant shall 3415  
comply with all other applicable laws related to the issuance of 3416  
a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or 3417  
identification card in order to renew a driver's license, 3418  
commercial driver's license, or identification card under this 3419  
section. 3420

(E) The registrar may adopt rules in accordance with 3421  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement and administer 3422  
this section. 3423

**Sec. 4507.13.** (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 3424  
issue a driver's license to every person licensed as an operator 3425  
of motor vehicles other than commercial motor vehicles. No 3426  
person licensed as a commercial motor vehicle driver under 3427  
Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code need procure a driver's 3428  
license, but no person shall drive any commercial motor vehicle 3429  
unless licensed as a commercial motor vehicle driver. 3430

(2) Every driver's license shall display all of the 3431  
following information: 3432

(a) The distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; 3433

(b) The licensee's name and date of birth; 3434

(c) The licensee's residence address and county of 3435  
residence; 3436

(d) A photograph of the licensee;	3437
(e) A brief description of the licensee for the purpose of identification;	3438 3439
(f) A facsimile of the signature of the licensee as it appears on the application for the license;	3440 3441
(g) A notation, in a manner prescribed by the registrar, indicating any condition described in division (D) (3) of section 4507.08 of the Revised Code to which the licensee is subject;	3442 3443 3444
(h) If the licensee has executed a durable power of attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- sustaining treatment and has specified that the licensee wishes the license to indicate that the licensee has executed either type of instrument, any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the licensee has executed either type of instrument;	3445 3446 3447 3448 3449 3450 3451 3452
(i) If the licensee has specified that the licensee wishes the license to indicate that the licensee is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States and has presented a copy of the licensee's DD-214 form or an equivalent document, any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the licensee is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of the United States;	3453 3454 3455 3456 3457 3458 3459
(j) If the licensee is a noncitizen of the United States, a notation designating that the licensee is a noncitizen;	3460 3461
(k) Any additional information that the registrar requires by rule.	3462 3463
(3) No license shall display the licensee's social	3464

security number unless the licensee specifically requests that 3465  
the licensee's social security number be displayed on the 3466  
license. If federal law requires the licensee's social security 3467  
number to be displayed on the license, the social security 3468  
number shall be displayed on the license notwithstanding this 3469  
section. 3470

(4) The driver's license for licensees under twenty-one 3471  
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 3472  
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a licensee who 3473  
is twenty-one years of age or older, except that a driver's 3474  
license issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 3475  
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 3476  
characteristics of a license issued to a person who is twenty- 3477  
one years of age or older. 3478

(5) The limited term license issued to a temporary 3479  
resident shall contain the ~~word~~ words "limited term" and shall 3480  
have any additional characteristics prescribed by the registrar 3481  
distinguishing it from a license issued to a resident. 3482

~~(6) Every enhanced driver's license shall have any 3483  
additional characteristics established by the rules adopted 3484  
under section 4507.021 of the Revised Code. 3485~~

~~(7) Every driver's or commercial driver's license 3486  
displaying a motorcycle operator's endorsement and every 3487  
restricted license to operate a motor vehicle also shall display 3488  
the designation "novice," if the endorsement or license is 3489  
issued to a person who is eighteen years of age or older and 3490  
previously has not been licensed to operate a motorcycle by this 3491  
state or another jurisdiction recognized by this state. The 3492  
"novice" designation shall be effective for one year after the 3493  
date of issuance of the motorcycle operator's endorsement or 3494~~



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~~(8)~~(7) Each license issued under this section shall be of 3496  
such material and so designed as to prevent its reproduction or 3497  
alteration without ready detection. 3498

(B) Except in regard to a driver's license issued to a 3499  
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 3500  
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 3501  
deputy registrar shall issue a driver's license to anyone under 3502  
twenty-one years of age that does not have the characteristics 3503  
prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it from the driver's 3504  
license issued to persons who are twenty-one years of age or 3505  
older. 3506

(C) The registrar shall ensure that driver's licenses 3507  
issued in accordance with the federal "Real ID Act," 49 U.S.C. 3508  
30301, et seq., comply with the regulations specified in 6 3509  
C.F.R. part 37. 3510

(D) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is 3511  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 3512

**Sec. 4507.21.** (A) Except as provided in section 4507.061 3513  
of the Revised Code, each applicant for a driver's license shall 3514  
file an application in the office of the registrar of motor 3515  
vehicles or of a deputy registrar. 3516

(B) (1) Each person under eighteen years of age applying 3517  
for a driver's license issued in this state and each person 3518  
eighteen years of age or older applying for an initial limited 3519  
term license in this state shall present satisfactory evidence 3520  
of having successfully completed ~~any~~ one of the following: 3521

(a) ~~A driver education course approved by the state~~ 3522  
~~department of education and workforce prior to December 31,~~ 3523

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~~(b)~~ A driver training course approved by the director of public safety. 3525  
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~~(e)~~ (b) A driver training course comparable to a ~~driver~~ education or driver training course described in division (B) (1) (a) or ~~(b)~~ of this section and administered by a branch of the armed forces of the United States and completed by the applicant while residing outside this state for the purpose of being with or near any person serving in the armed forces of the United States. 3527  
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(2) Each person under eighteen years of age applying for a driver's license also shall present, on a form prescribed by the registrar, an affidavit signed by an eligible adult attesting that the person has acquired at least fifty hours of actual driving experience, with at least ten of those hours being at night. 3534  
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(3) Each person eighteen years of age or older applying for an initial limited term license in this state also shall present, on a form prescribed by the registrar, an affidavit signed by an adult who holds a current valid driver's or commercial driver's license issued by this state that the applicant has acquired at least fifty hours of actual driving experience, with at least ten of those hours being at night, accompanied by the signing adult. 3540  
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(C) (1) An applicant for an initial driver's license shall present satisfactory evidence of successful completion of the abbreviated driver training course for adults, approved by the director of public safety under section 4508.02 of the Revised Code, if all of the following apply: 3548  
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(a) The applicant is eighteen years of age or older. 3553

(b) The applicant failed the road or maneuverability test 3554  
required under division (A) (2) of section 4507.11 of the Revised 3555  
Code. 3556

(c) In the twelve months immediately preceding the date of 3557  
application, the applicant has not successfully completed a 3558  
driver training course. 3559

(2) An applicant shall present satisfactory evidence as 3560  
required under division (C) (1) of this section prior to 3561  
attempting the test a second or subsequent time. 3562

(D) If the registrar or deputy registrar determines that 3563  
the applicant is entitled to the driver's license, it shall be 3564  
issued. If the application shows that the applicant's license 3565  
has been previously canceled or suspended, the deputy registrar 3566  
shall forward the application to the registrar, who shall 3567  
determine whether the license shall be granted. 3568

(E) An applicant shall file an application under this 3569  
section in duplicate, and the deputy registrar issuing the 3570  
license shall immediately forward to the office of the registrar 3571  
the original copy of the application, together with the 3572  
duplicate copy of any certificate of completion if issued for 3573  
purposes of division (B) of this section. The registrar shall 3574  
prescribe rules as to the manner in which the deputy registrar 3575  
files and maintains the applications and other records. The 3576  
registrar shall file every application for a driver's or 3577  
commercial driver's license and index them by name and number, 3578  
and shall maintain a suitable record of all licenses issued, all 3579  
convictions and bond forfeitures, all applications for licenses 3580  
denied, and all licenses that have been suspended or canceled. 3581

(F) For purposes of section 2313.06 of the Revised Code, 3582  
the registrar shall maintain accurate and current lists of the 3583  
residents of each county who are eighteen years of age or older, 3584  
have been issued, on and after January 1, 1984, driver's or 3585  
commercial driver's licenses that are valid and current, and 3586  
would be electors if they were registered to vote, regardless of 3587  
whether they actually are registered to vote. The lists shall 3588  
contain the names, addresses, dates of birth, duration of 3589  
residence in this state, citizenship status, and social security 3590  
numbers, if the numbers are available, of the licensees, and may 3591  
contain any other information that the registrar considers 3592  
suitable. 3593

(G) Each person under eighteen years of age applying for a 3594  
motorcycle operator's endorsement or a restricted license 3595  
enabling the applicant to operate a motorcycle shall present 3596  
satisfactory evidence of having completed the courses of 3597  
instruction in the motorcycle safety and education program 3598  
described in section 4508.08 of the Revised Code or a comparable 3599  
course of instruction administered by a branch of the armed 3600  
forces of the United States and completed by the applicant while 3601  
residing outside this state for the purpose of being with or 3602  
near any person serving in the armed forces of the United 3603  
States. If the registrar or deputy registrar then determines 3604  
that the applicant is entitled to the endorsement or restricted 3605  
license, it shall be issued. 3606

(H) No person shall knowingly make a false statement in an 3607  
affidavit presented in accordance with division (B) (2) of this 3608  
section. 3609

(I) As used in this section, "eligible adult" means any of 3610  
the following persons: 3611

(1) A parent, guardian, or custodian of the applicant; 3612

(2) A person over the age of twenty-one who acts in loco 3613  
parentis of the applicant and who maintains proof of financial 3614  
responsibility with respect to the operation of a motor vehicle 3615  
owned by the applicant or with respect to the applicant's 3616  
operation of any motor vehicle. 3617

(J) Whoever violates division (H) of this section is 3618  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined one hundred 3619  
dollars. 3620

**Sec. 4507.52.** (A) (1) Each identification card issued by 3621  
the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 3622  
display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and 3623  
shall display the following inscription: 3624

"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD 3625

This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a 3626  
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of 3627  
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card." 3628

(2) The identification card shall display substantially 3629  
the same information as contained in the application and as 3630  
described in division (A) (1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised 3631  
Code, including, if the cardholder is a noncitizen of the United 3632  
States, a notation designating that the cardholder is a 3633  
noncitizen. The identification card shall not display the 3634  
cardholder's social security number unless the cardholder 3635  
specifically requests that the cardholder's social security 3636  
number be displayed on the card. If federal law requires the 3637  
cardholder's social security number to be displayed on the 3638  
identification card, the social security number shall be 3639  
displayed on the card notwithstanding this section. 3640

(3) The identification card also shall display the 3641  
photograph of the cardholder. 3642

(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of 3643  
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 3644  
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 3645  
sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder 3646  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 3647  
has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall 3648  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 3649  
cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 3650

(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 3651  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 3652  
is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of 3653  
the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's 3654  
DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall 3655  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 3656  
cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed 3657  
forces of the United States. 3658

(6) The card shall be designed as to prevent its 3659  
reproduction or alteration without ready detection. 3660

(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one 3661  
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 3662  
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is 3663  
twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification 3664  
card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 3665  
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 3666  
characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who 3667  
is twenty-one years of age or older. 3668

(8) Every identification card issued to a resident of this 3669

state shall display the expiration date of the card, in 3670  
accordance with section 4507.501 of the Revised Code. 3671

(9) Every identification card issued to a temporary 3672  
resident shall expire in accordance with section 4507.501 of the 3673  
Revised Code and rules adopted by the registrar and is limited 3674  
term. Every limited term identification card and limited term 3675  
temporary identification card shall contain the words "limited 3676  
term" and shall have any additional characteristics prescribed 3677  
by the registrar distinguishing it from an identification card 3678  
issued to a resident. 3679

~~(10) Every enhanced identification card shall have any 3680  
additional characteristics established by the rules adopted 3681  
under section 4507.021 of the Revised Code. 3682~~

(B) (1) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the 3683  
person to whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by 3684  
doing both of the following: 3685

(a) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or 3686  
mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar; 3687

(b) Filing an application and presenting documentary 3688  
evidence under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 3689

(2) A cardholder may apply to obtain a reprint of the 3690  
cardholder's identification card through electronic means in 3691  
accordance with section 4507.40 of the Revised Code. 3692

(3) A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification 3693  
card that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by 3694  
furnishing suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a 3695  
deputy registrar. 3696

(4) Except as provided in division (B) (5) or (6) of this 3697

section, when a cardholder applies for a duplicate, reprint, or 3698  
replacement identification card, the cardholder shall pay the 3699  
following fees: 3700

(a) Two dollars and fifty cents; 3701

(b) A deputy registrar or service fee equal to the amount 3702  
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 3703

(5) The following cardholders may apply for a duplicate, 3704  
reprint, or replacement identification card without payment of 3705  
any fee prescribed in division (B)(4) of this section: 3706

(a) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected 3707  
disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' 3708  
administration; 3709

(b) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly 3710  
disabled. 3711

(6) A cardholder who is seventeen years of age or older 3712  
may apply for a replacement identification card without payment 3713  
of any fee prescribed in division (B)(4) of this section. 3714

(7) A duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification 3715  
card expires on the same date as the card it replaces. 3716

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining 3717  
that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was 3718  
altered. 3719

(D)(1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions 3720  
shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or 3721  
privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification 3722  
card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly 3723  
operated or franchised transit system from using an 3724  
identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or 3725



services of the system. 3726

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or 3727  
possess an identification card. 3728

(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a 3729  
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 3730  
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 3731  
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 3732  
under twenty-one years of age that does not have the 3733  
characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it 3734  
from the identification card issued to persons who are twenty- 3735  
one years of age or older. 3736

(F) The registrar shall ensure that identification cards 3737  
issued in accordance with the federal "Real ID Act," 49 U.S.C. 3738  
30301, et seq., comply with the regulations specified in 6 3739  
C.F.R. part 37. 3740

(G) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is 3741  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 3742

**Sec. 4508.02.** (A) (1) The director of public safety, 3743  
subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt and 3744  
prescribe such rules concerning the administration and 3745  
enforcement of this chapter as are necessary to protect the 3746  
public. The rules shall require an assessment of the holder of a 3747  
probationary instructor license. The director shall inspect the 3748  
school facilities and equipment of applicants and licensees and 3749  
examine applicants for instructor's licenses. 3750

(2) The director shall adopt rules governing online driver 3751  
education courses that may be completed via the internet to 3752  
satisfy the classroom instruction under division (C) of this 3753  
section. The rules shall do all of the following: 3754

(a) Establish standards that an online driver training enterprise must satisfy to be licensed to offer an online driver education course via the internet, including, at a minimum, proven expertise in providing driver education and an acceptable infrastructure capable of providing secure online driver education in accord with advances in internet technology. The rules shall allow an online driver training enterprise to be affiliated with a licensed driver training school offering in-person classroom instruction, but shall not require such an affiliation.

(b) Establish content requirements that an online driver education course must satisfy to be approved as equivalent to twenty-four hours of in-person classroom instruction;

(c) Establish attendance standards, including a maximum number of course hours that may be completed in a twenty-four-hour period;

(d) Allow an enrolled applicant to begin the required eight hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction upon completing all twenty-four hours of course instruction;

(e) Establish any other requirements necessary to regulate online driver education.

(B) The director shall administer and enforce this chapter.

(C) The rules shall require twenty-four hours of completed in-person classroom instruction or the completion of an approved, equivalent online driver education course offered via the internet by a licensed online driver training enterprise, followed by eight hours of actual behind-the-wheel instruction conducted on public streets and highways of this state for all

beginning drivers of noncommercial motor vehicles who are ~~under-~~ 3784  
~~age eighteen~~ required to complete the training under section 3785  
4507.21 of the Revised Code. The rules also shall require the 3786  
classroom instruction or online driver education course for such 3787  
drivers to include instruction on both of the following: 3788

(1) The dangers of driving a motor vehicle while 3789  
distracted, including while using an electronic wireless 3790  
communications device, or engaging in any other activity that 3791  
distracts a driver from the safe and effective operation of a 3792  
motor vehicle; 3793

(2) The dangers of driving a motor vehicle while under the 3794  
influence of a controlled substance, prescription medication, or 3795  
alcohol. 3796

(D) The rules shall state the minimum hours for classroom 3797  
and behind-the-wheel instruction required for beginning drivers 3798  
of commercial trucks, commercial cars, buses, and commercial 3799  
tractors, trailers, and semitrailers. 3800

(E) (1) The department of public safety may charge a fee to 3801  
each online driver training enterprise in an amount sufficient 3802  
to pay the actual expenses the department incurs in the 3803  
regulation of online driver education courses. 3804

(2) The department shall supply to each licensed online 3805  
driver training enterprise certificates to be used for 3806  
certifying an applicant's enrollment in an approved online 3807  
driver education course and a separate certificate to be issued 3808  
upon successful completion of an approved online driver 3809  
education course. The certificates shall be numbered serially. 3810  
The department may charge a fee to each online driver training 3811  
enterprise per certificate supplied to pay the actual expenses 3812

the department incurs in supplying the certificates. 3813

(F) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with 3814  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing an abbreviated driver 3815  
training course for adults. 3816

**Sec. 4511.01.** As used in this chapter and in Chapter 4513. 3817  
of the Revised Code: 3818

(A) "Vehicle" means every device, including a bicycle, 3819  
motorized bicycle, and an electric bicycle, in, upon, or by 3820  
which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a 3821  
highway, ~~except that "vehicle".~~ "Vehicle" does not include any 3822  
motorized wheelchair, any electric personal assistive mobility 3823  
device, any low-speed micromobility device, any personal 3824  
delivery device as defined in section 4511.513 of the Revised 3825  
Code, any device that is moved by power collected from overhead 3826  
electric trolley wires or that is used exclusively upon 3827  
stationary rails or tracks, or any device, ~~other than a bicycle,~~ 3828  
that is moved by human power. 3829

(B) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled or drawn 3830  
by power other than muscular power or power collected from 3831  
overhead electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, 3832  
electric bicycles, road rollers, traction engines, power 3833  
shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used in construction 3834  
work and not designed for or employed in general highway 3835  
transportation, hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, 3836  
ditch-digging machinery, farm machinery, and trailers designed 3837  
and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of 3838  
storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or 3839  
towed on a street or highway for a distance of no more than ten 3840  
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 3841

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) of this section. 3871

(4) Vehicles used by fire departments, including motor 3872  
vehicles when used by volunteer fire fighters responding to 3873  
emergency calls in the fire department service when identified 3874  
as required by the director of public safety. 3875

Any vehicle used to transport or provide emergency medical 3876  
service to an ill or injured person, when certified as a public 3877  
safety vehicle, shall be considered a public safety vehicle when 3878  
transporting an ill or injured person to a hospital regardless 3879  
of whether such vehicle has already passed a hospital. 3880

(5) Vehicles used by the motor carrier enforcement unit 3881  
for the enforcement of orders and rules of the public utilities 3882  
commission as specified in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code. 3883

(F) "School bus" means every bus designed for carrying 3884  
more than nine passengers that is owned by a public, private, or 3885  
governmental agency or institution of learning and operated for 3886  
the transportation of children to or from a school session or a 3887  
school function, or owned by a private person and operated for 3888  
compensation for the transportation of children to or from a 3889  
school session or a school function, ~~provided "school~~. "School 3890  
bus" does not include a bus operated by a municipally owned 3891  
transportation system, a mass transit company operating 3892  
exclusively within the territorial limits of a municipal 3893  
corporation, or within such limits and the territorial limits of 3894  
municipal corporations immediately contiguous to such municipal 3895  
corporation, nor a common passenger carrier certified by the 3896  
public utilities commission unless such bus is devoted 3897  
exclusively to the transportation of children to and from a 3898  
school session or a school function; and "school bus" does not 3899  
include a van or bus used by a licensed child care center or 3900

type A family child care home to transport children from the 3901  
child care center or type A family child care home to a school 3902  
if the van or bus does not have more than fifteen children in 3903  
the van or bus at any time. 3904

(G) "Bicycle" means ~~every device, other than a device that~~ 3905  
~~is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is~~ 3906  
~~propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride,~~ 3907  
~~and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than~~ 3908  
~~fourteen inches in diameter~~ a pedal-powered vehicle upon which a 3909  
human operator sits, including an electric bicycle. 3910

(H) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle 3911  
having either two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and 3912  
two wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is 3913  
equipped with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic 3914  
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than one 3915  
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 3916  
speed of not greater than twenty miles per hour on a level 3917  
surface. "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an 3918  
electric bicycle. 3919

(I) "Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having 3920  
motive power designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not 3921  
so constructed as to carry any load thereon, or designed or used 3922  
for drawing other vehicles while carrying a portion of such 3923  
other vehicles, or load thereon, or both. 3924

(J) "Agricultural tractor" ~~means~~ and "traction engine" 3925  
mean every self-propelling vehicle designed or used for drawing 3926  
other vehicles or wheeled machinery but having no provision for 3927  
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and used 3928  
principally for agricultural purposes. 3929

(K) "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and semitrailers, designed and used to carry property. 3930  
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(L) "Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of persons other than in a ridesharing arrangement, and every motor vehicle, automobile for hire, or funeral car, other than a taxicab or motor vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation. 3932  
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(M) "Trailer" means every vehicle designed or used for carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any such vehicle when formed by or operated as a combination of a "semitrailer" and a vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly known as a "trailer dolly," a vehicle used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between a local place of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a street or highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a street or highway for a distance of more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour. 3939  
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(N) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle designed or used for carrying persons or property with another and separate motor vehicle so that in operation a part of its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by another vehicle. 3953  
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(O) "Pole trailer" means every trailer or semitrailer attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach, pole, or by being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and 3957  
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ordinarily used for transporting long or irregular shaped loads 3960  
such as poles, pipes, or structural members capable, generally, 3961  
of sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting 3962  
connections. 3963

(P) "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property 3964  
operating upon rails or tracks placed principally on a private 3965  
right-of-way. 3966

(Q) "~~Railroad train~~Train" means ~~a steam engine or an~~ 3967  
~~electric or other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto,~~ 3968  
~~operated by a railroad~~one or more locomotives coupled, with or 3969  
without cars, that operates on rails or tracks and to which all 3970  
other traffic is required by law to yield the right-of-way at 3971  
highway-rail grade crossings. 3972

(R) "Streetcar" means a car, other than a ~~railroad train~~, 3973  
for transporting persons or property, operated upon rails 3974  
principally within a street or highway. 3975

(S) "Trackless trolley" means every car that collects its 3976  
power from overhead electric trolley wires and that is not 3977  
operated upon rails or tracks. 3978

(T) "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical 3979  
mixture that is intended for the purpose of producing an 3980  
explosion that contains any oxidizing and combustible units or 3981  
other ingredients in such proportions, quantities, or packing 3982  
that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion, by 3983  
percussion, or by a detonator of any part of the compound or 3984  
mixture may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated 3985  
gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of 3986  
producing destructive effects on contiguous objects, or of 3987  
destroying life or limb. Manufactured articles shall not be held 3988

to be explosives when the individual units contain explosives in 3989  
such limited quantities, of such nature, or in such packing, 3990  
that it is impossible to procure a simultaneous or a destructive 3991  
explosion of such units, to the injury of life, limb, or 3992  
property by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or 3993  
by a detonator, such as fixed ammunition for small arms, 3994  
firecrackers, or safety fuse matches. 3995

(U) "Flammable liquid" means any liquid that has a flash 3996  
point of seventy degrees fahrenheit, or less, as determined by a 3997  
tagliabue or equivalent closed cup test device. 3998

(V) "Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle plus the 3999  
weight of any load thereon. 4000

(W) "Person" means every natural person, firm, co- 4001  
partnership, association, or corporation. 4002

(X) "Pedestrian" means any ~~natural person~~ afeton foot, in 4003  
a motorized or non-motorized wheelchair, or using another 4004  
equivalent device, such as skates or a skateboard. "Pedestrian" 4005  
includes a personal delivery device as defined in section 4006  
4511.513 of the Revised Code unless the context clearly suggests 4007  
otherwise. 4008

(Y) "Driver or operator" means every person who drives or 4009  
is in actual physical control of a vehicle, trackless trolley, 4010  
or streetcar. 4011

(Z) "Police officer" means every officer authorized to 4012  
direct or regulate traffic, or to make arrests for violations of 4013  
traffic regulations. 4014

(AA) "Local authorities" means every county, municipal, 4015  
and other local board or body having authority to adopt police 4016  
regulations under the constitution and laws of this state. 4017

(BB) "Street" or "highway" means ~~the entire width between~~ 4018  
~~the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as~~ 4019  
~~a thoroughfare for purposes of vehicular~~ a general term for 4020  
denoting a public way for purposes of travel by vehicles, 4021  
streetcars, trackless trolleys, and vulnerable road users, 4022  
including the entire area within the right-of-way. 4023

(CC) "Controlled-access highway" means every street or 4024  
highway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting 4025  
lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from 4026  
the same except at such points only and in such manner as may be 4027  
determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such 4028  
street or highway. 4029

(DD) "Private road ~~or driveway~~" means every way or place 4030  
in private ownership used for vehicular travel by the owner and 4031  
those having express or implied permission from the owner but 4032  
not by other persons. 4033

(EE) "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, 4034  
designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel and parking 4035  
lanes, except not including the berm, sidewalk, or shoulder, 4036  
even if the berm, sidewalk, or shoulder is used by a person 4037  
operating a bicycle or other human-powered vehicle. If a highway 4038  
includes two or more separate roadways the term "roadway" means 4039  
any such roadway separately but not all such roadways 4040  
collectively. 4041

(FF) "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the 4042  
curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent 4043  
property lines or easements of private property, that is paved 4044  
or improved, and is intended for the use of pedestrians. 4045

(GG) "Laned highway" means a highway the roadway of which 4046

is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic. 4047  
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(HH) "Through highway" means every street or highway as provided in section 4511.65 of the Revised Code. 4049  
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(II) "State highway" means a highway under the jurisdiction of the department of transportation, outside the limits of municipal corporations, provided that the authority conferred upon the director of transportation in section 5511.01 of the Revised Code to erect state highway route markers and signs directing traffic shall not be modified by sections 4511.01 to 4511.79 and 4511.99 of the Revised Code. 4051  
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(JJ) "State route" means every highway that is designated with an official state route number and so marked. 4058  
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(KK) "Intersection" means: 4060

(1) The area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two highways that join one another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon different highways that join at any other angle might come into conflict. The junction of an alley ~~or~~, driveway, or site roadway open to public travel with a public roadway or highway does not constitute an intersection, unless the public roadway or highway at the junction is controlled by a traffic control device. 4061  
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(2) If a highway includes two roadways ~~that are thirty feet or more apart~~ separated by a median, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway constitutes a separate intersection if the opposing left-turn paths cross and there is sufficient interior storage for the 4071  
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~~design vehicle. If both intersecting highways include two roadways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of any two roadways of such highways constitutes a separate intersection.~~As used in this division, "design vehicle" means the longest vehicle authorized under section 5577.05 of the Revised Code to operate on that roadway without a permit.

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

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

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

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

(LL) "Crosswalk" means:

(1) That part of a roadway at ~~intersections ordinarily an intersection~~ included within the ~~real or projected prolongation of property lines and curb lines~~ connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs, or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway, and in the absence of a sidewalk on one side of the roadway, the part of a roadway included within the extension of the lateral lines of the sidewalk at right angles

to the center line; 4105

(2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or 4106  
elsewhere, distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines 4107  
or other markings on the surface, which might be supplemented by 4108  
contrasting pavement texture, style, or color; 4109

(3) Notwithstanding divisions (LL) (1) and (2) of this 4110  
section, ~~there shall not be a "crosswalk"~~ does not include an 4111  
area where local authorities have placed signs indicating no 4112  
crossing. 4113

(MM) "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set 4114  
apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and 4115  
protected or marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be 4116  
plainly visible at all times. 4117

(NN) "Business district" means the territory fronting upon 4118  
a street or highway, including the street or highway, between 4119  
successive intersections within municipal corporations where 4120  
fifty per cent or more of the frontage between such successive 4121  
intersections is occupied by buildings in use for business, or 4122  
within or outside municipal corporations where fifty per cent or 4123  
more of the frontage for a distance of three hundred feet or 4124  
more is occupied by buildings in use for business, and the 4125  
character of such territory is indicated by official traffic 4126  
control devices. 4127

(OO) "Residence district" means the territory, not 4128  
comprising a business district, fronting on a street or highway, 4129  
including the street or highway, where, for a distance of three 4130  
hundred feet or more, the frontage is improved with residences 4131  
or residences and buildings in use for business. 4132

(PP) "Urban district" means the territory contiguous to 4133

and including any street or highway which is built up with 4134  
structures devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses 4135  
situated at intervals of less than one hundred feet for a 4136  
distance of a quarter of a mile or more, and the character of 4137  
such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices. 4138

(QQ) "Traffic control device" means a flagger, sign, 4139  
signal, marking, channelization device, or other device ~~used to~~ 4140  
~~regulate, warn, or guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent~~ 4141  
that uses colors, shapes, symbols, words, sounds, or tactile 4142  
information for the primary purpose of communicating a 4143  
regulatory, warning, or guidance message to road users on a 4144  
street, highway, ~~private road site roadway~~ open to public 4145  
travel, pedestrian facility, ~~or shared-use path by authority of~~ 4146  
~~a public agency or official having jurisdiction, or, in the case~~ 4147  
~~of a private road open to public travel, by authority of the~~ 4148  
~~private owner or private official having jurisdiction~~bikeway, or 4149  
pathway. 4150

(RR) "Traffic control signal" means ~~any a~~ highway traffic 4151  
signal ~~by which~~ placed at an intersection, movable bridge, fire 4152  
station, midblock crosswalk, alternating one-way sections of a 4153  
single lane road, private driveway, or other location that 4154  
requires conflicting traffic is alternately to be directed to 4155  
stop and permitted to proceed in an orderly manner. "Traffic 4156  
control signal" includes a vehicular signal indication, a 4157  
pedestrian signal indication, and a bicycle symbol signal 4158  
indication. "Traffic control signal" does not include an 4159  
emergency-vehicle hybrid beacon or a pedestrian hybrid beacon. 4160

(SS) "Railroad sign or signal" means any sign, signal, or 4161  
device erected by authority of a public body or official or by a 4162  
railroad and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad 4163

tracks or the approach of a ~~railroad~~-train. 4164

(TT) "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded 4165  
animals, vehicles, streetcars, trackless trolleys, and other 4166  
devices, either singly or together, while using for purposes of 4167  
travel any highway or ~~private road~~-site roadway open to public 4168  
travel. 4169

(UU) "Right-of-way" means either of the following, as the 4170  
context requires: 4171

(1) The right of a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, 4172  
or pedestrian to proceed uninterruptedly in a lawful manner in 4173  
the direction in which it or the individual is moving in 4174  
preference to another vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, or 4175  
pedestrian approaching from a different direction into its or 4176  
the individual's path; 4177

(2) A general term denoting land, property, or the 4178  
interest therein, usually in the configuration of a strip, 4179  
acquired for or devoted to transportation purposes. When used in 4180  
this context, right-of-way includes the roadway, shoulders or 4181  
berm, ditch, and slopes extending to the right-of-way limits 4182  
under the control of the state or local authority. 4183

(VV) "Rural mail delivery vehicle" means every vehicle 4184  
used to deliver United States mail on a rural mail delivery 4185  
route. 4186

(WW) "Funeral escort vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 4187  
including a funeral hearse, while used to facilitate the 4188  
movement of a funeral procession. 4189

(XX) "Alley" means a street or highway intended to provide 4190  
access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban 4191  
districts and not intended for the purpose of through vehicular 4192



traffic, and includes any street or highway that has been 4193  
declared an "alley" by the legislative authority of the 4194  
municipal corporation in which such street or highway is 4195  
located. 4196

(YY) "Freeway" means a divided multi-lane highway for 4197  
through traffic with all crossroads separated in grade and with 4198  
full control of access. 4199

(ZZ) "Expressway" means a divided arterial street or 4200  
highway for through traffic with full or partial control of 4201  
access with an excess of fifty per cent of all crossroads 4202  
separated in grade. 4203

(AAA) "Thruway" means a through highway whose entire 4204  
roadway is reserved for through traffic and on which roadway 4205  
parking is prohibited. 4206

(BBB) "Stop intersection" means any intersection at one or 4207  
more entrances of which stop signs are erected. 4208

(CCC) "Arterial street or highway" means ~~any United States~~ 4209  
~~or state numbered route, controlled access highway, or other~~ 4210  
~~major radial or circumferential~~ a street or highway primarily 4211  
used by through traffic, usually on a continuous route or a 4212  
street or highway designated by local authorities within their 4213  
~~respective jurisdictions as part of a major an arterial system~~ 4214  
~~of streets or highways.~~ 4215

(DDD) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation 4216  
of persons in a motor vehicle where such transportation is 4217  
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 4218  
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 4219  
buspools. 4220

(EEE) "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled 4221

vehicle designed for, and used by, a person with a disability 4222  
and that is incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per 4223  
hour. 4224

(FFF) "Child care center" and "type A family child care 4225  
home" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the 4226  
Revised Code. 4227

(GGG) "Multi-wheel agricultural tractor" means a type of 4228  
agricultural tractor that has two or more wheels or tires on 4229  
each side of one axle at the rear of the tractor, is designed or 4230  
used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery, has no 4231  
provision for carrying loads independently of the drawn vehicles 4232  
or machinery, and is used principally for agricultural purposes. 4233

(HHH) "Operate" means to cause or have caused movement of 4234  
a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley. 4235

(III) "Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense" means 4236  
any of the following: 4237

(1) A violation of section 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 4238  
4511.132, 4511.16, 4511.20, 4511.201, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4239  
4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4240  
4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4241  
4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4242  
4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.432, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4243  
4511.452, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.48, 4511.481, 4511.49, 4511.50, 4244  
4511.511, 4511.522, 4511.53, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.56, 4511.57, 4245  
4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.66, 4511.661, 4246  
4511.68, 4511.70, 4511.701, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4247  
4511.713, 4511.72, 4511.73, 4511.763, 4511.771, 4511.78, or 4248  
4511.84 of the Revised Code; 4249

(2) A violation of division (A) (2) of section 4511.17, 4250

divisions (A) to (D) of section 4511.51, or division (A) of 4251  
section 4511.74 of the Revised Code; 4252

(3) A violation of any provision of sections 4511.01 to 4253  
4511.76 of the Revised Code for which no penalty otherwise is 4254  
provided in the section that contains the provision violated; 4255

(4) A violation of section 4511.214 of the Revised Code; 4256

(5) A violation of a municipal ordinance that is 4257  
substantially similar to any section or provision set forth or 4258  
described in division (III) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this 4259  
section. 4260

(JJJ) "Road service vehicle" means wreckers, utility 4261  
repair vehicles, and state, county, and municipal service 4262  
vehicles equipped with visual signals by means of flashing, 4263  
rotating, or oscillating lights. 4264

(KKK) "Beacon" means a highway traffic signal with one or 4265  
more signal sections that operate in a flashing mode. 4266

(LLL) "Hybrid beacon" means a special type of beacon that 4267  
is intentionally placed in a dark mode where no indications are 4268  
displayed between periods of operation ~~where no indications are~~ 4269  
~~displayed and,~~ when ~~in operation~~operated, displays both steady 4270  
and flashing highway traffic control-signal indications. "Hybrid 4271  
beacon" includes both of the following: 4272

(1) An emergency-vehicle hybrid beacon used to warn and 4273  
control traffic at an otherwise unsignalized location to assist 4274  
authorized emergency vehicles in entering or crossing a street 4275  
or highway; 4276

(2) A pedestrian hybrid beacon used to warn and control 4277  
traffic at an otherwise unsignalized location to assist 4278

pedestrians in crossing a street or highway at a marked 4279  
crosswalk. 4280

(MMM) "Highway traffic signal" means a power-operated 4281  
traffic control device by which traffic is warned or directed to 4282  
take some specific action. "Highway traffic signal" includes a 4283  
beacon, an in-road warning light, a lane-use control signal, and 4284  
a traffic control signal. "Highway traffic signal" does not 4285  
include a power-operated sign, steadily illuminated pavement 4286  
marker, gate, flashing light signal, warning light, or steady 4287  
burning electric lamp. 4288

(NNN) "Median" means the portion of a highway separating 4289  
opposing directions of the traveled way or the area between two 4290  
roadways of a divided highway, measured from edge of traveled 4291  
way to edge of traveled way, ~~but excluding~~. The median excludes 4292  
turn lanes. The width of a median may be different between 4293  
intersections, ~~between~~ interchanges, and at opposite approaches 4294  
of the same intersection. 4295

(OOO) ~~"Private road~~ Site roadway open to public travel" 4296  
means a ~~private toll road or road, including any adjacent~~ 4297  
~~sidewalks that generally run parallel to the road, within~~ 4298  
roadway or bikeway on site of a shopping center, office park, 4299  
airport, school, university, sports arena, recreational park, or 4300  
other similar business, government, or recreation facility that 4301  
is publicly or privately owned but where the public is allowed 4302  
to travel without full-time access restrictions. ~~"Private road~~ 4303  
~~Site roadway open to public travel" includes a gated toll road~~ 4304  
~~but does not include a road within a private gated property~~ 4305  
roadway where access is restricted at all times by gates or 4306  
guards to residents, employees, or other specifically authorized 4307  
persons, a parking area, a driving aisle within a parking area, 4308

or a private highway-rail grade crossing. 4309

(PPP) "Shared-use path" means a bikeway outside the 4310  
traveled way and physically separated from motorized vehicular 4311  
traffic by an open space or barrier and either within the 4312  
highway right-of-way or within an independent alignment. A 4313  
shared-use path also may be used by pedestrians, including 4314  
skaters, joggers, users of manual and motorized wheelchairs, and 4315  
other authorized motorized and non-motorized users. A shared-use 4316  
path does not include any trail that is intended to be used 4317  
primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other 4318  
similar uses, or any other single track or natural surface trail 4319  
that has historically been reserved for nonmotorized use. 4320

(QQQ) "Highway maintenance vehicle" means a vehicle used 4321  
in snow and ice removal or road surface maintenance, including a 4322  
snow plow, traffic line striper, road sweeper, mowing machine, 4323  
asphalt distributing vehicle, or other such vehicle designed for 4324  
use in specific highway maintenance activities. 4325

(RRR) "Waste collection vehicle" means a vehicle used in 4326  
the collection of garbage, refuse, trash, or recyclable 4327  
materials. 4328

(SSS) "Electric bicycle" means a "class 1 electric 4329  
bicycle," a "class 2 electric bicycle," or a "class 3 electric 4330  
bicycle" as defined in this section. 4331

(TTT) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is 4332  
equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of 4333  
less than seven hundred fifty watts that provides assistance 4334  
only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance 4335  
when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour. 4336

(UUU) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is 4337

equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of 4338  
less than seven hundred fifty watts that may provide assistance 4339  
regardless of whether the rider is pedaling and is not capable 4340  
of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 4341  
twenty miles per hour. 4342

(VVV) "Class 3 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is 4343  
equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of 4344  
less than seven hundred fifty watts that provides assistance 4345  
only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance 4346  
when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per 4347  
hour. 4348

(WWW) "Low-speed micromobility device" means a device 4349  
weighing less than one hundred pounds that has handlebars, is 4350  
propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an 4351  
attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 4352  
twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor. 4353

(XXX) "Natural resources officer" means an officer 4354  
appointed pursuant to section 1501.24 of the Revised Code. 4355

(YYY) "Wildlife officer" means an officer designated 4356  
pursuant to section 1531.13 of the Revised Code. 4357

(ZZZ) "In-road warning light" means a special type of 4358  
highway traffic signal that is installed in the roadway surface 4359  
to warn road users that they are approaching a condition on or 4360  
adjacent to the roadway that might not be readily apparent and 4361  
might require the road users to reduce speed or come to a 4362  
complete stop. 4363

(AAAA) "Lane-use control signal" means a signal face or 4364  
comparable display on a full-matrix changeable message sign that 4365  
displays indications to permit or prohibit the use of specific 4366

lanes of a roadway or a shoulder where driving is sometimes 4367  
authorized or to indicate the impending prohibition of such use. 4368

(BBBB) "Bicycle box" means a designated area on the 4369  
approach to a signalized intersection, between an advance 4370  
motorist stop line and the crosswalk or intersection, that is 4371  
intended to provide bicyclists a visible location to wait in 4372  
front of stopped motorists during the red signal phase. 4373

(CCCC) "Two-stage bicycle turn box" means a designated 4374  
area at an intersection that is intended to provide bicyclists a 4375  
place to wait for traffic to clear before proceeding in a 4376  
different direction of travel. 4377

(DDDD) "Bicycle lane" means a portion of a roadway that 4378  
has been designated for preferential or exclusive use by 4379  
bicyclists and is often delineated from the adjacent general- 4380  
purpose lanes by longitudinal pavement markings and either a 4381  
bicycle lane symbol, words, or signs. "Bicycle lane" includes 4382  
all of the following: 4383

(1) A buffer-separated bicycle lane, which is separated 4384  
from the adjacent general-purpose lanes by a pattern of standard 4385  
longitudinal pavement markings that are wider than a normal or 4386  
wide-lane pavement marking; 4387

(2) A counter-flow bicycle lane, which is a one- 4388  
directional bicycle lane that provides a lawful path of travel 4389  
for bicycles in the opposite direction from the general traffic 4390  
on a roadway that otherwise requires the general traffic to 4391  
travel in only one direction. A counter-flow bicycle lane is 4392  
designated by the traffic control devices used for other bicycle 4393  
lanes; 4394

(3) A separated bicycle lane, which is an exclusive 4395

facility for bicyclists that is located within or directly 4396  
adjacent to the roadway and is physically separated from the 4397  
motor vehicle traffic with a vertical element. 4398

(EEEE) "Bicycle signal face" means a signal face that 4399  
displays only bicycle symbol signal indications in accordance 4400  
with section 4511.15 of the Revised Code, that exclusively 4401  
controls a bicyclist's movement from a designated bicycle lane 4402  
or from a separate facility, and that displays signal 4403  
indications that are applicable only to a bicyclist's movement. 4404

(FFFF) "Bicycle signal sign" means a sign meant to inform 4405  
road users that the signal indications in the bicycle signal 4406  
face are intended only for bicyclists, and to inform bicyclists 4407  
which bicyclist movements are controlled by that bicycle signal 4408  
face. 4409

(GGGG) "Bikeway" means any road, street, path, or way that 4410  
in some manner is specifically designated for bicycle travel, 4411  
regardless of whether the facility is designated for the 4412  
exclusive use of bicycles or if it is shared with other modes of 4413  
transportation. 4414

(HHHH) "Busway" means a traveled way that is used 4415  
exclusively by buses. 4416

(IIII) "Driveway" means an access from a roadway to a 4417  
building, site, or abutting property. 4418

(JJJJ) "Roundabout" means a circular intersection with a 4419  
yield control at each entry, which permits a vehicle on the 4420  
circulatory roadway to proceed, with deflection of the 4421  
approaching vehicles counter-clockwise around a central island. 4422

(KKKK) "Shoulder" means a longitudinal area contiguous 4423  
with the traveled way that is used for accommodating vehicles 4424



that are stopped for an emergency and for lateral support of 4425  
base and surface courses; graded for emergency stopping; either 4426  
paved or unpaved; and when paved, may be open for part-time 4427  
travel by some or all vehicles or may also be available for use 4428  
by pedestrians or bicycles in the absence of other pedestrian or 4429  
bicycle facilities. 4430

(LLLL) "Autocycle," "cab-enclosed motorcycle," 4431  
"electronic," "farm machinery," "motor-driven cycle or motor 4432  
scooter," "limited driving privileges," and "state" have the 4433  
same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 4434

**Sec. 4511.031.** ~~(A)(1)~~ (A) As used in this section: 4435

(1) "Highway maintenance vehicle" means a vehicle used in 4436  
snow and ice removal, including a snow plow, when it is either 4437  
owned or operated by or on behalf of a political subdivision. 4438

(2) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in divisions 4439  
(A) (1), (12), (14), and (19) of section 109.71 of the Revised 4440  
Code. 4441

(3) "Portable signal preemption device" means a device 4442  
that, if activated by a person, is capable of changing a highway 4443  
traffic signal to green out of sequence. 4444

(4) "Public safety vehicle" has the same meaning as in 4445  
divisions (E) (1), (3), and (4) of section 4511.01 of the Revised 4446  
Code. 4447

(B) Except as provided in divisions (C) and (D) of this 4448  
section: 4449

(1) No person shall possess a portable signal preemption 4450  
device. 4451

(2) No person shall use a portable signal preemption 4452

device to affect the operation of the highway traffic control 4453  
signal. 4454

~~(B)~~ (C) Division ~~(A) (1)~~ (B) (1) of this section does not 4455  
apply to any of the following persons ~~and division (A) (2) of~~ 4456  
~~this section does not apply to any of the following persons when~~ 4457  
~~responding to an emergency call:~~ 4458

(1) A peace officer, ~~as defined in division (A) (1), (12),~~ 4459  
~~(14), or (19) of section 109.71 of the Revised Code;~~ 4460

(2) A state highway patrol trooper; 4461

(3) A person while occupying a public safety vehicle ~~as~~ 4462  
~~defined in division (E) (1), (3), or (4) of section 4511.01 of~~ 4463  
~~the Revised Code;~~ 4464

(4) The authorized operator of a highway maintenance 4465  
vehicle. 4466

~~(C)~~ (D) Division (B) (2) of this section does not apply 4467  
under either of the following circumstances: 4468

(1) When a person listed in divisions (C) (1) to (3) of 4469  
this section is responding to an emergency call; 4470

(2) When a person listed in division (C) (4) of this 4471  
section is responding to an emergency weather event. 4472

(E) Whoever violates division ~~(A) (1)~~ (B) (1) of this 4473  
section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Whoever 4474  
violates division ~~(A) (2)~~ (B) (2) of this section is guilty of a 4475  
misdemeanor of the first degree. 4476

~~(D)~~ ~~As used in this section, "portable signal preemption~~ 4477  
~~device" means a device that, if activated by a person, is~~ 4478  
~~capable of changing a traffic control signal to green out of~~ 4479

~~sequence.~~

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**Sec. 4511.09.** The department of transportation shall adopt 4481  
a manual for a uniform system of traffic control devices, 4482  
including signs denoting names of streets and highways, for use 4483  
upon any street, highway, bikeway, or ~~private road~~ site roadway 4484  
open to public travel within this state. Such uniform system 4485  
shall correlate with, and so far as possible conform to, the 4486  
system approved by the federal highway administration. 4487

**Sec. 4511.091.** (A) The driver of any motor vehicle that 4488  
has been checked by radar, or by any electrical or mechanical 4489  
timing device to determine the speed of the motor vehicle over a 4490  
measured distance of a highway or a measured distance of a 4491  
~~private road or driveway~~, and found to be in violation of any of 4492  
the provisions of section 4511.21 or 4511.211 of the Revised 4493  
Code, may be arrested until a warrant can be obtained, provided 4494  
the arresting officer has observed the recording of the speed of 4495  
the motor vehicle by the radio microwaves, electrical or 4496  
mechanical timing device, or has received a radio message from 4497  
the officer who observed the speed of the motor vehicle recorded 4498  
by the radio microwaves, electrical or mechanical timing device; 4499  
provided, in case of an arrest based on such a message, the 4500  
radio message has been dispatched immediately after the speed of 4501  
the motor vehicle was recorded and the arresting officer is 4502  
furnished a description of the motor vehicle for proper 4503  
identification and the recorded speed. 4504

(B) If the driver of a motor vehicle being driven on a 4505  
public street or highway of this state is observed violating any 4506  
provision of this chapter other than section 4511.21 or 4511.211 4507  
of the Revised Code by a law enforcement officer situated at any 4508  
location, including in any type of airborne aircraft or airship, 4509

that law enforcement officer may send a radio message to another 4510  
law enforcement officer, and the other law enforcement officer 4511  
may arrest the driver of the motor vehicle until a warrant can 4512  
be obtained or may issue the driver a citation for the 4513  
violation; provided, if an arrest or citation is based on such a 4514  
message, the radio message is dispatched immediately after the 4515  
violation is observed and the law enforcement officer who 4516  
observes the violation furnishes to the law enforcement officer 4517  
who makes the arrest or issues the citation a description of the 4518  
alleged violation and the motor vehicle for proper 4519  
identification. 4520

(C) (1) No person shall be arrested, charged, or convicted 4521  
of a violation of any provision of divisions (B) to (O) of 4522  
section 4511.21 or section 4511.211 of the Revised Code or a 4523  
substantially similar municipal ordinance based on a peace 4524  
officer's unaided visual estimation of the speed of a motor 4525  
vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar. This division does not 4526  
do any of the following: 4527

(a) Preclude the use by a peace officer of a stopwatch, 4528  
radar, laser, or other electrical, mechanical, or digital device 4529  
to determine the speed of a motor vehicle; 4530

(b) Apply regarding any violation other than a violation 4531  
of divisions (B) to (O) of section 4511.21 or section 4511.211 4532  
of the Revised Code or a substantially similar municipal 4533  
ordinance; 4534

(c) Preclude a peace officer from testifying that the 4535  
speed of operation of a motor vehicle, trackless trolley, or 4536  
streetcar was at a speed greater or less than a speed described 4537  
in division (A) of section 4511.21 of the Revised Code, the 4538  
admission into evidence of such testimony, or preclude a 4539

conviction of a violation of that division based in whole or in part on such testimony. 4540  
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(2) As used in this division, "peace officer" has the same meaning as in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code. 4542  
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**Sec. 4511.092.** As used in sections 4511.092 to 4511.0914 of the Revised Code: 4544  
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(A) "Designated party" means the person whom the registered owner of a motor vehicle, upon receipt of a ticket based upon images recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring device that indicate a traffic law violation, identifies as the person who was operating the vehicle of the registered owner at the time of the violation. 4546  
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(B) "Law enforcement officer" means a sheriff, deputy sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, police officer of a police department of any municipal corporation, police constable of any township, or police officer of a township or joint police district, who is employed on a permanent, full-time basis by the law enforcement agency of a local authority that assigns such person to the location of a traffic law photo-monitoring device. 4552  
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(C) "Local authority" means a municipal corporation, county, or township. 4559  
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(D) "Motor vehicle leasing dealer" has the same meaning as in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 4561  
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(E) "Motor vehicle renting dealer" has the same meaning as in section 4549.65 of the Revised Code. 4563  
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(F) "Recorded images" means any of the following images recorded by a traffic law photo-monitoring device that show, on at least one image or on a portion of the videotape, the rear of 4565  
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a motor vehicle and the letters and numerals on the rear license plate of the vehicle:	4568 4569
(1) Two or more photographs, microphotographs, electronic images, or digital images;	4570 4571
(2) Videotape.	4572
(G) "Registered owner" means all of the following:	4573
(1) Any person or entity identified by the bureau of motor vehicles or any other state motor vehicle registration bureau, department, or office as the owner of a motor vehicle;	4574 4575 4576
(2) The lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of six months or longer;	4577 4578
(3) The renter of a motor vehicle pursuant to a written rental agreement with a motor vehicle renting dealer.	4579 4580
(H) "System location" means the approach to an intersection or area of roadway toward which a traffic law photo-monitoring device is directed and is in operation.	4581 4582 4583
(I) "Ticket" means any traffic ticket, citation, summons, or other ticket issued in response to an alleged traffic law violation detected by a traffic law photo-monitoring device, that represents a civil violation.	4584 4585 4586 4587
(J) "Traffic law photo-monitoring device" means an electronic system consisting of a photographic, video, or electronic camera and a means of sensing the presence of a motor vehicle that automatically produces recorded images.	4588 4589 4590 4591
(K) "Traffic law violation" means either of the following:	4592
(1) A violation of section 4511.12 of the Revised Code based on the failure to comply with section 4511.13 of the	4593 4594

Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance 4595  
that occurs at an intersection due to failure to obey a highway 4596  
traffic ~~control~~-signal; 4597

(2) A violation of section 4511.21 or 4511.211 of the 4598  
Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance 4599  
due to failure to observe the applicable speed limit. 4600

**Sec. 4511.094.** (A) No local authority shall use traffic 4601  
law photo-monitoring devices to detect or enforce any traffic 4602  
law violation until after it has done both of the following: 4603

(1) Erected signs on every highway that is not a freeway 4604  
that is part of the state highway system and that enters that 4605  
local authority informing inbound traffic that the local 4606  
authority utilizes traffic law photo-monitoring devices to 4607  
enforce traffic laws; 4608

(2) Beginning on ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ 4609  
March 23, 2015, erected signs at each fixed system location 4610  
informing motorists that a traffic law photo-monitoring device 4611  
is present at the location. 4612

The local authority shall erect the signs within the first 4613  
three hundred feet of the boundary of the local authority or 4614  
within three hundred feet of the fixed system location, as 4615  
applicable. If the signs cannot be located within the first 4616  
three hundred feet of the boundary of the local authority or 4617  
within three hundred feet of the fixed system location, the 4618  
local authority shall erect the signs as close to that distance 4619  
as possible. If a particular highway enters and exits the 4620  
territory of a local authority multiple times, the local 4621  
authority shall erect the signs as required by division (A) (1) 4622  
of this section at the locations in each direction of travel 4623

where inbound traffic on the highway first enters the territory 4624  
of the local authority and is not required to erect additional 4625  
signs along such highway each time the highway reenters the 4626  
territory of the local authority. The local authority is 4627  
responsible for all costs associated with the erection, 4628  
maintenance, and replacement, if necessary, of the signs. The 4629  
local authority shall ensure that all signs erected under this 4630  
division conform in size, color, location, and content to 4631  
standards contained in the manual adopted by the department of 4632  
transportation pursuant to section 4511.09 of the Revised Code 4633  
and shall remain in place for as long as the local authority 4634  
utilizes traffic law photo-monitoring devices to enforce any 4635  
traffic law. 4636

(B) A ticket issued by or on behalf of the local authority 4637  
for any traffic law violation based upon evidence recorded by a 4638  
traffic law photo-monitoring device is invalid under the 4639  
following circumstances: 4640

(1) If the ticket was issued after March 12, 2009, but 4641  
before the signs required under division (A)(1) of this section 4642  
were erected; 4643

(2) If the ticket was issued after ~~the effective date of~~ 4644  
~~this amendment~~ March 23, 2015, but before the signs required 4645  
under division (A)(2) of this section were erected. 4646

However, if a local authority is in substantial compliance 4647  
with the requirements of division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, 4648  
as applicable, a ticket issued by the local authority under 4649  
sections 4511.096 to 4511.0912 of the Revised Code is valid. 4650

(C) A local authority is deemed to be in substantial 4651  
compliance with the requirement of division (A)(1) or (2) of 4652



this section, as applicable, to erect the advisory signs if the authority does both of the following:

(1) First erects all signs as required by division (A) (1) or (2) of this section, as applicable, and subsequently maintains and replaces the signs as needed so that at all times at least ninety per cent of the required signs are in place and functional;

(2) Annually documents and upon request certifies its compliance with division (C) (1) of this section.

(D) A local authority that uses traffic law photo-monitoring devices to detect or enforce any traffic law violation at an intersection where traffic is controlled by highway traffic control signals that exhibit different colored lights or colored lighted arrows shall time the operation of the yellow lights and yellow arrows of those highway traffic control signals so that the steady yellow indication exceeds by one second the minimum duration for yellow indicators at similar intersections as established by the provisions of the manual adopted by the department of transportation under section 4511.09 of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 4511.11.** (A) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions shall place and maintain traffic control devices in accordance with the department of transportation manual for a uniform system of traffic control devices, adopted under section 4511.09 of the Revised Code, upon highways under their jurisdiction as are necessary to indicate and to carry out sections 4511.01 to 4511.76 and 4511.99 of the Revised Code, local traffic ordinances, or to regulate, warn, or guide traffic.

(B) The director of transportation may require to be 4682  
removed any traffic control device that does not conform to the 4683  
manual for a uniform system of traffic control devices on the 4684  
extensions of the state highway system within municipal 4685  
corporations. 4686

(C) No village shall place or maintain any highway traffic 4687  
~~control~~ signal upon an extension of the state highway system 4688  
within the village without first obtaining the permission of the 4689  
director. The director may revoke the permission and may require 4690  
to be removed any highway traffic ~~control~~ signal that has been 4691  
erected without the director's permission on an extension of a 4692  
state highway within a village, or that, if erected under a 4693  
permit granted by the director, does not conform to the state 4694  
manual, or that is not operated in accordance with the terms of 4695  
the permit. 4696

(D) All traffic control devices erected on any street, 4697  
highway, alley, bikeway, or ~~private road~~ site roadway open to 4698  
public travel shall conform to the state manual. 4699

(E) No person, firm, or corporation shall sell or offer 4700  
for sale to local authorities any traffic control device that 4701  
does not conform to the state manual, except by permission of 4702  
the director. 4703

(F) No local authority shall purchase or manufacture any 4704  
traffic control device that does not conform to the state 4705  
manual, except by permission of the director. 4706

(G) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is 4707  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 4708

**Sec. 4511.13.** Highway traffic signal indications for 4709  
vehicles and pedestrians shall have the following meanings: 4710

(A) Steady green signal indication:	4711
(1) (a) Vehicular traffic, streetcars, and trackless trolleys facing a circular green signal indication are permitted to proceed straight through or turn right or left or make a u-turn movement except as such movement is modified by a lane-use sign, turn prohibition sign, lane marking, roadway design, separate turn signal indication, or other traffic control device. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left or making a u-turn movement, shall yield the right-of-way to both of the following:	4712 4713 4714 4715 4716 4717 4718 4719 4720
(i) Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk;	4721
(ii) Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection.	4722
(b) In addition, vehicular traffic turning left or making a u-turn movement to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such turning vehicle is moving across or within the intersection.	4723 4724 4725 4726 4727 4728
(2) Vehicular traffic, streetcars, and trackless trolleys facing a green arrow signal indication, displayed alone or in combination with another signal indication, are permitted to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by other indications displayed at the same time. Such vehicular traffic, streetcars, and trackless trolleys, including vehicles turning right or left or making a u-turn movement, shall yield the right-of-way to both of the following:	4729 4730 4731 4732 4733 4734 4735 4736 4737
(a) Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk;	4738
(b) Other traffic lawfully using the intersection.	4739

(3) (a) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal 4740  
indication, as provided in section 4511.14 of the Revised Code, 4741  
pedestrians facing a circular green signal indication are 4742  
permitted to proceed across the roadway within any marked or 4743  
unmarked associated crosswalk. The pedestrian shall yield the 4744  
right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection or so 4745  
close as to create an immediate hazard at the time that the 4746  
green signal indication is first displayed. 4747

(b) Pedestrians facing a green arrow signal indication, 4748  
unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal indication or 4749  
other traffic control device, shall not cross the roadway. 4750

(B) Steady yellow signal indication: 4751

(1) Vehicular traffic, streetcars, and trackless trolleys 4752  
facing a steady circular yellow signal indication are thereby 4753  
warned that the related green movement or the related flashing 4754  
arrow movement is being terminated or that a steady red signal 4755  
indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when 4756  
vehicular traffic, streetcars, and trackless trolleys shall not 4757  
enter the intersection. The provisions governing vehicular 4758  
operation under the movement being terminated shall continue to 4759  
apply while the steady circular yellow signal indication is 4760  
displayed. 4761

(2) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow arrow signal 4762  
indication is thereby warned that the related green arrow 4763  
movement or the related flashing arrow movement is being 4764  
terminated. The provisions governing vehicular operation under 4765  
the movement being terminated shall continue to apply while the 4766  
steady yellow arrow signal indication is displayed. 4767

(3) Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow 4768

arrow signal indication, unless otherwise directed by a 4769  
pedestrian signal indication as provided in section 4511.14 of 4770  
the Revised Code or other traffic control device, shall not 4771  
start to cross the roadway. 4772

(C) Steady red signal indication: 4773

(1) (a) Vehicular traffic, streetcars, and trackless 4774  
trolleys facing a steady circular red signal indication, unless 4775  
entering the intersection to make another movement permitted by 4776  
another signal indication, shall stop at a clearly marked stop 4777  
line; but if there is no stop line, traffic shall stop before 4778  
entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or 4779  
if there is no crosswalk, then before entering the intersection; 4780  
and shall remain stopped until a signal indication to proceed is 4781  
displayed except as provided in divisions (C) (1), (2), and (3) 4782  
of this section. 4783

(b) Except when a traffic control device is in place 4784  
prohibiting a turn on red or a steady red arrow signal 4785  
indication is displayed, vehicular traffic facing a steady 4786  
circular red signal indication is permitted, after stopping, to 4787  
enter the intersection to turn right, or to turn left from a 4788  
one-way street into a one-way street. The right to proceed with 4789  
the turn shall be subject to the provisions that are applicable 4790  
after making a stop at a stop sign. 4791

(2) (a) Vehicular traffic, streetcars, and trackless 4792  
trolleys facing a steady red arrow signal indication shall not 4793  
enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the 4794  
arrow and, unless entering the intersection to make another 4795  
movement permitted by another signal indication, shall stop at a 4796  
clearly marked stop line; but if there is no stop line, before 4797  
entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or 4798

if there is no crosswalk, then before entering the intersection; 4799  
and shall remain stopped until a signal indication or other 4800  
traffic control device permitting the movement indicated by such 4801  
red arrow is displayed. 4802

(b) When a traffic control device is in place permitting a 4803  
turn on a steady red arrow signal indication, vehicular traffic 4804  
facing a steady red arrow indication is permitted, after 4805  
stopping, to enter the intersection to turn right, or to turn 4806  
left from a one-way street into a one-way street. The right to 4807  
proceed with the turn shall be limited to the direction 4808  
indicated by the arrow and shall be subject to the provisions 4809  
that are applicable after making a stop at a stop sign. 4810

(3) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal 4811  
indication as provided in section 4511.14 of the Revised Code or 4812  
other traffic control device, pedestrians facing a steady 4813  
circular red or steady red arrow signal indication shall not 4814  
enter the roadway. 4815

(4) Local authorities by ordinance, or the director of 4816  
transportation on state highways, may prohibit a right or a left 4817  
turn against a steady red signal at any intersection, which 4818  
shall be effective when signs giving notice thereof are posted 4819  
at the intersection. 4820

(D) A flashing green signal indication has no meaning and 4821  
shall not be used. 4822

(E) Flashing yellow signal indication: 4823

(1) (a) Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an 4824  
intersection, facing a flashing circular yellow signal 4825  
indication, is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection to 4826  
proceed straight through or turn right or left or make a u-turn 4827

movement except as such movement is modified by lane-use signs, 4828  
turn prohibition signs, lane markings, roadway design, separate 4829  
turn signal indications, or other traffic control devices. Such 4830  
vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left or 4831  
making a u-turn movement, shall yield the right-of-way to both 4832  
of the following: 4833

(i) Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk; 4834

(ii) Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection. 4835

(b) In addition, vehicular traffic turning left or making 4836  
a u-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other 4837  
vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as 4838  
to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such 4839  
turning vehicle is moving across or within the intersection. 4840

(2) (a) Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an 4841  
intersection, facing a flashing yellow arrow signal indication, 4842  
displayed alone or in combination with another signal 4843  
indication, is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection 4844  
only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or other such 4845  
movement as is permitted by other signal indications displayed 4846  
at the same time. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles 4847  
turning right or left or making a u-turn, shall yield the right- 4848  
of-way to both of the following: 4849

(i) Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk; 4850

(ii) Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection. 4851

(b) In addition, vehicular traffic turning left or making 4852  
a u-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other 4853  
vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as 4854  
to constitute an immediate hazard during the time when such 4855  
turning vehicle is moving across or within the intersection. 4856

(3) Pedestrians facing any flashing yellow signal 4857  
indication at an intersection, unless otherwise directed by a 4858  
pedestrian signal indication or other traffic control device, 4859  
are permitted to proceed across the roadway within any marked or 4860  
unmarked associated crosswalk. Pedestrians shall yield the 4861  
right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the 4862  
time that the flashing yellow signal indication is first 4863  
displayed. 4864

(4) When a flashing circular yellow signal indication is 4865  
displayed as a beacon to supplement another traffic control 4866  
device, road users are notified that there is a need to pay 4867  
additional attention to the message contained thereon or that 4868  
the regulatory or warning requirements of the other traffic 4869  
control device, which might not be applicable at all times, are 4870  
currently applicable. 4871

(F) Flashing red signal indication: 4872

(1) Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an intersection, 4873  
facing a flashing circular red signal indication, shall stop at 4874  
a clearly marked stop line; but if there is no stop line, before 4875  
entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or 4876  
if there is no crosswalk, at the point nearest the intersecting 4877  
roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on 4878  
the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. The 4879  
right to proceed shall be subject to the provisions that are 4880  
applicable after making a stop at a stop sign. 4881

(2) Pedestrians facing any flashing red signal indication 4882  
at an intersection, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian 4883  
signal indication or other traffic control device, are permitted 4884  
to proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked 4885  
associated crosswalk. Pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way 4886



to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time that 4887  
the flashing red signal indication is first displayed. 4888

(3) When a flashing circular red signal indication is 4889  
displayed as a beacon to supplement another traffic control 4890  
device, road users are notified that there is a need to pay 4891  
additional attention to the message contained thereon or that 4892  
the regulatory requirements of the other traffic control device, 4893  
which might not be applicable at all times, are currently 4894  
applicable. Use of this signal indication shall be limited to 4895  
supplementing stop, do not enter, or wrong way signs, and to 4896  
applications where compliance with the supplemented traffic 4897  
control device requires a stop at a designated point. 4898

(4) Vehicular traffic, on an approach to an intersection, 4899  
facing a flashing red arrow signal indication and if intending 4900  
to turn in the direction indicated by the arrow, shall stop at a 4901  
clearly marked stop line; but if there is no stop line, before 4902  
entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or 4903  
if there is no crosswalk, at the point nearest the intersecting 4904  
roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on 4905  
the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. The 4906  
right to proceed shall be subject to the provisions that are 4907  
applicable after making a stop at a stop sign. 4908

(G) Transit vehicle signal indication: 4909

(1) Light rail and mass transit system bus traffic, on an 4910  
approach to an intersection from a designated busway or other 4911  
designated transit vehicle lane or tracks shall do all of the 4912  
following: 4913

(a) Stop when facing a steady horizontal white line; 4914

(b) Proceed straight ahead when facing a steady vertical 4915

white line; 4916

(c) Only turn or proceed left when facing a steady 4917  
diagonal white line that begins in the lower right corner and 4918  
angles up and to the left; 4919

(d) Only turn or proceed right when facing a steady 4920  
diagonal white line that begins in the lower left corner and 4921  
angles up and to the right; 4922

(e) Prepare to stop when facing a flashing vertical white 4923  
line. 4924

(2) As used in division (G) (1) of this section, "mass 4925  
transit system" and "bus" have the same meanings as in section 4926  
4511.78 of the Revised Code. 4927

(H) In the event an official ~~traffic-control~~ highway 4928  
traffic signal is erected and maintained at a place other than 4929  
an intersection, the provisions of this section shall be 4930  
applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature 4931  
can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a 4932  
sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall 4933  
be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop 4934  
shall be made at the signal. 4935

~~(H)~~ (I) This section does not apply at railroad grade 4936  
crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles, trackless trolleys, 4937  
and streetcars approaching railroad grade crossings shall be 4938  
governed by sections 4511.61 and 4511.62 of the Revised Code. 4939

**Sec. 4511.131.** The meanings of lane-use control signal 4940  
indications are as follows: 4941

(A) A steady downward green arrow+ 4942

~~A road user is permitted to drive in~~ means that the lane 4943

over which the arrow signal indication is located is open to 4944  
vehicle travel in that direction. 4945

(B) A steady yellow "X"÷ 4946

~~A road user is to prepare to vacate~~ means that the lane 4947  
over which the signal indication is located ~~because a lane~~ 4948  
~~control change is being made to~~ is about to be closed to vehicle 4949  
traffic in that direction and will be followed by a steady red 4950  
"X" signal indication, either within the same signal face or in 4951  
a downstream signal face. 4952

(C) A steady white two-way left-turn arrow÷ 4953

~~A road user is permitted to use a~~ means that the lane over 4954  
which the signal indication is located ~~for~~ is open to traffic 4955  
making a left turn from either direction of travel, but not for 4956  
through travel, with the understanding that common use of the 4957  
lane by oncoming road users for left turns also is permitted. 4958

(D) A steady white one-way left-turn arrow÷ 4959

~~A road user is permitted to use a~~ means that the lane over 4960  
which the signal indication is located ~~for~~ is open to traffic 4961  
making a left turn in that direction, without opposing turns in 4962  
the same lane, but not for through travel. 4963

(E) A steady red "X"÷ 4964

~~A road user is not permitted to use~~ means that the lane 4965  
over which the signal indication is located ~~and that this signal~~ 4966  
~~indication shall modify accordingly the meaning of other traffic~~ 4967  
~~controls present~~ is closed to vehicle traffic in the direction 4968  
viewed by the road user. 4969

**Sec. 4511.132.** (A) The driver of a vehicle, streetcar, or 4970  
trackless trolley who approaches an intersection where traffic 4971

is controlled by highway traffic ~~control~~-signals shall do all of 4972  
the following if the signal facing the driver exhibits no 4973  
colored lights or colored lighted arrows, exhibits a combination 4974  
of such lights or arrows that fails to clearly indicate the 4975  
assignment of right-of-way, or, if the vehicle is a bicycle or 4976  
an electric bicycle, the signals are otherwise malfunctioning 4977  
due to the failure of a vehicle detector to detect the presence 4978  
of the bicycle or electric bicycle: 4979

(1) Stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, stop 4980  
before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the 4981  
intersection, or, if none, stop before entering the 4982  
intersection; 4983

(2) Yield the right-of-way to all vehicles, streetcars, or 4984  
trackless trolleys in the intersection or approaching on an 4985  
intersecting road, if the vehicles, streetcars, or trackless 4986  
trolleys will constitute an immediate hazard during the time the 4987  
driver is moving across or within the intersection or junction 4988  
of roadways; 4989

(3) Exercise ordinary care while proceeding through the 4990  
intersection. 4991

(B) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 4992  
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 4993  
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 4994  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 4995  
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 4996  
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 4997  
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 4998  
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 4999  
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 5000  
degree. 5001

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and 5002  
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the 5003  
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the 5004  
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the 5005  
Revised Code. 5006

Sec. 4511.15. Bicycle symbol signal indications have the 5007  
following meanings: 5008

(A) A steady green bicycle signal indication means that 5009  
bicyclists are permitted to enter the intersection only to make 5010  
the movement indicated by the lane-use arrow displayed on the 5011  
bicycle signal sign that is located immediately adjacent to the 5012  
bicycle signal face. Bicyclists proceeding into the intersection 5013  
during the display of the indication shall yield the right-of- 5014  
way to both of the following: 5015

(1) Pedestrians lawfully within an associated crosswalk; 5016

(2) Other vehicles lawfully within the intersection. 5017

(B) A steady yellow bicycle signal indication means that 5018  
bicyclists are warned that the related green movement is being 5019  
terminated and that a steady red bicycle signal indication will 5020  
be displayed immediately thereafter when bicyclists shall not 5021  
enter the intersection. The provisions governing bicyclist 5022  
operations under the movement being terminated continue to apply 5023  
while the steady yellow bicycle signal indication is displayed. 5024

(C) (a) A steady red bicycle signal indication means that 5025  
bicyclists shall not enter the intersection to make the movement 5026  
indicated by the lane-use arrow displayed on the bicycle signal 5027  
sign that is located immediately adjacent to the bicycle signal 5028  
face. Unless the bicyclist is entering the intersection to make 5029  
another movement permitted by another bicycle symbol signal 5030

indication, the bicyclist shall stop at a clearly marked stop 5031  
line; but if there is no stop line, shall stop before entering 5032  
the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection; or if there 5033  
is no crosswalk, shall stop before entering the intersection; 5034  
and shall remain stopped until a green bicycle signal indication 5035  
to proceed is displayed. 5036

(b) Except when a traffic control device is in place 5037  
prohibiting a turn on red, bicyclists facing a steady red 5038  
bicycle signal indication are permitted to enter the 5039  
intersection to turn right if there are no approach lanes for 5040  
motor vehicle traffic to their right. The right to proceed with 5041  
the turn is subject to the provisions that are applicable after 5042  
making a stop at a stop sign. 5043

(D) A flashing green bicycle signal indication and a 5044  
flashing yellow bicycle signal indication have no meaning and 5045  
shall not be used. 5046

(E) A flashing red bicycle signal indication means that 5047  
bicyclists shall stop at a clearly marked stop line; but if 5048  
there is no stop line, shall stop before entering the crosswalk 5049  
on the near side of the intersection; or if there is no 5050  
crosswalk, shall stop at the point nearest the intersecting 5051  
roadway where the bicyclists have a view of approaching traffic 5052  
on that roadway before entering the intersection. The right to 5053  
make the movement indicated by the lane-use arrow displayed on 5054  
the bicycle signal sign that is located immediately adjacent to 5055  
the bicycle signal face is subject to the provisions that are 5056  
applicable after making a stop at a stop sign. 5057

**Sec. 4511.18.** (A) As used in this section, "traffic 5058  
control device" means any sign, highway ~~traffic control~~-signal, 5059  
or other device conforming to and placed or erected in 5060

accordance with the manual adopted under section 4511.09 of the Revised Code by authority of a public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic, including signs denoting the names of streets and highways, but does not mean any pavement marking.

(B) No individual shall buy or otherwise possess, or sell, a traffic control device, except when one of the following applies:

(1) In the course of the individual's employment by the state or a local authority for the express or implied purpose of manufacturing, providing, erecting, moving, or removing such a traffic control device;

(2) In the course of the individual's employment by any manufacturer of traffic control devices other than a state or local authority;

(3) For the purpose of demonstrating the design and function of a traffic control device to state or local officials;

(4) When the traffic control device has been purchased from the state or a local authority at a sale of property that is no longer needed or is unfit for use;

(5) The traffic control device has been properly purchased from a manufacturer for use on private property and the person possessing the device has a sales receipt for the device or other acknowledgment of sale issued by the manufacturer.

(C) This section does not preclude, and shall not be construed as precluding, prosecution for theft in violation of section 2913.02 of the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance relating to theft, or for receiving stolen property in violation

of section 2913.51 of the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance 5090  
relating to receiving stolen property. 5091

(D) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a 5092  
misdemeanor of the third degree. 5093

**Sec. 4511.204.** (A) No person shall operate a motor 5094  
vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar on any street, highway, 5095  
or property open to the public for vehicular traffic while 5096  
using, holding, or physically supporting with any part of the 5097  
person's body an electronic wireless communications device. 5098

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of 5099  
the following: 5100

(1) A person using an electronic wireless communications 5101  
device to make contact, for emergency purposes, with a law 5102  
enforcement agency, hospital or health care provider, fire 5103  
department, or other similar emergency agency or entity; 5104

(2) A person driving a public safety vehicle while using 5105  
an electronic wireless communications device in the course of 5106  
the person's duties; 5107

(3) A person using an electronic wireless communications 5108  
device when the person's motor vehicle is in a stationary 5109  
position and is outside a lane of travel, at a highway traffic 5110  
~~control~~ signal that is currently directing traffic to stop, or 5111  
parked on a road or highway due to an emergency or road closure; 5112

(4) A person using and holding an electronic wireless 5113  
communications device directly near the person's ear for the 5114  
purpose of making, receiving, or conducting a telephone call, 5115  
provided that the person does not manually enter letters, 5116  
numbers, or symbols into the device; 5117



- (5) A person receiving wireless messages on an electronic wireless communications device regarding the operation or navigation of a motor vehicle; safety-related information, including emergency, traffic, or weather alerts; or data used primarily by the motor vehicle, provided that the person does not hold or support the device with any part of the person's body;
- (6) A person using the speaker phone function of the electronic wireless communications device, provided that the person does not hold or support the device with any part of the person's body;
- (7) A person using an electronic wireless communications device for navigation purposes, provided that the person does not do either of the following during the use:
- (a) Manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols into the device;
- (b) Hold or support the device with any part of the person's body.
- (8) A person using a feature or function of the electronic wireless communications device with a single touch or single swipe, provided that the person does not do either of the following during the use:
- (a) Manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols into the device;
- (b) Hold or support the device with any part of the person's body.
- (9) A person operating a commercial truck while using a mobile data terminal that transmits and receives data;

(10) A person operating a utility service vehicle or a 5146  
vehicle for or on behalf of a utility, if the person is acting 5147  
in response to an emergency, power outage, or circumstance that 5148  
affects the health or safety of individuals; 5149

(11) A person using an electronic wireless communications 5150  
device in conjunction with a voice-operated or hands-free 5151  
feature or function of the vehicle or of the device without the 5152  
use of either hand except to activate, deactivate, or initiate 5153  
the feature or function with a single touch or swipe, provided 5154  
the person does not hold or support the device with any part of 5155  
the person's body; 5156

(12) A person using technology that physically or 5157  
electronically integrates the device into the motor vehicle, 5158  
provided that the person does not do either of the following 5159  
during the use: 5160

(a) Manually enter letters, numbers, or symbols into the 5161  
device; 5162

(b) Hold or support the device with any part of the 5163  
person's body. 5164

(13) A person storing an electronic wireless 5165  
communications device in a holster, harness, or article of 5166  
clothing on the person's body. 5167

(C) (1) On January 31 of each year, the department of 5168  
public safety shall issue a report to the general assembly that 5169  
specifies the number of citations issued for violations of this 5170  
section during the previous calendar year. 5171

(2) If a law enforcement officer issues an offender a 5172  
ticket, citation, or summons for a violation of division (A) of 5173  
this section, the officer shall do both of the following: 5174

(a) Report the issuance of the ticket, citation, or summons to the officer's law enforcement agency; 5175  
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(b) Ensure that such report indicates the offender's race. 5177

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of operating a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communication device, an unclassified misdemeanor, and shall be punished as provided in divisions (D)(1) to (5) of this section. 5178  
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(1) The offender shall be fined, and is subject to a suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege, as follows: 5183  
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(a) Except as provided in divisions (D)(1)(b), (c), (d), and (2) of this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not more than one hundred fifty dollars. 5187  
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(b) If, within two years of the violation, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one prior violation of this section or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars. 5190  
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(c) If, within two years of the violation, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more prior violations of this section or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of not more than five hundred dollars. The court also may impose a suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege for ninety days. 5195  
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(d) Notwithstanding divisions (D) (1) (a) to (c) of this section, if the offender was operating the motor vehicle at the time of the violation in a construction zone where a sign was posted in accordance with section 4511.98 of the Revised Code, the court, in addition to all other penalties provided by law, shall impose upon the offender a fine of two times the amount imposed for the violation under division (D) (1) (a), (b), or (c) of this section, as applicable.

(2) If the offender is in the category of offenders to whom division (D) (1) (a) of this section applies, in lieu of payment of the fine of one hundred fifty dollars under division (D) (1) (a) of this section and the assessment of points under division (D) (4) of this section, the offender instead may elect to attend the distracted driving safety course, as described in section 4511.991 of the Revised Code. If the offender attends and successfully completes the course, the offender shall be issued written evidence that the offender successfully completed the course. The offender shall not be required to pay the fine and shall not have the points assessed against that offender's driver's license if the offender submits the written evidence to the court within 90 days of the violation of division (A) of this section. However, successful completion of the course does not result in a dismissal of the charges for the violation, and the violation is a prior offense under divisions (D) (1) (b) and (c) of this section if the offender commits a subsequent violation or violations of division (A) of this section within two years of the offense for which the course was completed. This division does not apply with respect to any offender in the category of offenders to whom division (D) (1) (b), (c), or (d) of this section applies.

(3) The court may impose any other penalty authorized

under sections 2929.21 to 2929.28 of the Revised Code. However, 5235  
the court shall not impose a fine or a suspension not otherwise 5236  
specified in division (D) (1) of this section. The court also 5237  
shall not impose a jail term or community residential sanction. 5238

(4) Except as provided in division (D) (2) of this section, 5239  
points shall be assessed for a violation of division (A) of this 5240  
section in accordance with section 4510.036 of the Revised Code. 5241

(5) The offense established under this section is a strict 5242  
liability offense and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does 5243  
not apply. The designation of this offense as a strict liability 5244  
offense shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, 5245  
for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a 5246  
strict liability offense. 5247

(E) This section shall not be construed as invalidating, 5248  
preempting, or superseding a substantially equivalent municipal 5249  
ordinance that prescribes penalties for violations of that 5250  
ordinance that are greater than the penalties prescribed in this 5251  
section for violations of this section. 5252

(F) A prosecution for an offense in violation of this 5253  
section does not preclude a prosecution for an offense in 5254  
violation of a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance 5255  
based on the same conduct. However, the two offenses are allied 5256  
offenses of similar import under section 2941.25 of the Revised 5257  
Code. 5258

(G) (1) A law enforcement officer does not have probable 5259  
cause and shall not stop the operator of a motor vehicle for 5260  
purposes of enforcing this section unless the officer visually 5261  
observes the operator using, holding, or physically supporting 5262  
with any part of the person's body the electronic wireless 5263

communications device. 5264

(2) A law enforcement officer who stops the operator of a 5265  
motor vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar for a violation 5266  
of division (A) of this section shall inform the operator that 5267  
the operator may decline a search of the operator's electronic 5268  
wireless communications device. The officer shall not do any of 5269  
the following: 5270

(a) Access the device without a warrant, unless the 5271  
operator voluntarily and unequivocally gives consent for the 5272  
officer to access the device; 5273

(b) Confiscate the device while awaiting the issuance of a 5274  
warrant to access the device; 5275

(c) Obtain consent from the operator to access the device 5276  
through coercion or any other improper means. Any consent by the 5277  
operator to access the device shall be voluntary and unequivocal 5278  
before the officer may access the device without a warrant. 5279

(H) As used in this section: 5280

(1) "Electronic wireless communications device" includes 5281  
any of the following: 5282

(a) A wireless telephone; 5283

(b) A text-messaging device; 5284

(c) A personal digital assistant; 5285

(d) A computer, including a laptop computer and a computer 5286  
tablet; 5287

(e) Any device capable of displaying a video, movie, 5288  
broadcast television image, or visual image; 5289

(f) Any other substantially similar wireless device that 5290

is designed or used to communicate text, initiate or receive 5291  
communication, or exchange information or data. 5292

An "electronic wireless communications device" does not 5293  
include a two-way radio transmitter or receiver used by a person 5294  
who is licensed by the federal communications commission to 5295  
participate in the amateur radio service. 5296

(2) "Voice-operated or hands-free feature or function" 5297  
means a feature or function that allows a person to use an 5298  
electronic wireless communications device without the use of 5299  
either hand, except to activate, deactivate, or initiate the 5300  
feature or function with a single touch or single swipe. 5301

(3) "Utility" means an entity specified in division (A), 5302  
(C), (D), (E), or (G) of section 4905.03 of the Revised Code. 5303

(4) "Utility service vehicle" means a vehicle owned or 5304  
operated by a utility. 5305

**Sec. 4511.211.** (A) The owner of a private road ~~or driveway~~ 5306  
located in a private residential area containing twenty or more 5307  
dwelling units may establish a speed limit on the road ~~or~~ 5308  
~~driveway~~ by complying with all of the following requirements: 5309

(1) The speed limit is not less than twenty-five miles per 5310  
hour and is indicated by a sign that is in a proper position, is 5311  
sufficiently legible to be seen by an ordinarily observant 5312  
person, and meets the specifications for the basic speed limit 5313  
sign included in the manual adopted by the department of 5314  
transportation pursuant to section 4511.09 of the Revised Code; 5315

(2) The owner has posted a sign at the entrance of the 5316  
private road ~~or driveway~~ that is in plain view and clearly 5317  
informs persons entering the road ~~or driveway~~ that they are 5318  
entering private property, a speed limit has been established 5319

for the road ~~or driveway~~, and the speed limit is enforceable by 5320  
law enforcement officers under state law. 5321

(B) No person shall operate a vehicle upon a private road 5322  
~~or driveway~~ as provided in division (A) of this section at a 5323  
speed exceeding any speed limit established and posted pursuant 5324  
to that division. 5325

(C) When a speed limit is established and posted in 5326  
accordance with division (A) of this section, any law 5327  
enforcement officer may apprehend a person violating the speed 5328  
limit of the residential area by utilizing any of the means 5329  
described in section 4511.091 of the Revised Code or by any 5330  
other accepted method of determining the speed of a motor 5331  
vehicle and may stop and charge the person with exceeding the 5332  
speed limit. 5333

(D) Points shall be assessed for violation of a speed 5334  
limit established and posted in accordance with division (A) of 5335  
this section in accordance with section 4510.036 of the Revised 5336  
Code. 5337

(E) As used in this section: 5338

(1) "Owner" includes but is not limited to a person who 5339  
holds title to the real property in fee simple, a condominium 5340  
owners' association, a property owner's association, the board 5341  
of directors or trustees of a private community, and a nonprofit 5342  
corporation governing a private community. 5343

(2) "Private residential area containing twenty or more 5344  
dwelling units" does not include a Chautauqua assembly as 5345  
defined in section 4511.90 of the Revised Code. 5346

(F) (1) A violation of division (B) of this section is one 5347  
of the following: 5348



(a) Except as otherwise provided in divisions (F) (1) (b) 5349  
and (c) of this section, a minor misdemeanor; 5350

(b) If, within one year of the offense, the offender 5351  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two 5352  
violations of division (B) of this section or of any municipal 5353  
ordinance that is substantially similar to division (B) of this 5354  
section, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; 5355

(c) If, within one year of the offense, the offender 5356  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or 5357  
more violations of division (B) of this section or of any 5358  
municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to division 5359  
(B) of this section, a misdemeanor of the third degree. 5360

(2) If the offender commits the offense while distracted 5361  
and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the 5362  
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the 5363  
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the 5364  
Revised Code. 5365

**Sec. 4511.214.** ~~(A) (1)~~ (A) As used in this section and 5366  
sections 4511.215 and 4511.216 of the Revised Code, "low-speed 5367  
vehicle," "mini-truck," "under-speed vehicle," and "utility 5368  
vehicle" have the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the 5369  
Revised Code. 5370

(B) (1) No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle upon 5371  
any street or highway having an established speed limit greater 5372  
than thirty-five miles per hour. 5373

(2) No person shall operate an under-speed or utility 5374  
vehicle or a mini-truck upon any street or highway except as 5375  
follows: 5376

(a) Upon a street or highway having an established speed 5377

limit not greater than thirty-five miles per hour and only upon 5378  
such streets or highways where a local authority has granted 5379  
permission for such operation in accordance with section 5380  
4511.215 of the Revised Code; 5381

(b) A state park or political subdivision employee or 5382  
volunteer operating a utility vehicle exclusively within the 5383  
boundaries of state parks or political subdivision parks for the 5384  
operation or maintenance of state or political subdivision park 5385  
facilities. 5386

(3) No person shall operate a motor-driven cycle or motor 5387  
scooter upon any street or highway having an established speed 5388  
limit greater than forty-five miles per hour. 5389

~~(B)~~(C) This section does not prohibit either of the 5390  
following: 5391

(1) A person operating a low-speed vehicle, under-speed, 5392  
or utility vehicle or a mini-truck from proceeding across an 5393  
intersection of a street or highway having a speed limit greater 5394  
than thirty-five miles per hour; 5395

(2) A person operating a motor-driven cycle or motor 5396  
scooter from proceeding across an intersection of a street or 5397  
highway having a speed limit greater than forty-five miles per 5398  
hour. 5399

~~(C)~~(D) Nothing in this section shall prevent a local 5400  
authority from adopting more stringent local ordinances, 5401  
resolutions, or regulations governing the operation of a low- 5402  
speed vehicle or a mini-truck, or a motor-driven cycle or motor 5403  
scooter. 5404

~~(D)~~(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 5405  
whoever violates division ~~(A)~~(B) of this section is guilty of a 5406

minor misdemeanor. If within one year of the offense, the 5407  
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to 5408  
one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates 5409  
this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If 5410  
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 5411  
convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic 5412  
offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 5413  
misdemeanor of the third degree. 5414

**Sec. 4511.432.** (A) The owner of a private road ~~or driveway~~ 5415  
located in a private residential area containing twenty or more 5416  
dwelling units may erect stop signs at places where the road ~~or~~ 5417  
~~driveway~~ intersects with another private road ~~or driveway~~ in the 5418  
residential area, in compliance with all of the following 5419  
requirements: 5420

(1) The stop sign is sufficiently legible to be seen by an 5421  
ordinarily observant person and meets the specifications of and 5422  
is placed in accordance with the manual adopted by the 5423  
department of transportation pursuant to section 4511.09 of the 5424  
Revised Code. 5425

(2) The owner has posted a sign at the entrance of the 5426  
private road ~~or driveway~~ that is in plain view and clearly 5427  
informs persons entering the road ~~or driveway~~ that they are 5428  
entering private property, stop signs have been posted and must 5429  
be obeyed, and the signs are enforceable by law enforcement 5430  
officers under state law. The sign required by division (A) (2) 5431  
of this section, where appropriate, may be incorporated with the 5432  
sign required by division (A) (2) of section 4511.211 of the 5433  
Revised Code. 5434

(B) Division (A) of section 4511.43 and section 4511.46 of 5435  
the Revised Code shall be deemed to apply to the driver of a 5436

vehicle on a private road ~~or driveway~~ where a stop sign is 5437  
placed in accordance with division (A) of this section and to a 5438  
pedestrian crossing such a road ~~or driveway~~ at an intersection 5439  
where a stop sign is in place. 5440

(C) When a stop sign is placed in accordance with division 5441  
(A) of this section, any law enforcement officer may apprehend a 5442  
person found violating the stop sign and may stop and charge the 5443  
person with violating the stop sign. 5444

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 5445  
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 5446  
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 5447  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 5448  
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 5449  
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 5450  
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 5451  
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 5452  
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 5453  
degree. 5454

(E) As used in this section, and for the purpose of 5455  
applying division (A) of section 4511.43 and section 4511.46 of 5456  
the Revised Code to conduct under this section: 5457

(1) "Intersection" means: 5458

(a) The area embraced within the prolongation or 5459  
connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the 5460  
lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two private roads ~~or~~ 5461  
~~driveways~~ which join one another at, or approximately at, right 5462  
angles, or the area within which vehicles traveling upon 5463  
different private roads ~~or driveways~~ joining at any other angle 5464  
may come in conflict. 5465

(b) Where a private road ~~or driveway~~ includes two roadways 5466  
thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of two roadways 5467  
of such private roads ~~or driveways~~ shall be regarded as a 5468  
separate intersection. 5469

(2) "Roadway" means that portion of a private road ~~or~~ 5470  
~~driveway~~ improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular 5471  
travel and parking lanes, ~~except not including the berm,~~ 5472  
sidewalk, or shoulder, even if the berm, sidewalk, or shoulder 5473  
is used by a person operating a bicycle or other human-powered 5474  
vehicle. If a private road ~~or driveway~~ includes two or more 5475  
separate roadways, the term "roadway" means any such roadway 5476  
separately but not all such roadways collectively. 5477

(3) "Owner" and "private residential area containing 5478  
twenty or more dwelling units" have the same meanings as in 5479  
section 4511.211 of the Revised Code. 5480

**Sec. 4511.46.** (A) When highway traffic ~~control~~ signals are 5481  
not in place, not in operation, or are not clearly assigning the 5482  
right-of-way, the driver of a vehicle, trackless trolley, or 5483  
streetcar shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping 5484  
if need be to so yield or if required by section 4511.132 of the 5485  
Revised Code, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a 5486  
crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway 5487  
upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is 5488  
approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as 5489  
to be in danger. 5490

(B) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other 5491  
place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle, 5492  
trackless trolley, or streetcar which is so close as to 5493  
constitute an immediate hazard. 5494

(C) Division (A) of this section does not apply under the 5495  
conditions stated in division (B) of section 4511.48 of the 5496  
Revised Code. 5497

(D) Whenever any vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar 5498  
is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at 5499  
an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the 5500  
driver of any other vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar 5501  
approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the 5502  
stopped vehicle. 5503

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 5504  
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 5505  
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 5506  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 5507  
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 5508  
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 5509  
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 5510  
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 5511  
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 5512  
degree. 5513

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and 5514  
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the 5515  
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the 5516  
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the 5517  
Revised Code. 5518

**Sec. 4511.48.** (A) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at 5519  
any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an 5520  
unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right of 5521  
way to all vehicles, trackless trolleys, or streetcars upon the 5522  
roadway. 5523

(B) Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right of way to all traffic upon the roadway.

(C) Between adjacent intersections at which highway traffic ~~control~~-signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a marked crosswalk.

(D) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices; and, when authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.

(E) This section does not relieve the operator of a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley from exercising due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

**Sec. 4511.512.** (A) (1) Electric personal assistive mobility devices, as defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, may be operated on the public streets, highways, sidewalks, and paths and portions of roadways set aside for the exclusive use

of bicycles in accordance with this section. 5553

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, those 5554  
sections of this chapter that by their nature are applicable to 5555  
an electric personal assistive mobility device apply to the 5556  
device and the person operating it whenever it is operated upon 5557  
any public street, highway, sidewalk, or path or upon any 5558  
portion of a roadway set aside for the exclusive use of 5559  
bicycles. 5560

(3) A local authority may regulate or prohibit the 5561  
operation of electric personal assistive mobility devices on 5562  
public streets, highways, sidewalks, and paths, and portions of 5563  
roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, under its 5564  
jurisdiction. 5565

(B) No operator of an electric personal assistive mobility 5566  
device shall do any of the following: 5567

(1) Fail to yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and 5568  
human-powered vehicles at all times; 5569

(2) Fail to give an audible signal before overtaking and 5570  
passing a pedestrian; 5571

(3) Operate the device at night unless the device or its 5572  
operator is equipped with or wearing both of the following: 5573

(a) A lamp pointing to the front that emits a white light 5574  
visible from a distance of not less than five hundred feet; 5575

(b) A red reflector facing the rear that is visible from 5576  
all distances from one hundred feet to six hundred feet when 5577  
directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor 5578  
vehicle. 5579

(4) Operate the device on any portion of a street or 5580



highway that has an established speed limit of fifty-five miles 5581  
per hour or more; 5582

(5) Operate the device upon any path set aside for the 5583  
exclusive use of pedestrians or other specialized use when an 5584  
appropriate sign giving notice of the specialized use is posted 5585  
on the path; 5586

(6) If under eighteen years of age, operate the device 5587  
unless wearing a protective helmet on the person's head with the 5588  
chin strap properly fastened; 5589

(7) If under sixteen years of age, operate the device 5590  
unless, during the operation, the person is under the direct 5591  
visual and audible supervision of another person who is eighteen 5592  
years of age or older and is responsible for the immediate care 5593  
of the person under sixteen years of age. 5594

(C) No person who is under fourteen years of age shall 5595  
operate an electric personal assistive mobility device. 5596

(D) No person shall distribute or sell an electric 5597  
personal assistive mobility device unless the device is 5598  
accompanied by a written statement that is substantially 5599  
equivalent to the following: "WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF 5600  
SERIOUS INJURY, USE ONLY WHILE WEARING FULL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT 5601  
- HELMET, WRIST GUARDS, ELBOW PADS, AND KNEE PADS." 5602

(E) Nothing in this section affects or shall be construed 5603  
to affect any rule of the director of natural resources or a 5604  
board of park district commissioners governing the operation of 5605  
vehicles on lands under the control of the director or board, as 5606  
applicable. 5607

(F) (1) Whoever violates division (B) or (C) of this 5608  
section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be punished 5609

as follows: 5610

(a) The offender shall be fined ten dollars. 5611

(b) If the offender previously has been convicted of or 5612  
pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B) or (C) of this 5613  
section or a substantially similar municipal ordinance, the 5614  
court, in addition to imposing the fine required under division 5615  
(F) (1) of this section, shall do one of the following: 5616

(i) Order the impoundment for not less than one day but 5617  
not more than thirty days of the electric personal assistive 5618  
mobility device that was involved in the current violation of 5619  
that division. The court shall order the device to be impounded 5620  
at a safe indoor location designated by the court and may assess 5621  
storage fees of not more than five dollars per day, provided the 5622  
total storage, processing, and release fees assessed against the 5623  
offender or the device in connection with the device's 5624  
impoundment or subsequent release shall not exceed fifty 5625  
dollars. 5626

(ii) If the court does not issue an impoundment order 5627  
pursuant to division (F) (1) (b) (i) of this section, issue an 5628  
order prohibiting the offender from operating any electric 5629  
personal assistive mobility device on the public streets, 5630  
highways, sidewalks, and paths and portions of roadways set 5631  
aside for the exclusive use of bicycles for not less than one 5632  
day but not more than thirty days. 5633

(2) Whoever violates division (D) of this section is 5634  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 5635

**Sec. 4511.61.** (A) As used in this section, "~~active grade~~ 5636  
Grade crossing warning devices system" means ~~signs, the flashing-~~ 5637  
light signals, with or without automatic gates, or other 5638

~~protective devices erected or installed at a public highway-  
railway crossing at common grade and activated by an electrical-  
circuit~~ together with the necessary control equipment that is  
used to inform road users of the approach and presence of rail  
traffic at a grade crossing.

(B) The department of transportation and local authorities  
in their respective jurisdictions, with the approval of the  
department, may designate dangerous highway crossings over  
railroad tracks whether on state, county, or township highways  
or on streets or ways within municipal corporations, and erect  
stop signs thereat.

(C) (1) The department and local authorities shall erect  
stop signs at a railroad highway grade crossing in either of the  
following circumstances:

(a) New warning devices that are not ~~active-grade crossing~~  
warning ~~devices-systems~~ are being installed at the grade  
crossing, and railroad crossbucks were the only warning devices  
at the grade crossing prior to the installation of the new  
warning devices.

(b) The grade crossing is constructed after July 1, 2013,  
and only warning devices that are not ~~active-grade crossing~~  
warning ~~devices-systems~~ are installed at the grade crossing.

(2) Division (C) (1) of this section does not apply to a  
railroad highway grade crossing that the director of  
transportation has exempted from that division because of  
traffic flow or other considerations or factors.

(D) When stop signs are erected pursuant to division (B)  
or (C) of this section, the operator of any vehicle, streetcar,  
or trackless trolley shall stop within fifty, but not less than

fifteen, feet from the nearest rail of the railroad tracks and 5668  
shall exercise due care before proceeding across such grade 5669  
crossing. 5670

(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 5671  
violates division (D) of this section is guilty of a minor 5672  
misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender 5673  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one 5674  
predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates 5675  
this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 5676  
If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has 5677  
been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic 5678  
offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 5679  
misdemeanor of the third degree. 5680

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and 5681  
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the 5682  
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the 5683  
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the 5684  
Revised Code. 5685

**Sec. 4511.62.** (A) (1) Whenever any person driving a vehicle 5686  
or trackless trolley approaches a railroad grade crossing, the 5687  
person shall stop within fifty feet, but not less than fifteen 5688  
feet from the nearest rail of the railroad if any of the 5689  
following circumstances exist at the crossing: 5690

(a) A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device 5691  
gives warning of the immediate approach of a train or other on- 5692  
track equipment. 5693

(b) A crossing gate is lowered. 5694

(c) A flagperson gives or continues to give a signal of 5695  
the approach or passage of a train or other on-track equipment. 5696

(d) There is insufficient space on the other side of the 5697  
railroad grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle or trackless 5698  
trolley the person is operating without obstructing the passage 5699  
of other vehicles, trackless trolleys, pedestrians, or ~~railroad~~ 5700  
trains, notwithstanding any highway traffic ~~control~~-signal 5701  
indication to proceed. 5702

(e) An approaching train is emitting an audible signal or 5703  
is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the 5704  
crossing. 5705

(f) There is insufficient undercarriage clearance to 5706  
safely negotiate the crossing. 5707

(g) There is insufficient space on the other side of the 5708  
railroad grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle or trackless 5709  
trolley the person is operating without obstructing the passage 5710  
of other on-track equipment. 5711

(h) Approaching on-track equipment is emitting an audible 5712  
signal or is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to 5713  
the crossing. 5714

(2) (a) A person who is driving a vehicle or trackless 5715  
trolley and who approaches a railroad grade crossing shall not 5716  
proceed as long as any of the circumstances described in 5717  
divisions (A) (1) (a) to (f) of this section exist at the 5718  
crossing. 5719

(b) A person who is driving a vehicle or trackless trolley 5720  
and who approaches a railroad grade crossing shall not 5721  
recklessly proceed as long as any of the circumstances described 5722  
in division (A) (1) (g) or (h) of this section exist at the 5723  
crossing. 5724

(B) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or 5725

under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while 5726  
the gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed 5727  
unless the person is signaled by a law enforcement officer or 5728  
flagperson that it is permissible to do so. 5729

(C) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a 5730  
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 5731

(2) In lieu of a fine or jail term for a violation of this 5732  
section, a court may instead order the offender to attend and 5733  
successfully complete a remedial safety training or presentation 5734  
regarding rail safety that is offered by an authorized and 5735  
qualified organization that is selected by the court. The 5736  
offender shall complete the presentation within a time frame 5737  
determined by the court, not to exceed one hundred eighty days 5738  
after the court issues the order. The offender shall notify the 5739  
court of the successful completion of the presentation. When the 5740  
offender notifies the court of the successful completion of the 5741  
presentation, the court shall waive any fine or jail term that 5742  
it otherwise would have imposed for a violation of this section. 5743

**Sec. 4511.64.** (A) No person shall operate or move any 5744  
crawler-type tractor, steam shovel, derrick, roller, or any 5745  
equipment or structure having a normal operating speed of six or 5746  
less miles per hour or a vertical body or load clearance of less 5747  
than nine inches above the level surface of a roadway, upon or 5748  
across any tracks at a railroad grade crossing without first 5749  
complying with divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this section. 5750

(1) Before making any such crossing, the person operating 5751  
or moving any such vehicle or equipment shall first stop the 5752  
same, and while stopped the person shall listen and look in both 5753  
directions along such track for any approaching train or other 5754  
on-track equipment and for signals indicating the approach of a 5755

train or other on-track equipment, and shall proceed only upon 5756  
exercising due care. 5757

(2) No such crossing shall be made when warning is given 5758  
by automatic signal or crossing gates or a flagperson or 5759  
otherwise of the immediate approach of a ~~railroad~~-train or car 5760  
or other on-track equipment. 5761

(B) If the normal sustained speed of such vehicle, 5762  
equipment, or structure is not more than three miles per hour, 5763  
the person owning, operating, or moving the same shall also give 5764  
notice of such intended crossing to a station agent or 5765  
superintendent of the railroad, and a reasonable time shall be 5766  
given to such railroad to provide proper protection for such 5767  
crossing. Where such vehicles or equipment are being used in 5768  
constructing or repairing a section of highway lying on both 5769  
sides of a railroad grade crossing, and in such construction or 5770  
repair it is necessary to repeatedly move such vehicles or 5771  
equipment over such crossing, one daily notice specifying when 5772  
such work will start and stating the hours during which it will 5773  
be prosecuted is sufficient. 5774

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 5775  
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 5776  
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 5777  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 5778  
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 5779  
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 5780  
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 5781  
more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 5782  
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 5783  
degree. 5784

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and 5785

the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the 5786  
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the 5787  
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the 5788  
Revised Code. 5789

**Sec. 4511.65.** (A) All state routes are hereby designated 5790  
as through highways, provided that stop signs, yield signs, or 5791  
highway traffic control signals shall be erected at all 5792  
intersections with such through highways by the department of 5793  
transportation as to highways under its jurisdiction and by 5794  
local authorities as to highways under their jurisdiction, 5795  
except as otherwise provided in this section. Where two or more 5796  
state routes that are through highways intersect and no highway 5797  
traffic ~~control~~ signal is in operation, stop signs or yield 5798  
signs shall be erected at one or more entrances thereto by the 5799  
department, except as otherwise provided in this section. 5800

Whenever the director of transportation determines on the 5801  
basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that stop 5802  
signs are necessary to stop traffic on a through highway for 5803  
safe and efficient operation, nothing in this section shall be 5804  
construed to prevent such installations. When circumstances 5805  
warrant, the director also may omit stop signs on roadways 5806  
intersecting through highways under ~~his~~ the director's 5807  
jurisdiction. Before the director either installs or removes a 5808  
stop sign under this division, ~~he~~ the director shall give 5809  
notice, in writing, of that proposed action to the affected 5810  
local authority at least thirty days before installing or 5811  
removing the stop sign. 5812

(B) Other streets or highways, or portions thereof, are 5813  
hereby designated through highways if they are within a 5814  
municipal corporation, if they have a continuous length of more 5815



than one mile between the limits of said street or highway or 5816  
portion thereof, and if they have "stop" or "yield" signs or 5817  
highway traffic control signals at the entrances of the majority 5818  
of intersecting streets or highways. For purposes of this 5819  
section, the limits of said street or highway or portion thereof 5820  
shall be a municipal corporation line, the physical terminus of 5821  
the street or highway, or any point on said street or highway at 5822  
which vehicular traffic thereon is required by regulatory signs 5823  
to stop or yield to traffic on the intersecting street, provided 5824  
that in residence districts a municipal corporation may by 5825  
ordinance designate said street or highway, or portion thereof, 5826  
not to be a through highway and thereafter the affected 5827  
residence district shall be indicated by official traffic 5828  
control devices. Where two or more through highways designated 5829  
under this division intersect and no highway traffic control 5830  
signal is in operation, stop signs or yield signs shall be 5831  
erected at one or more entrances thereto by the department or by 5832  
local authorities having jurisdiction, except as otherwise 5833  
provided in this section. 5834

(C) The department or local authorities having 5835  
jurisdiction need not erect stop signs at intersections they 5836  
find to be so constructed as to permit traffic to safely enter a 5837  
through highway without coming to a stop. Signs shall be erected 5838  
at such intersections indicating that the operator of a vehicle 5839  
shall yield the right-of-way to or merge with all traffic 5840  
proceeding on the through highway. 5841

(D) Local authorities with reference to highways under 5842  
their jurisdiction may designate additional through highways and 5843  
shall erect stop signs, yield signs, or highway traffic control 5844  
signals at all streets and highways intersecting such through 5845  
highways, or may designate any intersection as a stop or yield 5846

intersection and shall erect like signs at one or more entrances 5847  
to such intersection. 5848

**Sec. 4511.68.** (A) No person shall stand or park a 5849  
trackless trolley or vehicle, except when necessary to avoid 5850  
conflict with other traffic or to comply with sections 4511.01 5851  
to 4511.78, 4511.99, and 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, 5852  
or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic 5853  
control device, in any of the following places: 5854

(1) On a sidewalk, except as provided in division (B) of 5855  
this section; 5856

(2) In front of a public or private driveway; 5857

(3) Within an intersection; 5858

(4) Within ten feet of a fire hydrant; 5859

(5) On a crosswalk; 5860

(6) Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection; 5861

(7) Within thirty feet of, and upon the approach to, any 5862  
~~flashing beacon~~ yield sign, stop sign, or highway traffic control  
~~device~~ signal; 5863  
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(8) Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 5865  
thirty feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends 5866  
of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by a 5867  
traffic control device; 5868

(9) Within fifty feet of the nearest rail of a railroad 5869  
crossing; 5870

(10) Within twenty feet of a driveway entrance to any fire 5871  
station and, on the side of the street opposite the entrance to 5872  
any fire station, within seventy-five feet of the entrance when 5873

it is properly posted with signs; 5874

(11) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or 5875  
obstruction when such standing or parking would obstruct 5876  
traffic; 5877

(12) Alongside any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge 5878  
or curb of a street; 5879

(13) Upon any bridge or elevated structure upon a highway, 5880  
or within a highway tunnel; 5881

(14) At any place where signs prohibit stopping; 5882

(15) Within one foot of another parked vehicle; 5883

(16) On the roadway portion of a freeway, expressway, or 5884  
thruway; 5885

(17) On a bicycle lane. 5886

(B) A person is permitted, without charge or restriction, 5887  
to stand or park on a sidewalk a motor-driven cycle or motor 5888  
scooter that has an engine not larger than one hundred fifty 5889  
cubic centimeters, a low-speed micromobility device, or a 5890  
bicycle or electric bicycle, provided that the motor-driven 5891  
cycle, motor scooter, low-speed micromobility device, bicycle, 5892  
or electric bicycle does not impede the normal flow of 5893  
pedestrian traffic. This division does not authorize any person 5894  
to operate a vehicle in violation of section 4511.711 of the 5895  
Revised Code. 5896

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 5897  
violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a minor 5898  
misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender 5899  
previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one 5900  
predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates 5901

this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 5902  
If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has 5903  
been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic 5904  
offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 5905  
misdemeanor of the third degree. 5906

**Sec. 4511.701.** (A) As used in this section: 5907

(1) "Fifth wheel trailer," "mobile home," and "travel 5908  
trailer" have the same meanings as in section 4501.01 of the 5909  
Revised Code. 5910

(2) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 5911  
division (C)(4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 5912

(B) Except as provided in division ~~(B)~~(C) of this section, 5913  
no person shall occupy any travel trailer, fifth wheel trailer, 5914  
or manufactured or mobile home while it is being used as a 5915  
conveyance upon a street or highway. 5916

~~(B)~~(C) Division ~~(A)~~(B) of this section does not apply to a 5917  
fifth wheel trailer when both of the following apply: 5918

(1) Any child riding in the fifth wheel trailer is 5919  
properly secured in the manner provided in section 4511.81 of 5920  
the Revised Code; 5921

(2) The operator of the vehicle towing the fifth wheel 5922  
trailer has some means of viable communication with the 5923  
passengers riding in the trailer. 5924

As used in this division, "viable communication" includes 5925  
a cellular or satellite telephone, a radio, or any other similar 5926  
electronic wireless communications device. 5927

~~(C)~~(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 5928  
whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 5929

If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has  
been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor  
vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one  
year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted  
of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses,  
whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the  
third degree.

~~(2)~~ (E) The offense established under this section is a  
strict liability offense and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code  
does not apply. The designation of this offense as a strict  
liability offense shall not be construed to imply that any other  
offense, for which there is no specified degree of culpability,  
is not a strict liability offense.

**Sec. 4511.712.** (A) No driver shall enter an intersection  
or marked crosswalk or drive onto any railroad grade crossing  
unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the  
intersection, crosswalk, or grade crossing to accommodate the  
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley the driver is operating  
without obstructing the passage of other vehicles, streetcars,  
trackless trolleys, pedestrians, or ~~railroad~~-trains,  
notwithstanding any highway traffic ~~control~~-signal indication to  
proceed.

(B) This section does not apply to a bicyclist using a  
two-stage bicycle turn box.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever  
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If,  
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or  
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a

misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4511.765. (A) The director of education and workforce, by and with the advice of the director of public safety, shall amend any rules adopted under section 4511.76 of the Revised Code pertaining to pre-trip inspections of a school bus. The amendment shall remove any requirement that the following equipment be included in the pre-trip inspection:

- (1) The turbo charger;
- (2) The alternator;
- (3) The belts;
- (4) The water pump;
- (5) The power steering pump;
- (6) The air pump;
- (7) Any part of the steering system;
- (8) Any part of the suspension;
- (9) Any part of the air brakes;
- (10) Any part of the brake equipment, including drums or rotors;

- (11) The springs and spring mounts; 5987
- (12) The air bags. 5988
- (B) The state highway patrol shall still examine all of 5989  
the equipment listed in division (A) of this section during its 5990  
school bus inspections conducted in accordance with section 5991  
4511.761 of the Revised Code. 5992

**Sec. 4513.071.** (A) Every motor vehicle, trailer, 5993  
semitrailer, and pole trailer when operated upon a highway shall 5994  
be equipped with two or more stop lights, except that passenger 5995  
cars manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 1967, 5996  
motorcycles, and motor-driven cycles shall be equipped with at 5997  
least one stop light. Stop lights shall be mounted on the rear 5998  
of the vehicle, actuated upon application of the service brake, 5999  
and may be incorporated with other rear lights. Such stop lights 6000  
when actuated shall emit a red light visible from a distance of 6001  
five hundred feet to the rear, provided that in the case of a 6002  
train of vehicles only the stop lights on the rear-most vehicle 6003  
need be visible from the distance specified. 6004

Such stop lights when actuated shall give a steady warning 6005  
light to the rear of a vehicle or train of vehicles to indicate 6006  
the intention of the operator to diminish the speed of or stop a 6007  
vehicle or train of vehicles. 6008

When stop lights are used as required by this section, 6009  
they shall be constructed or installed so as to provide adequate 6010  
and reliable illumination and shall conform to the appropriate 6011  
rules and regulations established under section 4513.19 of the 6012  
Revised Code. 6013

~~Historical—A historical motor vehicles as defined in~~ 6014  
~~section 4503.181 of the Revised Code, vehicle that was not~~ 6015

originally manufactured with stop lights, ~~are~~ or a replica motor 6016  
vehicle that replicates a motor vehicle that was not originally 6017  
manufactured with stop lights is not subject to this section. 6018

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 6019  
misdemeanor. 6020

(C) As used in this section, "replica motor vehicle" means 6021  
a replica motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is 6022  
issued under section 4505.072 of the Revised Code. 6023

**Sec. 4513.38.** (A) No person shall be prohibited from 6024  
owning or operating a licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ 6025  
historical motor vehicle, or replica motor vehicle that is 6026  
equipped with a feature of design, type of material, or article 6027  
of equipment that was not in violation of any motor vehicle 6028  
equipment law of this state or of its political subdivisions in 6029  
effect during the calendar year the vehicle was manufactured or 6030  
the calendar year that it replicates, and no licensed 6031  
collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ historical motor vehicle, or replica 6032  
motor vehicle shall be prohibited from displaying or using any 6033  
such feature of design, type of material, or article of 6034  
equipment. 6035

No person shall be prohibited from owning or operating a 6036  
licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ historical motor vehicle, or 6037  
replica motor vehicle for failing to comply with an equipment 6038  
provision contained in Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code or in 6039  
any state rule that was enacted or adopted in a year subsequent 6040  
to that in which the vehicle was manufactured or the calendar 6041  
year that it replicates, and no licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ 6042  
historical motor vehicle, or replica motor vehicle shall be 6043  
required to comply with an equipment provision enacted into 6044  
Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code or adopted by state rule 6045



subsequent to the calendar year in which it was manufactured or 6046  
the calendar year that it replicates. No political subdivision 6047  
shall require an owner of a licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ 6048  
historical motor vehicle, or replica motor vehicle to comply 6049  
with equipment provisions contained in laws or rules that were 6050  
enacted or adopted subsequent to the calendar year in which the 6051  
vehicle was manufactured or the calendar year that it 6052  
replicates, and no political subdivision shall prohibit the 6053  
operation of a licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ historical motor 6054  
vehicle, or replica motor vehicle for failure to comply with any 6055  
such equipment laws or rules. 6056

(B) As used in this section, "replica motor vehicle" means 6057  
a replica motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is 6058  
issued under section 4505.072 of the Revised Code. 6059

**Sec. 4513.41.** (A) No owner of a licensed collector's 6060  
vehicle, a historical motor vehicle, a replica motor vehicle, or 6061  
a collector's vehicle that is an agricultural tractor or 6062  
traction engine shall be required to comply with an emission, 6063  
noise control, or fuel usage provision contained in a law or 6064  
rule of this state or its political subdivisions that was 6065  
enacted or adopted subsequent to the calendar year in which the 6066  
vehicle was manufactured or the calendar year that it 6067  
replicates. 6068

(B) No person shall be prohibited from operating a 6069  
licensed collector's vehicle, a historical motor vehicle, a 6070  
replica motor vehicle, or a collector's vehicle that is an 6071  
agricultural tractor or traction engine for failing to comply 6072  
with an emission, noise control, or fuel usage law or rule of 6073  
this state or its political subdivisions that was enacted or 6074  
adopted subsequent to the calendar year in which his vehicle was 6075

manufactured or the calendar year that it replicates. 6076

(C) Except as provided in section 4505.061 of the Revised 6077  
Code, no person shall be required to submit ~~his~~ the person's 6078  
collector's vehicle to a physical inspection prior to or in 6079  
connection with an issuance of title to, or the sale or transfer 6080  
of ownership of such vehicle, except that a police officer may 6081  
inspect it to determine ownership. 6082

In accordance with section 1.51 of the Revised Code, this 6083  
section shall, without exception, prevail over any special or 6084  
local provision of the Revised Code that requires owners or 6085  
operators of collector's vehicles to comply with standards of 6086  
emission, noise, fuel usage, or physical condition in connection 6087  
with an issuance of title to, or the sale or transfer of 6088  
ownership of such vehicle or part thereof. 6089

(D) As used in this section, "replica motor vehicle" means 6090  
a replica motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is 6091  
issued under section 4505.072 of the Revised Code. 6092

**Sec. 4517.02.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in this 6093  
section, no person shall do any of the following: 6094

(1) Engage in the business of displaying or selling at 6095  
retail new motor vehicles or assume to engage in that business, 6096  
unless the person is licensed as a new motor vehicle dealer 6097  
under sections 4517.01 to 4517.45 of the Revised Code, or is a 6098  
salesperson employed by a licensed new motor vehicle dealer; 6099

(2) Engage in the business of offering for sale, 6100  
displaying for sale, or selling at retail or wholesale used 6101  
motor vehicles or assume to engage in that business, unless the 6102  
person is licensed as a new motor vehicle dealer, used motor 6103  
vehicle dealer, or motor vehicle leasing dealer under sections 6104

4517.01 to 4517.45 of the Revised Code, is a salesperson 6105  
employed by a licensed used motor vehicle dealer or licensed new 6106  
motor vehicle dealer, or the person holds a construction 6107  
equipment auction license issued under section 4517.17 of the 6108  
Revised Code; 6109

(3) Engage in the business of regularly making available, 6110  
offering to make available, or arranging for another person to 6111  
use a motor vehicle, in the manner described in division (M) of 6112  
section 4517.01 of the Revised Code, unless the person is 6113  
licensed as a motor vehicle leasing dealer under sections 6114  
4517.01 to 4517.45 of the Revised Code; 6115

(4) Engage in the business of motor vehicle auctioning or 6116  
assume to engage in that business, unless the person is licensed 6117  
as a motor vehicle auction owner under sections 4517.01 to 6118  
4517.45 of the Revised Code and the person uses an auctioneer 6119  
who is licensed under Chapter 4707. of the Revised Code to 6120  
conduct the motor vehicle auctions or the person holds a 6121  
construction equipment auction license issued under section 6122  
4517.17 of the Revised Code; 6123

(5) Engage in the business of distributing motor vehicles 6124  
or assume to engage in that business, unless the person is 6125  
licensed as a distributor under sections 4517.01 to 4517.45 of 6126  
the Revised Code; 6127

(6) Make more than five casual sales of motor vehicles in 6128  
a twelve-month period, commencing with the day of the month in 6129  
which the first such sale is made, nor provide a location or 6130  
space for the sale of motor vehicles at a flea market, without 6131  
obtaining a license as a dealer under sections 4517.01 to 6132  
4517.45 of the Revised Code, provided that nothing in this 6133  
section shall be construed to prohibit the disposition without a 6134

license of a motor vehicle originally acquired and held for 6135  
purposes other than sale, rental, or lease to an employee, 6136  
retiree, officer, or director of the person making the 6137  
disposition, to a corporation affiliated with the person making 6138  
the disposition, or to a person licensed under sections 4517.01 6139  
to 4517.45 of the Revised Code; 6140

(7) Engage in the business of auctioning both large 6141  
construction or transportation equipment and also motor vehicles 6142  
incident thereto, unless the person is a construction equipment 6143  
auctioneer or the person is licensed as a motor vehicle auction 6144  
owner and the person uses an auctioneer who is licensed under 6145  
Chapter 4707. of the Revised Code to conduct the auction; 6146

(8) Engage in the business of displaying or selling at 6147  
retail adaptive mobility vehicles or assume to engage in that 6148  
business, unless the person is licensed as an adaptive mobility 6149  
dealer under sections 4517.01 to 4517.45 of the Revised Code, or 6150  
is a salesperson employed by a licensed adaptive mobility 6151  
dealer, except that ~~a~~any licensed ~~new~~-motor vehicle dealer may 6152  
sell at retail a used adaptive mobility vehicle. 6153

(B) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require 6154  
an auctioneer licensed under sections 4707.01 to 4707.19 of the 6155  
Revised Code to obtain a motor vehicle auction owner's license 6156  
under sections 4517.01 to 4517.45 of the Revised Code when 6157  
engaged in auctioning for a licensed motor vehicle auction 6158  
owner. 6159

The establishment of a construction equipment auction 6160  
license by Am. Sub. H.B. 114 of the 129th general assembly shall 6161  
not in any way modify, limit, or restrict in any manner the 6162  
conduct of auctions by persons licensed under Chapter 4707. of 6163  
the Revised Code who are acting in compliance with that chapter. 6164

(C) Sections 4517.01 to 4517.45 of the Revised Code do not 6165  
apply to any of the following: 6166

(1) Persons engaging in the business of selling commercial 6167  
tractors, trailers, or semitrailers incidentally to engaging 6168  
primarily in business other than the selling or leasing of motor 6169  
vehicles; 6170

(2) Mortgagees selling at retail only those motor vehicles 6171  
that have come into their possession by a default in the terms 6172  
of a mortgage contract; 6173

(3) The leasing, rental, and interchange of motor vehicles 6174  
used directly in the rendition of a public utility service by 6175  
regulated motor carriers. 6176

(D) When a partnership licensed under sections 4517.01 to 6177  
4517.45 of the Revised Code is dissolved by death, the surviving 6178  
partners may operate under the license for a period of sixty 6179  
days, and the heirs or representatives of deceased persons and 6180  
receivers or trustees in bankruptcy appointed by any competent 6181  
authority may operate under the license of the person succeeded 6182  
in possession by that heir, representative, receiver, or trustee 6183  
in bankruptcy. 6184

(E) No remanufacturer shall engage in the business of 6185  
selling at retail any new motor vehicle without having written 6186  
authority from the manufacturer or distributor of the vehicle to 6187  
sell new motor vehicles and to perform repairs under the terms 6188  
of the manufacturer's or distributor's new motor vehicle 6189  
warranty, unless, at the time of the sale of the vehicle, each 6190  
customer is furnished with a binding agreement ensuring that the 6191  
customer has the right to have the vehicle serviced or repaired 6192  
by a new motor vehicle dealer who is franchised to sell and 6193

service vehicles of the same line-make as the chassis of the 6194  
remanufactured vehicle purchased by the customer and whose 6195  
service or repair facility is located within either twenty miles 6196  
of the remanufacturer's location and place of business or twenty 6197  
miles of the customer's residence or place of business. If there 6198  
is no such new motor vehicle dealer located within twenty miles 6199  
of the remanufacturer's location and place of business or the 6200  
customer's residence or place of business, the binding agreement 6201  
furnished to the customer may be with the new motor vehicle 6202  
dealer who is franchised to sell and service vehicles of the 6203  
same line-make as the chassis of the remanufactured vehicle 6204  
purchased by the customer and whose service or repair facility 6205  
is located nearest to the remanufacturer's location and place of 6206  
business or the customer's residence or place of business. 6207  
Additionally, at the time of sale of any vehicle, each customer 6208  
of the remanufacturer shall be furnished with a warranty issued 6209  
by the remanufacturer for a term of at least one year. 6210

(F) No adaptive mobility dealer shall do any of the 6211  
following: 6212

(1) Represent that the dealer is engaged in the business 6213  
of selling new motor vehicles; 6214

(2) Sell, transfer, or offer to sell or transfer a new 6215  
motor vehicle unless that new motor vehicle is purchased through 6216  
a licensed new motor vehicle dealer; 6217

(3) Sell or offer to sell an adaptive mobility vehicle 6218  
without written documentation proving that the vehicle was 6219  
adapted or modified in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 568 or 6220  
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(G) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 6222

violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall 6223  
be subject to a mandatory fine of one hundred dollars. If the 6224  
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 6225  
violation of this section, whoever violates this section is 6226  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be subject 6227  
to a mandatory fine of one thousand dollars. 6228

(H) The offenses established under this section are strict 6229  
liability offenses and section 2901.20 of the Revised Code does 6230  
not apply. The designation of these offenses as strict liability 6231  
offenses shall not be construed to imply that any other offense, 6232  
for which there is no specified degree of culpability, is not a 6233  
strict liability offense. 6234

**Sec. 4519.401.** (A) Except as provided in this section and 6235  
section 4511.215 of the Revised Code, no person shall operate a 6236  
mini-truck within this state. 6237

(B) A person may operate a mini-truck on a farm for 6238  
agricultural purposes only when the owner of the farm qualifies 6239  
for the current agricultural use valuation tax credit. A mini- 6240  
truck may be operated by or on behalf of such a farm owner on 6241  
public roads and rights-of-way only when traveling from one farm 6242  
field to another. 6243

(C) A person may operate a mini-truck on property owned or 6244  
leased by a dealer who sells mini-trucks at retail. 6245

(D) Whoever violates this section shall be penalized as 6246  
provided in division ~~(D)~~(E) of section 4511.214 of the Revised 6247  
Code. 6248

**Sec. 4561.03.** (A) The Ohio airport improvement program 6249  
fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of 6250  
money appropriated to it by the general assembly and transfers 6251

from the petroleum activity tax fund in accordance with section 6252  
5736.13 of the Revised Code. 6253

(B) The fund shall be used by the office of aviation to 6254  
support the Ohio airport improvement program. The program 6255  
provides financial support to publicly owned, public-use 6256  
airports in Ohio. 6257

(C) Investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to 6258  
the fund. 6259

**Sec. 4955.50.** (A) As used in this section and ~~section~~ 6260  
sections 4955.51 to 4955.57 of the Revised Code: 6261

(1) "Wayside detector system" means an electronic device 6262  
or a series of connected devices that scan passing trains, 6263  
rolling stock, on-track equipment, and their component equipment 6264  
and parts for defects. 6265

(2) "Defects" include hot wheel bearings, hot wheels, 6266  
defective bearings that are detected through acoustics, dragging 6267  
equipment, excessive height or weight, shifted loads, low hoses, 6268  
rail temperature, and wheel condition. 6269

(3) "Class I carrier," "class II carrier," and "class III 6270  
carrier" have the same meanings as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 6271  
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(B) The public utilities commission in conjunction with 6273  
the department of transportation shall work with each railroad 6274  
company that does business in this state to ensure that wayside 6275  
detector systems are installed and are operating along railroad 6276  
tracks on which the railroad operates and to ensure that such 6277  
systems meet all of following standards: 6278

(1) The systems are properly installed, maintained, 6279



repaired, and operational in accordance with ~~section~~sections 6280  
4955.51 to 4955.57 of the Revised Code and the latest guidelines 6281  
issued by the United States department of transportation, the 6282  
federal railroad administration, and the association of American 6283  
railroads. 6284

(2) Any expired, nonworking, or outdated wayside detector 6285  
system or component parts of a system are removed and replaced 6286  
with new parts or an entirely new system that reflects the 6287  
current best practices and standards of the industry. 6288

(3) The distance between wayside detector systems is 6289  
appropriate when accounting for the requirements of ~~section~~sections 6290  
4955.51 to 4955.57 of the Revised Code, the natural 6291  
terrain surrounding the railroad track on which the railroad 6292  
operates, and the safety of the trains, rolling stock, on-track 6293  
equipment, their operators, their passengers, and the persons 6294  
and property in the vicinity of such railroad track so that if 6295  
defects are detected operators have sufficient time to do the 6296  
following: 6297

(a) Respond to the alerts projected by the wayside 6298  
detector system; 6299

(b) Stop the train, rolling stock, or on-track equipment, 6300  
if necessary; 6301

(c) Make all necessary repairs or, if repair is impossible 6302  
at the location, to remove the component parts or equipment that 6303  
is defective. 6304

(4) The railroad company has defined, written standards 6305  
and training for its employees pertaining to wayside detector 6306  
system defect alerts, the course of action that employees are 6307  
required to take to respond to an alert, and appropriate 6308

monitoring and responses by the company if employees fail to 6309  
take the required course of action. 6310

(C) If a railroad company refuses to work or otherwise 6311  
cooperate with the public utilities commission and the 6312  
department of transportation in good faith in accordance with 6313  
this section, the commission and department shall investigate 6314  
that railroad company's safety practices and standards in 6315  
accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 212. The commission and 6316  
department shall determine whether the company appears to be in 6317  
compliance with federal railroad safety laws, as defined in 49 6318  
C.F.R. Part 209. 6319

(D) (1) If a railroad company does not appear to be in 6320  
compliance with the applicable federal standards based on an 6321  
investigation conducted under division (C) of this section, not 6322  
later than sixty days after the conclusion of the investigation, 6323  
the commission and department shall make a report to the federal 6324  
railroad administration. The report shall detail the results of 6325  
the investigation and recommend that the administration take 6326  
enforcement action in accordance with its authority against the 6327  
railroad company for the safety violations discovered through 6328  
that investigation. 6329

(2) The commission and department shall send a copy of the 6330  
report to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker 6331  
of the house of representatives, and the minority leaders of 6332  
both the senate and the house of representatives. 6333

**Sec. 4955.51.** ~~(A) (1)~~ Except as otherwise provided in 6334  
~~division (A) (2) of this section~~ sections 4955.55 and 4955.57 of 6335  
the Revised Code, any person responsible for the installation of 6336  
wayside detector systems alongside or on a railroad shall ensure 6337  
that each system location is ~~not more than ten miles~~ the 6338

following distance from the adjacent system location: 6339

(A) For a class I carrier railroad, not more than ten 6340  
miles; 6341

(B) For a class II carrier railroad, not more than twenty- 6342  
five miles; 6343

(C) For a class III carrier railroad, not more than 6344  
thirty-five miles. 6345

~~(2) If the natural terrain does not allow for the~~ 6346  
~~placement of the next adjacent system location within ten miles~~ 6347  
~~from the prior system location, the next adjacent system~~ 6348  
~~location shall be installed not more than fifteen miles from the~~ 6349  
~~prior system location.~~ 6350

~~(B) When a wayside detector system detects a defect in a~~ 6351  
~~passing train, rolling stock, on-track equipment, or its~~ 6352  
~~component equipment and parts, if the message regarding the~~ 6353  
~~defect is not immediately sent to the operator of that train,~~ 6354  
~~rolling stock, or on-track equipment, the person that receives~~ 6355  
~~the message shall immediately notify the operator of the defect.~~ 6356

~~(C) The department of transportation and the public~~ 6357  
~~utilities commission, as part of their work with each railroad~~ 6358  
~~company under division (B) of section 4955.50 of the Revised~~ 6359  
~~Code, shall ensure both of the following:~~ 6360

~~(1) The manner in which wayside detector systems are~~ 6361  
~~installed and placed complies with division (A) of this section;~~ 6362

~~(2) The manner in which wayside detector system messages~~ 6363  
~~are sent and received complies with division (B) of this~~ 6364  
~~section.~~ 6365

Sec. 4955.52. When a wayside detector system detects a 6366

defect in a passing train, rolling stock, on-track equipment, or 6367  
its component equipment and parts, if the message regarding the 6368  
defect is not immediately sent to the operator of that train, 6369  
rolling stock, or on-track equipment, the person that receives 6370  
the message shall immediately notify the operator of the defect. 6371

Sec. 4955.53. The department of transportation and the 6372  
public utilities commission, as part of their work with each 6373  
railroad company under division (B) of section 4955.50 of the 6374  
Revised Code, shall ensure both of the following: 6375

(A) The manner in which wayside detector systems are 6376  
installed and placed complies with section 4955.51 of the 6377  
Revised Code; 6378

(B) The manner in which wayside detector system messages 6379  
are sent and received complies with section 4955.52 of the 6380  
Revised Code. 6381

Sec. 4955.55. (A) If the natural terrain or any other 6382  
reason does not allow for the placement of the next adjacent 6383  
wayside detector system location to be within the spacing 6384  
requirements described in section 4955.51 of the Revised Code, 6385  
the next adjacent system location shall be not more than five 6386  
miles from the maximum spacing allowed in that section. 6387

(B) For class II carriers and class III carriers, prior to 6388  
the installation of a wayside detector system outside the 6389  
applicable spacing requirements in divisions (B) and (C) of 6390  
section 4955.51 of the Revised Code, the carrier shall submit to 6391  
the public utilities commission a written explanation for the 6392  
deviation. 6393

Sec. 4955.57. Any railroad track owned or leased by a 6394  
class II carrier or class III carrier that has a speed limit of 6395

ten miles per hour or less is exempt from the requirements 6396  
stated in sections 4955.50 to 4955.52 of the Revised Code. 6397

**Sec. 4981.36.** The "Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail 6398  
Compact" is hereby ratified, enacted into law, and entered into 6399  
by the state of Ohio with all other states legally joining 6400  
therein in the form substantially as follows: 6401

"MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMPACT 6402

The contracting states solemnly agree: 6403

Article I 6404

Statement of Purpose 6405

The purposes of this compact are, through joint or 6406  
cooperative action: 6407

(A) To promote development and implementation of 6408  
improvements to intercity passenger rail service in the Midwest; 6409

(B) To coordinate interaction among Midwestern state 6410  
elected officials and their designees on passenger rail issues; 6411

(C) To promote development and implementation of long- 6412  
range plans for high speed rail passenger service in the Midwest 6413  
and among other regions of the United States; 6414

(D) To work with the public and private sectors at the 6415  
federal, state, and local levels to ensure coordination among 6416  
the various entities having an interest in passenger rail 6417  
service and to promote Midwestern interests regarding passenger 6418  
rail; and 6419

(E) To support efforts of transportation agencies involved 6420  
in developing and implementing passenger rail service in the 6421  
Midwest. 6422

Article II

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Establishment of Commission

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To further the purposes of the compact, a Commission is  
created to carry out the duties specified in this compact.

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Article III

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Commission Membership

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The manner of appointment of Commission members, terms of  
office consistent with the terms of this compact, provisions for  
removal and suspension, and manner of appointment to fill  
vacancies shall be determined by each party state pursuant to  
its laws, but each commissioner shall be a resident of the state  
of appointment. Commission members shall serve without  
compensation from the Commission.

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The Commission shall consist of four resident members of  
each state as follows: The governor or the governor's designee  
who shall serve during the tenure of office of the governor, or  
until a successor is named; one member of the private sector who  
shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve during the  
tenure of office of the governor, or until a successor is named;  
and two legislators, one from each legislative chamber (or two  
legislators from any unicameral legislature), who shall serve  
two-year terms, or until successors are appointed, and who shall  
be appointed by the appropriate appointing authority in each  
legislative chamber. All vacancies shall be filled in accordance  
with the laws of the appointing states. Any commissioner  
appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the end of the  
incomplete term. Each member state shall have equal voting  
privileges, as determined by the Commission bylaws.

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Article IV

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Powers and Duties of the Commission

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The duties of the Commission are to:

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(1) Advocate for the funding and authorization necessary  
to make passenger rail improvements a reality for the region;

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(2) Identify and seek to develop ways that states can form  
partnerships, including with rail industry and labor, to  
implement improved passenger rail in the region;

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(3) Seek development of a long-term, interstate plan for  
high speed rail passenger service implementation;

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(4) Cooperate with other agencies, regions and entities to  
ensure that the Midwest is adequately represented and integrated  
into national plans for passenger rail development;

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(5) Adopt bylaws governing the activities and procedures  
of the Commission and addressing, among other subjects: the  
powers and duties of officers; the voting rights of Commission  
members, voting procedures, Commission business, and any other  
purposes necessary to fulfill the duties of the Commission;

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(6) Expend such funds as required to carry out the powers  
and duties of the Commission; and

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(7) Report on the activities of the Commission to the  
legislatures and governor of the member states on an annual  
basis.

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In addition to its exercise of these duties, the  
Commission is empowered to:

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(1) Provide multistate advocacy necessary to implement  
passenger rail systems or plans, as approved by the Commission;

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(2) Work with local elected officials, economic

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development planning organizations, and similar entities to 6479  
raise the visibility of passenger rail service benefits and 6480  
needs; 6481

(3) Educate other state officials, federal agencies, other 6482  
elected officials and the public on the advantages of passenger 6483  
rail as an integral part of an intermodal transportation system 6484  
in the region; 6485

(4) Work with federal agency officials and Members of 6486  
Congress to ensure the funding and authorization necessary to 6487  
develop a long-term, interstate plan for high speed rail 6488  
passenger service implementation. 6489

(5) Make recommendations to members states; 6490

(6) If requested by each state participating in a 6491  
particular project and under the terms of a formal agreement 6492  
approved by the participating states and the Commission, 6493  
implement or provide oversight for specific rail projects; 6494

(7) Establish an office and hire staff as necessary; 6495

(8) Contract for or provide services; 6496

(9) Assess dues, in accordance with the terms of this 6497  
compact; 6498

(10) Conduct research; and 6499

(11) Establish committees. 6500

Article V 6501

Officers 6502

The Commission shall annually elect from among its members 6503  
a chair, a vice-chair who shall not be a resident of the state 6504  
represented by the chair, and others as approved in the 6505



Commission bylaws. The officers shall perform such functions and 6506  
exercise such powers as are specified in the Commission bylaws. 6507

Article VI 6508

Meetings and Commission Administration 6509

The Commission shall meet at least once in each calendar 6510  
year, and at such other times as may be determined by the 6511  
Commission. Commission business shall be conducted in accordance 6512  
with the procedures and voting rights specified in the bylaws. 6513

Article VII 6514

Finance 6515

Except as otherwise provided for, the monies necessary to 6516  
finance the general operations of the Commission in carrying 6517  
forth its duties, responsibilities and powers as stated herein 6518  
shall be appropriated to the Commission by the compacting 6519  
states, when authorized by the respective legislatures, by equal 6520  
apportionment among the compacting states. Nothing in this 6521  
compact shall be construed to commit a member state to 6522  
participate in financing a rail project except as provided by 6523  
law of a member state. 6524

The Commission may accept, for any of its purposes and 6525  
functions, donations, gifts, grants, and appropriations of 6526  
money, equipment, supplies, materials and services from the 6527  
federal government, from any party state or from any department, 6528  
agency, or municipality thereof, or from any institution, 6529  
person, firm, or corporation. All expenses incurred by the 6530  
Commission in executing the duties imposed upon it by this 6531  
compact shall be paid by the Commission out of the funds 6532  
available to it. The Commission shall not issue any debt 6533  
instrument. The Commission shall submit to the officer 6534

designated by the laws of each party state, periodically as 6535  
required by the laws of each party state, a budget of its actual 6536  
past and estimated future expenditures. 6537

Article VIII 6538

Enactment, Effective Date and Amendments 6539

The states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, 6540  
Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota 6541  
and Wisconsin are eligible to join this compact. Upon approval 6542  
of the Commission, according to its bylaws, other states may 6543  
also be declared eligible to join the compact. As to any 6544  
eligible party state, this compact shall become effective when 6545  
its legislature shall have enacted the same into law; provided 6546  
that it shall not become initially effective until enacted into 6547  
law by any three (3) party states incorporating the provisions 6548  
of this compact into the laws of such states. Amendments to the 6549  
compact shall become effective upon their enactment by the 6550  
legislatures of all compacting states. 6551

Article IX 6552

Withdrawal, Default and Termination 6553

Withdrawal from this compact shall be by enactment of a 6554  
statute repealing the same and shall take effect one year after 6555  
the effective date of such statute. A withdrawing state shall be 6556  
liable for any obligations which it may have incurred prior to 6557  
the effective date of withdrawal. If any compacting state shall 6558  
at any time default in the performance of any of its 6559  
obligations, assumed or imposed, in accordance with the 6560  
provisions of this compact, all rights, privileges and benefits 6561  
conferred by this compact or agreements hereunder shall be 6562  
suspended from the effective date of such default as fixed by 6563

the Commission, and the Commission shall stipulate the 6564  
conditions and maximum time for compliance under which the 6565  
defaulting state may resume its regular status. Unless such 6566  
default shall be remedied under the stipulations and within the 6567  
time period set forth by the Commission, this compact may be 6568  
terminated with respect to such defaulting state by affirmative 6569  
vote of a majority of the other Commission members. Any such 6570  
defaulting state may be reinstated, upon vote of the Commission, 6571  
by performing all acts and obligations as stipulated by the 6572  
Commission. 6573

Article X 6574

Construction and Severability 6575

The provisions of this compact entered into hereunder 6576  
shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or 6577  
provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the 6578  
constitution of any compacting state or of the United States or 6579  
the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or 6580  
circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of 6581  
this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, 6582  
agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected hereby. If 6583  
this compact entered into hereunder shall be held contrary to 6584  
the constitution of any compacting state, the compact shall 6585  
remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and 6586  
in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all 6587  
severable matters. The provisions of this compact entered into 6588  
pursuant hereto shall be liberally construed to effectuate the 6589  
purposes thereof." 6590

Sec. 4981.361. In pursuance of Articles II and III of the 6591  
Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact, as set forth in 6592  
section 4981.36 of the Revised Code, there shall be four members 6593

of the commission from this state. 6594

The governor shall appoint two members as set forth in 6595  
Article III of the compact. The terms of office for the 6596  
governor's appointments shall be in accordance with Article III 6597  
of the compact. 6598

The speaker of the house of representatives and the 6599  
president of the senate each shall appoint one member from their 6600  
respective houses of the general assembly to serve as a member 6601  
of the commission, but the two appointees shall not be members 6602  
of the same political party. Terms of office for legislative 6603  
appointees shall be in accordance with Article III of the 6604  
compact. 6605

Any member shall continue in office subsequent to the 6606  
expiration of the member's term until a successor is appointed. 6607  
Vacancies in the commission shall be filled in the same manner 6608  
as original selections are made. Any member of the commission 6609  
may be reappointed. 6610

Except for the purposes of Chapters 102., 2744., and 2921. 6611  
of the Revised Code, serving as a member of the commission does 6612  
not constitute holding a public office or position of employment 6613  
under the laws of this state and does not constitute grounds for 6614  
removal of public officers or employees from their offices or 6615  
positions of employment. 6616

The governor may remove a member whom the governor 6617  
appointed, the speaker may remove a member whom the speaker 6618  
appointed, and the president may remove a member whom the 6619  
president appointed. 6620

Members of the commission shall serve without 6621  
compensation, but shall be reimbursed for the reasonable 6622

expenses incurred by them in the discharge of their duties as 6623  
members of the commission. 6624

**Sec. 5501.041.** (A) The director of transportation shall 6625  
create an advanced air mobility division within the department 6626  
of transportation. The director shall appoint a deputy director 6627  
of that division and shall assign the duties, powers, and 6628  
functions of that deputy director in accordance with section 6629  
5501.04 of the Revised Code. 6630

(B) The purpose of the division is to integrate advanced 6631  
air mobility capabilities into existing public service networks 6632  
within the state and to support advanced air mobility public 6633  
safety and national security objectives. 6634

(C) The responsibilities of the division shall include: 6635

(1) Incorporating advanced air mobility into state public 6636  
transportation by: 6637

(a) Establishing an operational state-based advanced air 6638  
mobility air traffic management system; 6639

(b) Ensuring that the system described in division (C) (1) 6640  
(a) of this section integrates with the existing federal 6641  
aviation administration air traffic management system; 6642

(c) Developing advanced air mobility tracking and 6643  
information support infrastructure; 6644

(d) Establishing advanced air mobility overflight and 6645  
liability regulations with consideration of existing federal 6646  
regulations. 6647

(2) Supporting advanced air mobility solutions for law 6648  
enforcement, fire departments, and emergency medical services by 6649  
establishing standard operating procedures for use of advanced 6650

air mobility by those entities; 6651

(3) Supporting public safety and national security 6652  
objectives by establishing advanced air mobility critical 6653  
infrastructure protection policies. 6654

(D) The division may coordinate with the office of 6655  
aviation within the department of transportation and with any 6656  
other federal, state, or local government agency, office, or 6657  
department in advancing its purpose and fulfilling its 6658  
responsibilities. 6659

**Sec. 5501.20.** (A) As used in this section: 6660

(1) "Career professional service" means that part of the 6661  
competitive classified service that consists of employees of the 6662  
department of transportation who, regardless of job 6663  
classification, meet both of the following qualifications: 6664

(a) They are supervisors, professional employees who are 6665  
not in a collective bargaining unit, confidential employees, or 6666  
management level employees, all as defined in section 4117.01 of 6667  
the Revised Code. 6668

(b) They exercise authority that is not merely routine or 6669  
clerical in nature and report only to a higher level 6670  
unclassified employee or employee in the career professional 6671  
service. 6672

(2) "Demoted" means that an employee is placed in a 6673  
position where the employee's wage rate equals, or is not more 6674  
than twenty per cent less than, the employee's wage rate 6675  
immediately prior to demotion or where the employee's job 6676  
responsibilities are reduced, or both. 6677

(3) "Employee in the career professional service with 6678

restoration rights" means an employee in the career professional 6679  
service who has been in the classified civil service for at 6680  
least two years and who has a cumulative total of at least ten 6681  
years of continuous service with the department of 6682  
transportation. 6683

(4) "Egregious" means a type of conduct or offense that is 6684  
especially serious in nature, including theft in office, illegal 6685  
drug use while working, discrimination or harassment, assault, 6686  
or any other similar conduct or offense. 6687

(B) The director shall adopt a rule in accordance with 6688  
section 111.15 of the Revised Code that identifies specific 6689  
positions within the department of transportation that are 6690  
included in the career professional service. The director may 6691  
amend the rule that identifies the specific positions included 6692  
in the career professional service whenever the director 6693  
determines necessary. Any rule adopted under this division is 6694  
subject to review and invalidation by the joint committee on 6695  
agency rule review as provided in division (D) of section 111.15 6696  
of the Revised Code. The director shall provide a copy of any 6697  
rule adopted under this division to the director of budget and 6698  
management. 6699

An employee in the career professional service is subject 6700  
to the provisions of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code that 6701  
govern employees in the classified civil service. 6702

~~(C)~~ (1) An employee in the career professional service 6703  
shall receive a written performance review at least once each 6704  
year or as often as the director considers necessary. ~~The~~ 6705

(2) Except as provided in division (C) (3) of this section, 6706  
the department shall give an employee whose performance is 6707

unsatisfactory an opportunity to improve performance for a 6708  
period of at least six months, by means of a written performance 6709  
improvement plan, before the department takes any disciplinary 6710  
action under this section. 6711

(3) If an employee's conduct or committed offense is 6712  
egregious, the department shall take immediate disciplinary 6713  
action without giving the employee an opportunity to improve 6714  
performance by means of a written performance improvement plan. 6715

(D) An employee in the career professional service may be 6716  
suspended, demoted, or removed pursuant to division (C) of this 6717  
section or for disciplinary reasons under section 124.34 or 6718  
124.57 of the Revised Code. An employee in the career 6719  
professional service may appeal only the employee's removal to 6720  
the state personnel board of review. An employee in the career 6721  
professional service may appeal a demotion or a suspension of 6722  
more than three days pursuant to rules the director adopts in 6723  
accordance with section 111.15 of the Revised Code. 6724

(E) An employee in the career professional service with 6725  
restoration rights has restoration rights if demoted because of 6726  
performance, but not if involuntarily demoted or removed for any 6727  
of the reasons described in section 124.34 or for a violation of 6728  
section 124.57 of the Revised Code. The director shall demote an 6729  
employee who has restoration rights of that nature to a position 6730  
in the classified service that in the director's judgment is 6731  
similar in nature to the position the employee held immediately 6732  
prior to being appointed to the position in the career 6733  
professional service. The director shall assign to an employee 6734  
who is demoted to a position in the classified service as 6735  
provided in this division a wage rate that equals, or that is 6736  
not more than twenty per cent less than, the wage rate assigned 6737



to the employee in the career professional service immediately 6738  
prior to the employee's demotion. 6739

**Sec. 5501.441.** (A) As used in this section, "private toll 6740  
transportation facility" means any person, as defined by section 6741  
1.59 of the Revised Code, or other business entity engaged in 6742  
the collecting or charging of tolls on a toll bridge that was 6743  
previously owned by a municipal corporation. 6744

(B) The governor, or the governor's designee, may enter 6745  
into agreements with other states that govern the reciprocal 6746  
enforcement of highway, bridge, and tunnel toll violations. Such 6747  
agreements shall pertain to any public toll transportation 6748  
facility and may include any private toll transportation 6749  
facility located in those other states. The governor, or the 6750  
governor's designee, shall make such agreements in consultation 6751  
with the director of public safety. 6752

(C) Any agreement governing enforcement of toll violations 6753  
made under the authority of division (B) of this section shall 6754  
provide for all of the following: 6755

(1) That a driver of a motor vehicle that is registered in 6756  
one state that is a party to the agreement and who is operating 6757  
in another state that is a party to the agreement receive the 6758  
same benefits, privileges, and exemptions as are accorded to a 6759  
driver of a motor vehicle that is registered in that other 6760  
state; 6761

(2) That refusal of an application for motor vehicle 6762  
registration or transfer of motor vehicle registration, in 6763  
accordance with the laws of the state in which the toll 6764  
violation occurred, is one mechanism by which toll violations 6765  
shall be enforced pursuant to the agreement; 6766

(3) That provision of notice between the states regarding 6767  
toll violations and enforcement of those violations be made by 6768  
electronic means. 6769

(D) In addition to the authority granted under division 6770  
(B) of this section, the director of public safety may enter 6771  
into an agreement with any private toll transportation facility 6772  
located in another state that governs the collection and 6773  
enforcement of tolls for a highway, bridge, or tunnel operated 6774  
by the private toll transportation facility. 6775

**Sec. 5502.68.** (A) There is hereby created in the state 6776  
treasury the drug law enforcement fund. The fund consists of the 6777  
following: 6778

(1) Ninety-seven per cent of three dollars and fifty cents 6779  
out of each ten-dollar court cost imposed pursuant to section 6780  
2949.094 of the Revised Code ~~shall be credited to the fund.~~; 6781

(2) Contributions required to be deposited in the fund 6782  
under section 4503.261 of the Revised Code. 6783

Money in the fund shall be used only in accordance with 6784  
this section to award grants to counties, municipal 6785  
corporations, townships, township police districts, and joint 6786  
police districts to defray the expenses that a drug task force 6787  
organized in the county, or in the county in which the municipal 6788  
corporation, township, or district is located, incurs in 6789  
performing its functions related to the enforcement of the 6790  
state's drug laws and other state laws related to illegal drug 6791  
activity. 6792

The division of criminal justice services shall administer 6793  
all money deposited into the drug law enforcement fund and, by 6794  
rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall 6795

establish procedures for a county, municipal corporation, 6796  
township, township police district, or joint police district to 6797  
apply for money from the fund to defray the expenses that a drug 6798  
task force organized in the county, or in the county in which 6799  
the municipal corporation, township, or district is located, 6800  
incurs in performing its functions related to the enforcement of 6801  
the state's drug laws and other state laws related to illegal 6802  
drug activity, procedures and criteria for determining 6803  
eligibility of applicants to be provided money from the fund, 6804  
and procedures and criteria for determining the amount of money 6805  
to be provided out of the fund to eligible applicants. 6806

(B) The procedures and criteria established under division 6807  
(A) of this section for applying for money from the fund shall 6808  
include, but shall not be limited to, a provision requiring a 6809  
county, municipal corporation, township, township police 6810  
district, or joint police district that applies for money from 6811  
the fund to specify in its application the amount of money 6812  
desired from the fund, provided that the cumulative amount 6813  
requested in all applications submitted for any single drug task 6814  
force may not exceed more than two hundred fifty thousand 6815  
dollars in any calendar year for that task force. 6816

(C) The procedures and criteria established under division 6817  
(A) of this section for determining eligibility of applicants to 6818  
be provided money from the fund and for determining the amount 6819  
of money to be provided out of the fund to eligible applicants 6820  
shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following: 6821

(1) Provisions requiring that, in order to be eligible to 6822  
be provided money from the fund, a drug task force that applies 6823  
for money from the fund must provide evidence that the drug task 6824  
force will receive a local funding match of at least twenty-five 6825

per cent of the task force's projected operating costs in the 6826  
period of time covered by the grant; 6827

(2) Provisions requiring that money from the fund be 6828  
allocated and provided to drug task forces that apply for money 6829  
from the fund in accordance with the following priorities: 6830

(a) Drug task forces that apply, that are in existence on 6831  
the date of the application, and that are determined to be 6832  
eligible applicants, and to which either of the following 6833  
applies shall be given first priority to be provided money from 6834  
the fund: 6835

(i) Drug task forces that received funding through the 6836  
division of criminal justice services in calendar year 2007; 6837

(ii) Drug task forces in a county that has a population 6838  
that exceeds seven hundred fifty thousand. 6839

(b) If any moneys remain in the fund after all drug task 6840  
forces that apply, that are in existence on the date of the 6841  
application, that are determined to be eligible applicants, and 6842  
that satisfy the criteria set forth in division (C) (2) (a) (i) or 6843  
(ii) of this section are provided money from the fund as 6844  
described in division (C) (2) (a) of this section, the following 6845  
categories of drug task forces that apply and that are 6846  
determined to be eligible applicants shall be given priority to 6847  
be provided money from the fund in the order in which they apply 6848  
for money from the fund: 6849

(i) Drug task forces that are not in existence on the date 6850  
of the application; 6851

(ii) Drug task forces that are in existence on the date of 6852  
the application but that do not satisfy the criteria set forth 6853  
in division (C) (2) (a) (i) or (ii) of this section. 6854

(D) The procedures and criteria established under division 6855  
(A) of this section for determining the amount of money to be 6856  
provided out of the fund to eligible applicants shall include, 6857  
but shall not be limited to, a provision specifying that the 6858  
cumulative amount provided to any single drug task force may not 6859  
exceed more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in any 6860  
calendar year. 6861

(E) Any drug task force for which a grant is awarded by 6862  
the division of criminal justice services under this section 6863  
shall comply with all grant requirements established by the 6864  
division, including a requirement that the drug task force 6865  
report its activities through the El Paso intelligence center 6866  
information technology systems. 6867

(F) As used in this section, "drug task force" means a 6868  
drug task force organized in any county by the sheriff of the 6869  
county, the prosecuting attorney of the county, the chief of 6870  
police of the organized police department of any municipal 6871  
corporation or township in the county, and the chief of police 6872  
of the police force of any township police district or joint 6873  
police district in the county to perform functions related to 6874  
the enforcement of state drug laws and other state laws related 6875  
to illegal drug activity. 6876

Sec. 5511.11. For purposes of the federal motor carrier 6877  
safety administration's national hazardous materials route 6878  
registry, the director of transportation shall not designate the 6879  
portion of state route number three hundred fifteen between 6880  
interstate route number two hundred seventy and interstate route 6881  
number seventy as a hazardous materials route, including for 6882  
non-radioactive hazardous materials. The director shall notify 6883  
the administration of any changes necessary for the registry and 6884

designate other routes, as applicable, for the transportation of 6885  
hazardous materials to their final destination. 6886

**Sec. 5513.01.** (A) The director of transportation shall 6887  
make all purchases of ~~machinery, materials, supplies, or other~~ 6888  
~~articles~~ products, and services in the manner provided in this 6889  
section. In all cases except those in which the director 6890  
provides written authorization for purchases by district deputy 6891  
directors of transportation, the director shall make all such 6892  
purchases at the central office of the department of 6893  
transportation in Columbus. ~~Before making any purchase at that~~ 6894  
~~office, the director, as provided in this section, shall give~~ 6895  
~~notice to bidders of the director's intention to purchase.~~ Where 6896  
the expenditure does not exceed the amount applicable to the 6897  
purchase of supplies, products, or services specified in 6898  
division (A) of section 125.05 of the Revised Code, the director 6899  
shall give such notice as the director considers proper, or the 6900  
director may make the purchase without notice. Where the 6901  
expenditure exceeds the amount applicable to the purchase of 6902  
supplies, products, or services specified in division (A) of 6903  
section 125.05 of the Revised Code, the director shall give 6904  
notice by posting for not less than ten days a ~~written, typed,~~ 6905  
~~or printed invitation to bidders on a bulletin board. The~~ 6906  
~~director shall locate the notice in a place in the offices~~ 6907  
~~assigned to the department and open to the public during~~ 6908  
~~business hours~~ the intention to purchase on the electronic 6909  
procurement system established by the department of 6910  
administrative services under section 125.073 of the Revised 6911  
Code. The director shall use a competitive selection process in 6912  
the purchase of supplies, products, or services. 6913

~~Producers or distributors of any product may notify the~~ 6914  
~~director, in writing, of the class of articles for the~~ 6915

~~furnishing of which they desire to bid and their post office  
addresses. In that circumstance, the director shall mail copies  
of all invitations to bidders relating to the purchase of such  
articles to such persons by regular first class mail at least  
ten days prior to the time fixed for taking bids. The director  
also may mail copies of all invitations to bidders to news  
agencies or other agencies or organizations distributing  
information of this character. Requests for invitations are not  
valid and do not require action by the director unless renewed  
by the director, either annually or after such shorter period as  
the director may prescribe by a general rule.~~

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~~The director shall include in an invitation to bidders a  
brief statement of the general character of the article that it  
is intended to purchase, the approximate quantity desired, and a  
statement of the time and place where bids will be received, and  
may relate to and describe as many different articles as the  
director thinks proper~~may post multiple supplies, products, or  
services in a single listing on the electronic procurement  
system, it being the intent and purpose of this section to  
authorize the inclusion in a single invitation solicitation of  
as many different articles supplies, products, or services as  
the director desires to invite bids upon purchase at any given  
time. ~~The director shall give invitations issued during each  
calendar year consecutive numbers, and ensure that the number  
assigned to each invitation appears on all copies thereof. In  
all cases where notice is required by this section, the director  
shall require sealed bids, on forms prescribed and furnished by  
the director.~~ The director shall not permit the modification of  
bids after they have been opened.

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(B) The director may permit a state agency, the Ohio  
turnpike and infrastructure commission, any political

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subdivision, and any state university or college to participate 6947  
in contracts into which the director has entered for the 6948  
purchase of ~~machinery, materials,~~ supplies, products, or ~~other-~~ 6949  
~~articleless~~services. The turnpike and infrastructure commission and 6950  
any political subdivision or state university or college 6951  
desiring to participate in such purchase contracts shall file 6952  
with the director a certified copy of the bylaws or rules of the 6953  
turnpike and infrastructure commission or the ordinance or 6954  
resolution of the legislative authority, board of trustees, or 6955  
other governing board requesting authorization to participate in 6956  
such contracts and agreeing to be bound by such terms and 6957  
conditions as the director prescribes. Purchases made by a state 6958  
agency, the turnpike and infrastructure commission, political 6959  
subdivisions, or state universities or colleges under this 6960  
division are exempt from any competitive bidding required by law 6961  
for the purchase of ~~machinery, materials,~~ supplies, products, or 6962  
~~other articleless~~services. 6963

(C) As used in this section: 6964

(1) "Competitive selection," "products," "purchase," 6965  
"services," and "supplies" have the same meanings as in section 6966  
125.01 of the Revised Code. 6967

(2) "Political subdivision" means any county, township, 6968  
municipal corporation, conservancy district, township park 6969  
district, park district created under Chapter 1545. of the 6970  
Revised Code, port authority, regional transit authority, 6971  
regional airport authority, regional water and sewer district, 6972  
county transit board, school district as defined in section 6973  
5513.04 of the Revised Code, regional planning commission formed 6974  
under section 713.21 of the Revised Code, regional council of 6975  
government formed under section 167.01 of the Revised Code, or 6976



other association of local governments established pursuant to 6977  
an agreement under sections 307.14 to 307.19 of the Revised 6978  
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~~(2)~~(3) "State university or college" has the same meaning 6980  
as in division (A) (1) of section 3345.32 of the Revised Code. 6981

~~(3)~~(4) "Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission" means 6982  
the commission created by section 5537.02 of the Revised Code. 6983

~~(4)~~(5) "State agency" means every organized body, office, 6984  
board, authority, commission, or agency established by the laws 6985  
of the state for the exercise of any governmental or quasi- 6986  
governmental function of state government, regardless of the 6987  
funding source for that entity, other than any state institution 6988  
of higher education, the office of the governor, lieutenant 6989  
governor, auditor of state, treasurer of state, secretary of 6990  
state, or attorney general, the general assembly, the courts or 6991  
any judicial agency, or any state retirement system or 6992  
retirement program established by or referenced in the Revised 6993  
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**Sec. 5515.01.** The director of transportation may upon 6995  
formal application being made to the director, grant a permit to 6996  
any individual, firm, or corporation to use or occupy such 6997  
portion of a road or highway on the state highway system as will 6998  
not incommode the traveling public. Such permits, when granted, 6999  
shall be upon the following conditions: 7000

(A) The director may issue a permit to any individual, 7001  
firm, or corporation for any use of a road or highway on the 7002  
state highway system that is consistent with applicable federal 7003  
law or federal regulations. 7004

(B) Such location shall be changed as prescribed by the 7005

director when the director deems such change necessary for the 7006  
convenience of the traveling public, or in connection with or 7007  
contemplation of the construction, reconstruction, improvement, 7008  
relocating, maintenance, or repair of such road or highway. 7009

(C) The placing of objects or things shall be at a grade 7010  
and in accordance with such plans, specifications, or both, as 7011  
shall be first approved by the director. 7012

(D) The road or highway in all respects shall be fully 7013  
restored to its former condition of usefulness and at the 7014  
expense of such individual, firm, or corporation. 7015

(E) Such individual, firm, or corporation shall maintain 7016  
all objects and things in a proper manner, promptly repair all 7017  
damages resulting to such road or highway on account thereof, 7018  
and in event of failure to so repair such road or highway to pay 7019  
to the state all costs and expenses that may be expended by the 7020  
director in repairing any damage. 7021

(F) Such other conditions as may seem reasonable to the 7022  
director, but no condition shall be prescribed that imposes the 7023  
payment of a money consideration for the privilege granted. 7024  
Nothing in this division prohibits the director from requiring 7025  
payment of money consideration for a lease, easement, license, 7026  
or other interest in a transportation facility under control of 7027  
the department of transportation. 7028

(G) Permits may be revoked by the director at any time for 7029  
a noncompliance with the conditions imposed. 7030

(H) As a condition precedent to the issuance of any permit 7031  
for telecommunications facilities or carbon capture and storage 7032  
pipelines, the director shall require the applicant to provide 7033  
proof it is party to a lease, easement, or license for the 7034

construction, placement, or operation of such facility or 7035  
pipeline in or on a transportation facility. 7036

Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 7037  
5501.311 of the Revised Code, Chapters 5501., 5503., 5511., 7038  
5513., 5515., 5516., 5517., 5519., 5521., 5523., 5525., 5527., 7039  
5528., 5529., 5531., 5533., and 5535. of the Revised Code do not 7040  
prohibit telephone and electric light and power companies from 7041  
constructing, maintaining, and using telephone or electric light 7042  
and power lines along and upon such roads or highways under 7043  
section 4933.14 or other sections of the Revised Code, or to 7044  
affect existing rights of any such companies, or to require such 7045  
companies to obtain a permit from the director, except with 7046  
respect to the location of poles, wires, conduits, and other 7047  
equipment comprising lines on or beneath the surface of such 7048  
road or highways. 7049

This section does not prohibit steam or electric railroad 7050  
companies from constructing tracks across such roads or 7051  
highways, nor authorize the director to grant permission to any 7052  
company owning, operating, controlling, or managing a steam 7053  
railroad or interurban railway in this state to build a new line 7054  
of railroad, or to change or alter the location of existing 7055  
tracks across any road or highway on the state highway system at 7056  
grade. No such company shall change the elevation of any of its 7057  
tracks across such road or highway except in accordance with 7058  
plans and specifications first approved by the director. 7059

This section does not relieve any individual, firm, or 7060  
corporation from the obligation of satisfying any claim or 7061  
demand of an owner of lands abutting on such road or highway on 7062  
the state highway system on account of placing in such road or 7063  
highway a burden in addition to public travel. 7064

(I) No person shall knowingly use or occupy a portion of a road or highway on the state highway system if the director revokes that person's permit under division (G) of this section. 7065  
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**Sec. 5515.02.** (A) As used in this section: 7068

(1) "Delay costs and expenses" has the same meaning as in section 5517.06 of the Revised Code. 7069  
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(2) "Road" or "highway" has the same meaning as in section 5501.01 of the Revised Code and also includes any part of the right-of-way. 7071  
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(B) All individuals, firms, and corporations using or occupying any part of a road or highway on the state highway system with telegraph or telephone lines, steam, electrical, or industrial railways, oil, gas, water, or other pipes, mains, conduits, or any object or structure, other than by virtue of a franchise or permit granted and in force, shall remove from the bounds of the road or highway, their poles and wires connected therewith, and any tracks, switches, spurs, or oil, gas, water, or other pipes, mains, conduits, or other objects or structures, when in the opinion of the director of transportation they constitute obstructions, or they interfere or may interfere with the contemplated construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, or use by the traveling public of the roads or highways. 7074  
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(C) All individuals, firms, or corporations so occupying any road or highway on the state highway system, under and by virtue of a franchise or permit granted and in force, shall relocate their properties and all parts thereof within the bounds of the road or highway when in the opinion of the director they constitute obstructions, or they interfere with or 7088  
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reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, or use of the 7095  
road or highway. The relocation within the bounds of the road or 7096  
highway shall be in the manner and to the extent prescribed by 7097  
the director. 7098

(D) If, in the opinion of the director, such individuals, 7099  
firms, or corporations have obstructed any road or highway on 7100  
the state highway system, or if any of their properties are so 7101  
located that they do or may interfere with the contemplated 7102  
construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, repair, 7103  
or use of the road or highway, the director shall notify such 7104  
individual, firm, or corporation directing the removal of the 7105  
obstruction or properties, or the relocation of the properties. 7106  
If the individual, firm, or corporation does not within five 7107  
days from the service of the notice proceed to remove or 7108  
relocate the obstruction or properties and complete the removal 7109  
or relocation within a reasonable time, the director may remove 7110  
or relocate the same by employing the necessary labor, tools, 7111  
and equipment. Any notice required under this section shall be 7112  
made by personal service, certified mail, or express mail. 7113

(E) If, in the director's opinion, the obstruction or 7114  
properties present an immediate and serious threat to the safety 7115  
of the traveling public, the director may remove or relocate the 7116  
obstruction or properties without prior notice. 7117

(F) When the director performs a removal or relocation 7118  
under this section, the costs and expenses shall be paid by the 7119  
director out of any appropriation of the department of 7120  
transportation available for the establishment, construction, 7121  
reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of highways, 7122  
and the amount thereof shall be certified to the attorney 7123

general for collection by civil action. 7124

~~As used in this section, "road" or "highway" has the same  
meaning as in section 5501.01 of the Revised Code and also  
includes any part of the right of way.~~ 7125  
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(G) Any project delay costs and expenses incurred by the  
department due to the failure of the owner to timely remove or  
relocate an obstruction or property when required under division  
(D) of this section shall be certified to the attorney general  
for collection by civil action. 7128  
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(H) If the department certifies an amount for collection  
to the attorney general under division (G) of this section, the  
attorney general shall bring a civil action to collect the  
amount certified. 7133  
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(I) No person shall knowingly fail to remove or relocate  
an obstruction or property when required to do so under this  
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**Sec. 5515.10.** (A) As used in this section: 7140

(1) "Telecommunications carrier" has the same meaning as  
in section 4927.01 of the Revised Code. 7141  
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(2) "Telecommunications or utility structure" means any  
facility, line, pipe, cable, or other equipment used by a  
telecommunications carrier or utility provider to provide  
service. 7143  
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(3) "Utility provider" means any entity described in  
section 4905.03 of the Revised Code, regardless of whether the  
entity is a public utility under section 4905.02 of the Revised  
Code. 7147  
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(4) "Abandoned" does not include a change in ownership of 7151

the telecommunications or utility structure. 7152

(B) The department of transportation shall make reasonable attempts to identify the owner of an abandoned telecommunications or utility structure in, upon, under, or otherwise occupying a road or highway of the state highway system or right-of-way. 7153  
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(C) If all reasonable attempts to identify the owner under division (A) of this section have failed, the department may remove or cause the removal of the abandoned telecommunications or utility structure by retaining a third party. 7158  
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**Sec. 5515.99.** (A) Whoever violates section 5515.01 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars for a first offense; for a subsequent offense such person shall be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars. 7162  
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(B) Whoever violates division (I) of section 5515.02 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for each day that the person remains in violation of that division. 7166  
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(C) Whoever violates section 5515.07 of the Revised Code or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to such section shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for a first offense; for a subsequent offense such person shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. 7170  
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**Sec. 5517.02.** (A) Before undertaking the construction, reconstruction by widening or resurfacing, or improvement of a state highway, or a bridge or culvert thereon, or the installation of a highway traffic control-signal on a state highway, the director of transportation, except as provided in section 5517.021 of the Revised Code, shall make an estimate of 7175  
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the cost of the work using the force account project assessment 7181  
form developed by the auditor of state under section 117.16 of 7182  
the Revised Code. When a force account project assessment form 7183  
is required, the estimate shall include costs for subcontracted 7184  
work and any competitively bid component costs. 7185

(B) (1) After complying with division (A) of this section, 7186  
the director may proceed without competitive bidding with 7187  
maintenance or repair work by employing labor, purchasing 7188  
materials, and furnishing equipment, if the total estimated cost 7189  
of the completed operation, or series of connected operations, 7190  
does not exceed the following, as adjusted under division (B) (2) 7191  
of this section: 7192

(a) Thirty thousand dollars per centerline mile of 7193  
highway, exclusive of structures and highway traffic control ~~control~~- 7194  
signals; 7195

(b) Sixty thousand dollars for any single highway traffic 7196  
~~control~~-signal or any other single project. 7197

(2) On the first day of July of every odd-numbered year 7198  
beginning in 2015, the director shall increase the amounts 7199  
established in division (B) (1) of this section by an amount not 7200  
to exceed the lesser of three per cent, or the percentage amount 7201  
of any increase in the department of transportation's 7202  
construction cost index as annualized and totaled for the prior 7203  
two calendar years. The director shall publish the applicable 7204  
amounts on the department's internet web site. 7205

(C) The director may proceed by furnishing equipment, 7206  
purchasing materials, and employing labor in the erection of 7207  
temporary bridges or the making of temporary repairs to a 7208  
highway or bridge rendered necessary by flood, landslide, or 7209



other extraordinary emergency. If the director determines 7210  
inability to complete such emergency work by force account, the 7211  
director may contract for any part of the work, with or without 7212  
advertising for bids, as the director considers for the best 7213  
interest of the department of transportation. 7214

(D) When a project proceeds by force account under this 7215  
section or section 5517.021 of the Revised Code, the department 7216  
of transportation shall perform the work in compliance with any 7217  
project requirements and specifications that would have applied 7218  
if a contract for the work had been let by competitive bidding. 7219  
The department shall retain in the project record all records 7220  
documenting materials testing compliance, materials placement 7221  
compliance, actual personnel and equipment hours usage, and all 7222  
other documentation that would have been required if a contract 7223  
for the work had been let by competitive bidding. 7224

(E) The director shall proceed by competitive bidding to 7225  
let work to the lowest competent and responsible bidder after 7226  
advertisement as provided in section 5525.01 of the Revised Code 7227  
in both of the following situations: 7228

(1) When the scope of work exceeds the limits established 7229  
in section 5517.021 of the Revised Code; 7230

(2) When the estimated cost for a project, other than work 7231  
described in section 5517.021 of the Revised Code, exceeds the 7232  
amounts established in division (B) of this section, as 7233  
adjusted. 7234

**Sec. 5517.021.** (A) (1) The director of transportation may 7235  
proceed without competitive bidding by employing labor, 7236  
purchasing materials, and furnishing equipment to do any of the 7237  
following work: 7238

(a) Replace any single span bridge in its substantial 7239  
entirety or widen any single span bridge, including necessary 7240  
modifications to accommodate widening the existing substructure 7241  
and wing walls. The director shall proceed under division (A) (1) 7242  
(a) of this section only if the deck area of the new or widened 7243  
bridge does not exceed seven hundred square feet as measured 7244  
around the outside perimeter of the deck. 7245

(b) Replace the bearings, beams, and deck of any bridge on 7246  
that bridge's existing foundation if the deck area of the 7247  
rehabilitated structure does not exceed eight hundred square 7248  
feet; 7249

(c) Construct or replace any single cell or multi-cell 7250  
culvert whose total waterway opening does not exceed fifty-two 7251  
square feet; 7252

(d) Pave or patch an asphalt surface if the operation does 7253  
not exceed one hundred twenty tons of asphalt per lane-mile of 7254  
roadway length, except that the department shall not perform a 7255  
continuous resurfacing operation under this section if the cost 7256  
of the work exceeds the amount established in division (B) (1) (a) 7257  
of section 5517.02 of the Revised Code, as adjusted; 7258

(e) Chip seal or fog seal an asphalt surface if both of 7259  
the following apply: 7260

(i) The operation does not exceed twenty-eight feet in 7261  
width, excluding turn lanes. 7262

(ii) Chip seal or fog seal operations statewide are not 7263  
more than two hundred cumulative centerline miles of asphalt 7264  
surface per year. 7265

(2) Work performed in accordance with division (A) (1) of 7266  
this section may include approach roadway work, extending not 7267

more than one hundred fifty feet as measured from the back side 7268  
of the bridge abutment wall or outside edge of the culvert, as 7269  
applicable. The length of an approach guardrail shall be in 7270  
accordance with department of transportation design requirements 7271  
and shall not be included in the approach work size limitation. 7272

(B) The requirements of section 117.16 of the Revised Code 7273  
shall not apply to work described in division (A) of this 7274  
section and the work shall be exempt from audit for force 7275  
account purposes except to determine compliance with the 7276  
applicable size or tonnage restrictions. 7277

Sec. 5517.06. (A) As used in this section, "delay costs 7278  
and expenses" means all actual costs, including any contract 7279  
modifications, acceleration agreements, wages, labor costs other 7280  
than wages, wage taxes, materials, equipment costs and rentals, 7281  
storage costs of materials and equipment, insurance, and 7282  
subcontracts attributable to the delay, plus a reasonable sum 7283  
for overhead. 7284

(B) In conjunction with any work deemed necessary to carry 7285  
out Chapters 5501., 5503., 5511., 5512., 5513., 5515., 5516., 7286  
5517., 5519., 5521., 5523., 5525., 5527., 5528., 5529., 5531., 7287  
5533., and 5535. of the Revised Code, the director of 7288  
transportation may require commitments and deadlines from 7289  
persons, firms, corporations, and political subdivisions. 7290

(C) Any delay costs and expenses incurred by the director, 7291  
the department of transportation, any agent of the department, 7292  
or consultant of the department as a result of the commitments 7293  
and deadlines not being followed shall be borne by the persons, 7294  
firms, corporations, or political subdivisions responsible for 7295  
the delay and any amount thereof shall be certified to the 7296  
attorney general for collection by civil action. 7297

(D) If the department certifies an amount for collection 7298  
to the attorney general under this section, the attorney general 7299  
shall bring a civil action to collect the amount certified. 7300

**Sec. 5517.08.** (A) As used in this section, "start date" 7301  
means one of the following, as applicable: 7302

(1) The date that the department of transportation will 7303  
advertise for competitive bids related to the chip sealing or 7304  
fog sealing of an asphalt surface on a state highway project; 7305

(2) The date that the department will begin chip sealing 7306  
or fog sealing an asphalt surface on a state highway project 7307  
through force account in accordance with division (A) (1) (e) of 7308  
section 5517.021 of the Revised Code. 7309

(B) Not less than thirty days prior to the start date of a 7310  
chip sealing or fog sealing project, the director of 7311  
transportation shall notify the appropriate board of county 7312  
commissioners or board of township trustees of the sealing 7313  
project. 7314

**Sec. 5525.03.** (A) All prospective bidders other than 7315  
environmental remediators and specialty contractors for which 7316  
there are no classes of work provided for in the rules adopted 7317  
by the director of transportation shall apply for qualification 7318  
on forms prescribed and furnished by the director. The 7319  
application shall be accompanied by a certificate of compliance 7320  
with affirmative action programs issued pursuant to section 9.47 7321  
of the Revised Code and dated no earlier than one hundred eighty 7322  
days before the date fixed for the ~~opening of bids~~ award of the 7323  
contract for a particular project. 7324

(B) The director shall act upon an application for 7325  
qualification within thirty days after it is presented to the 7326

director. Upon the receipt of any application for qualification, 7327  
the director shall examine the application to determine whether 7328  
the applicant is competent and responsible and possesses the 7329  
financial resources required by section 5525.04 of the Revised 7330  
Code. If the applicant is found to possess the qualifications 7331  
prescribed by sections 5525.02 to 5525.09 of the Revised Code 7332  
and by rules adopted by the director, including a certificate of 7333  
compliance with affirmative action programs, a certificate of 7334  
qualification shall be issued to the applicant, which shall be 7335  
valid for the period of one year or such shorter period of time 7336  
as the director prescribes, unless revoked by the director for 7337  
cause as defined by rules adopted by the director under section 7338  
5525.05 of the Revised Code. 7339

(C) The certificate of qualification shall contain a 7340  
statement fixing the aggregate amount of work, for any or all 7341  
owners, that the applicant may have under construction and 7342  
uncompleted at any one time and may contain a statement limiting 7343  
such bidder to the submission of bids upon a certain class of 7344  
work. Subject to any restriction as to amount or class of work 7345  
therein contained, the certificate of qualification shall 7346  
authorize its holder to bid on all work on which bids are taken 7347  
by the department of transportation during the period of time 7348  
therein specified. 7349

(D) An applicant who has received a certificate of 7350  
qualification and desires to amend the certificate by the dollar 7351  
amount or by the classes of work may submit to the director such 7352  
documentation as the director considers appropriate. The 7353  
director shall review the documentation submitted by the 7354  
applicant and, within fifteen days, shall either amend the 7355  
certificate of qualification or deny the request. If the 7356  
director denies the request to amend the certificate, the 7357

applicant may appeal that decision to the director's 7358  
prequalification review board in accordance with section 5525.07 7359  
of the Revised Code. Two or more persons, partnerships, or 7360  
corporations may bid jointly on any one project, but only on 7361  
condition that prior to the time bids are taken on the project 7362  
the bidders make a joint application for qualification and 7363  
obtain a joint certificate qualification. 7364

(E) The director may debar from participating in future 7365  
contracts with the department any bidding company as well as any 7366  
partner of a partnership, or the officers and directors of an 7367  
association or corporation if the certificate of qualification 7368  
of the company, partnership, association, or corporation is 7369  
revoked or not renewed by the director. When the director 7370  
reasonably believes that grounds for revocation and debarment 7371  
exist, the director shall send the bidding company and any 7372  
individual involved a notice of proposed revocation and 7373  
debarment indicating the grounds for such action as established 7374  
in rules adopted by the director under section 5525.05 of the 7375  
Revised Code and the procedure for requesting a hearing. The 7376  
notice and hearing shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of 7377  
the Revised Code. If the bidding company or individual does not 7378  
respond with a request for a hearing in the manner specified in 7379  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the director shall revoke the 7380  
certificate and issue the debarment decision without a hearing 7381  
and shall notify the bidding company or individual of the 7382  
decision by certified mail, return receipt requested. 7383

(F) The debarment period may be of any length determined 7384  
by the director and the director may modify or rescind the 7385  
debarment at any time. During the period of debarment, the 7386  
director shall not issue a certificate of qualification for any 7387  
company, partnership, association, or corporation affiliated 7388

with a debarred individual. After the debarment period expires, 7389  
the bidding company or individual, and any partnership, 7390  
association, or corporation affiliated with the individual may 7391  
make an application for qualification if such entity or 7392  
individual is not otherwise debarred. 7393

**Sec. 5525.04.** No bidder shall be given a certificate of 7394  
qualification unless the bidder's financial statement and the 7395  
investigation made by the director of transportation show that 7396  
the bidder possesses net current assets or working capital 7397  
sufficient, in the judgment of the director, to render it 7398  
probable that the bidder can satisfactorily execute the bidder's 7399  
contracts and meet all contractual obligations. Any applicant 7400  
desiring a certificate of qualification in an amount of ~~five-ten~~ 7401  
million dollars or more shall submit on forms prescribed by the 7402  
director a financial audit prepared and attested as correct by 7403  
an independent certified public accountant. Any applicant 7404  
desiring a certificate of qualification in an amount that is 7405  
less than ~~five-ten~~ million dollars shall submit a financial 7406  
review on forms prescribed by the director. The aggregate amount 7407  
of work set forth in either type of certificate of qualification 7408  
shall not exceed ten times the applicant's net current assets or 7409  
working capital. At the time of bidding award of the contract, a 7410  
bidder's qualification is determined by the bidder's 7411  
qualification amount minus all of the bidder's pending work. 7412

Applicants for qualification shall expressly authorize the 7413  
director to obtain any information that the director considers 7414  
pertinent, with respect to the financial worth, assets, and 7415  
liabilities of the applicant, from banks or other financial 7416  
institutions, surety companies, dealers in material, equipment, 7417  
or supplies, or other persons having business transactions with 7418  
the applicant. Applicants shall expressly authorize all such 7419

financial institutions or other persons to furnish any such 7420  
information requested from them by the director. All information 7421  
filed with or furnished to the director by applicants or other 7422  
persons, in connection with the administration of sections 7423  
5525.02 to 5525.09 of the Revised Code, shall be kept in 7424  
confidence by the director and not revealed to any person, 7425  
except upon proper order of a court. Failure to submit the 7426  
required information or to expressly grant the director 7427  
authority to obtain the required information shall result in the 7428  
denial of a certificate of qualification. The director or the 7429  
director's subordinates shall have access to the books of 7430  
account and financial records of all applicants, unless the 7431  
financial statement furnished by any applicant is prepared and 7432  
attested as correct by a certified public accountant. 7433

If an applicant for either type of certificate of 7434  
qualification is or has been an employer in this state the 7435  
application shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that 7436  
the applicant has complied with Chapter 4123. of the Revised 7437  
Code. 7438

The director may require all qualified bidders to file 7439  
financial statements at such intervals as the director 7440  
prescribes. Sections 5525.02 to 5525.09 of the Revised Code 7441  
shall be administered without reference to the residence of 7442  
applicants, and the rules of the director shall apply equally to 7443  
residents and nonresidents of this state. Sections 5525.02 to 7444  
5525.09 of the Revised Code, do not apply to the purchase of 7445  
material, equipment, or supplies. 7446

**Sec. 5525.08.** Except as otherwise provided in this 7447  
section, the director of transportation shall not consider any 7448  
bid filed with the director by any person who has not been 7449



qualified to bid by the time the contract is awarded. ~~Bids from~~ 7450  
~~unqualified bidders discovered by the director prior to the~~ 7451  
~~reading thereof to be from such persons shall be returned~~ 7452  
~~without being read.~~ If the director finds, subsequent to the 7453  
opening of bids, that facts exist that would disqualify the 7454  
lowest bidder, or that such bidder either is not competent and 7455  
responsible or has submitted a nonresponsive bid, the director 7456  
shall reject such bid, despite ~~the fact of any~~ prior 7457  
qualification of such bidder. No contract shall be awarded to 7458  
any bidder not qualified to bid thereon at the time ~~fixed for~~ 7459  
~~receiving bids~~ of awarding the contract, except that the director 7460  
may award contracts for environmental remediation and specialty 7461  
work not set out in the director's rules governing classes of 7462  
work to bidders that are not qualified under sections 5525.02 to 7463  
5525.09 of the Revised Code. 7464

**Sec. 5525.14.** (A) Notwithstanding sections 125.01 to 7465  
125.11 of the Revised Code, the director of transportation, by 7466  
written instruction to the contractor, may increase the 7467  
quantities of any item specified or not specified in a 7468  
competitively bid construction contract but, except as provided 7469  
in division (B) of this section, the additional cost incurred by 7470  
the increase shall not exceed the lesser of ~~one~~ two hundred 7471  
thousand dollars or ~~five~~ ten per cent of the total contract 7472  
price. Any such provision for increased quantities or extra work 7473  
shall be made in the form of a written change to the original 7474  
contract and does not require competitive bidding. 7475

(B) The ~~one hundred thousand dollar or five per cent~~ 7476  
~~restriction monetary threshold established in~~ division (A) of 7477  
this section does not apply to change orders or extra work 7478  
contracts when the total dollar amount of the increase is- 7479  
~~twenty-five~~ fifty thousand dollars or less, or to change orders 7480

or extra work contracts resulting from any of the following: 7481

(1) An increase in the plan quantity that is determined 7482  
during the final measurement of an item of work. 7483

(2) Federally mandated requirements that did not exist at 7484  
the time of the original contract award. 7485

(3) Circumstances that would create a life-, safety-, or 7486  
health-threatening situation or would unduly delay the 7487  
completion of a project and increase its costs, but only if the 7488  
director makes a finding of such fact, declares an emergency, 7489  
and issues the finding. Extra work that the director contracts 7490  
for in these circumstances may include not only construction 7491  
needed to complete a project, but also adjustments needed to 7492  
meet changed conditions, alterations in original plans, 7493  
unforeseen contingencies, or payments necessitated by contract 7494  
terminations or suspensions. 7495

All change orders or extra work contracts set forth in 7496  
division (B) of this section shall be reported to the 7497  
controlling board quarterly in writing. 7498

(C) The director, by written instruction to the 7499  
contractor, may decrease or cancel the quantity of any item 7500  
specified in a contract or portion of a contract and authorize 7501  
payment to the contractor for reasonable costs incurred to date. 7502

**Sec. 5571.01.** (A) A board of township trustees may 7503  
construct, reconstruct, resurface, or improve any public road or 7504  
part thereof under its jurisdiction, or any county road, 7505  
intercounty highway, or state highway within its township. In 7506  
the case of a county road, the plans and specifications for the 7507  
proposed improvement first shall be submitted to the board of 7508  
county commissioners of the county and receive its approval. In 7509

the case of an intercounty or state highway, the plans and 7510  
specifications first shall be submitted to the director of 7511  
transportation and receive the director's approval. The board of 7512  
township trustees may widen, straighten, or change the direction 7513  
of any part of a road in connection with the proceedings for its 7514  
improvement. 7515

(B) The board of township trustees may construct, improve, 7516  
maintain, or repair the berm of any road under its jurisdiction, 7517  
in order to provide a hard surface or other improved approach to 7518  
rural mail boxes located on public highways. 7519

(C) A board of township trustees, in conformity with the 7520  
manual and uniform system of traffic control devices adopted 7521  
under section 4511.09 of the Revised Code, may erect and 7522  
maintain at intersecting roads, at least one of which is a 7523  
township road, suitable signposts showing the names and numbers 7524  
of the roads. The cost of the signs shall be paid from the 7525  
township road fund. 7526

(D) Subject to division (F) of this section, a board of 7527  
township trustees, in conformity with the manual and uniform 7528  
system of traffic control devices adopted under section 4511.09 7529  
of the Revised Code, may erect and maintain at intersecting 7530  
roads, at least one of which is a township road, suitable 7531  
signposts showing the direction and distance to any nearby 7532  
municipal corporation. The costs of the signs shall be paid from 7533  
the township road fund. 7534

(E) Subject to divisions (F) and (G) of this section, a 7535  
board of township trustees may purchase or lease and erect and 7536  
maintain at intersecting roads, at least one of which is a 7537  
township road, suitable traffic control devices and highway 7538  
traffic ~~control~~-signals. The traffic control devices and highway 7539

traffic ~~control~~-signals and their placement and maintenance 7540  
shall conform with the manual and specifications adopted under 7541  
section 4511.09 of the Revised Code. In purchasing or leasing 7542  
and erecting and maintaining the traffic control devices and 7543  
highway traffic ~~control~~-signals, the board may expend any moneys 7544  
that are available to it that legally may be expended for that 7545  
purpose. 7546

(F) If one of the intersecting highways as provided in 7547  
divisions (D) and (E) of this section is a state highway, both 7548  
of the following apply: 7549

(1) No signpost showing the direction and distance to any 7550  
nearby municipal corporation shall be placed at or near the 7551  
intersection, and no traffic control device or highway traffic 7552  
~~control~~-signal shall be erected at the intersection, without 7553  
prior permission of the director as required by section 4511.10 7554  
of the Revised Code. 7555

(2) The department of transportation shall maintain any 7556  
highway traffic ~~control~~-signal erected by the board of township 7557  
trustees at that intersection. 7558

(G) If one of the intersecting roads as provided in 7559  
division (E) of this section is a county road, a board of 7560  
township trustees shall not erect a traffic control device or 7561  
highway traffic ~~control~~-signal at the intersection without prior 7562  
permission of the county engineer of the county in which the 7563  
intersection is located. 7564

(H) No contract for the construction or repair of a 7565  
bridge, the entire cost of which construction or repair exceeds 7566  
fifty thousand dollars, shall be entered into by the township 7567  
unless the plans are first approved by the director. 7568

**Sec. 5736.02.** (A) Beginning with the tax period that 7569  
commences July 1, 2014, and continuing for every tax period 7570  
thereafter, there is hereby levied an excise tax on each 7571  
supplier measured by the supplier's calculated gross receipts 7572  
derived from the first sale of motor fuel within this state. The 7573  
tax due shall be computed by multiplying sixty-five one- 7574  
hundredths of one per cent by the supplier's calculated gross 7575  
receipts. 7576

All revenue from the tax shall be distributed as follows: 7577

(1) All revenue from the tax as measured by calculated 7578  
gross receipts derived from the sale of motor fuel used for 7579  
propelling vehicles on public highways and waterways shall be 7580  
used for the purposes of maintaining the state highway system, 7581  
funding the enforcement of traffic laws, and covering the costs 7582  
of hospitalization of indigent persons injured in motor vehicle 7583  
accidents on the public highways. 7584

(2) All revenue from the tax as measured by calculated 7585  
gross receipts derived from the sale of motor fuel used 7586  
exclusively in the operation of aircraft shall be used to fund 7587  
airport improvements. 7588

(3) All revenue not distributed as required by division 7589  
(A) (1) or (2) of this section shall be used for the purpose of 7590  
funding the needs of this state and its local governments. 7591

(B) The tax imposed by this section is in addition to any 7592  
other taxes or fees imposed under the Revised Code. 7593

(C) The tax commissioner shall determine and publish, on 7594  
the web site of the department of taxation, the statewide 7595  
average wholesale prices of a gallon of unleaded regular 7596  
gasoline, of a gallon of propane, and of a gallon of diesel fuel 7597

for each calendar quarter. The commissioner's determination is 7598  
presumed to be correct unless clearly erroneous. The figure 7599  
shall be published at least fifteen days before the beginning of 7600  
the calendar quarter. The commissioner shall base the average 7601  
price on pricing information available from the United States 7602  
energy information administration or, if such information is not 7603  
available from that agency, from another publicly available 7604  
source selected by the commissioner. The commissioner shall 7605  
first make reasonable efforts to obtain data specific to this 7606  
state before using national data to determine the average 7607  
wholesale price. The price shall not include any federal or 7608  
state excise taxes on the gasoline or diesel fuel, or the tax 7609  
imposed by this chapter. The price shall be rounded up to the 7610  
nearest one-tenth of one cent. 7611

(D) Nothing in this chapter prohibits a person from 7612  
separately or proportionately billing or invoicing the tax 7613  
imposed by this section to a purchaser of motor fuel. 7614

(E) The tax imposed by this section applies only to 7615  
suppliers having a substantial nexus with this state, as that 7616  
term is defined in section 5751.01 of the Revised Code. A 7617  
supplier that does not have substantial nexus with the state may 7618  
voluntarily obtain a license from the commissioner under section 7619  
5736.06 of the Revised Code. A supplier that voluntarily obtains 7620  
a license from the commissioner is entitled to the same benefits 7621  
and is subject to the same duties and requirements as are 7622  
suppliers required to be licensed with the commissioner. 7623

**Sec. 5736.04.** (A) Not later than the tenth day of the 7624  
second month after the end of each calendar quarter, every 7625  
taxpayer shall file with the tax commissioner a tax return in 7626  
such form as the commissioner prescribes. The return shall 7627

include, but is not limited to, the amount of the taxpayer's 7628  
calculated gross receipts for the calendar quarter and shall 7629  
indicate the amount of tax due under section 5736.02 of the 7630  
Revised Code for the calendar quarter. The taxpayer shall 7631  
indicate on each return the portion of the taxpayer's gross 7632  
receipts attributable to motor fuel used for propelling vehicles 7633  
on public highways and waterways, the portion of such receipts 7634  
attributable to motor fuel used exclusively in the operation of 7635  
aircraft, and the portion of such receipts attributable to motor 7636  
fuel used for other purposes. For this purpose, the sale of 7637  
gasoline and of diesel fuel that is not dyed diesel fuel shall 7638  
be rebuttably presumed to be distributed or sold for use or used 7639  
to propel vehicles on public highways or waterways. All other 7640  
sales of motor fuel shall be rebuttably presumed not to be 7641  
distributed or sold for use or used to propel vehicles on public 7642  
highways or waterways. 7643

(B) (1) The taxpayer shall remit the tax shown to be due on 7644  
the return, and, if required by the tax commissioner, file the 7645  
return, electronically. The commissioner may require taxpayers 7646  
to use the Ohio business gateway as defined in section 718.01 of 7647  
the Revised Code to file ~~return~~ returns and remit the tax, or 7648  
may provide another means for taxpayers to file and remit the 7649  
tax electronically. 7650

(2) A person required by this section to remit taxes or 7651  
file returns electronically may apply to the commissioner, on 7652  
the form prescribed by the commissioner, to be excused from that 7653  
requirement. The commissioner may excuse a person from such 7654  
requirement for good cause. 7655

(C) The tax rate with respect to calculated gross receipts 7656  
for a calendar quarter is not fixed until the end of the 7657

measurement period for each calendar quarter. The total amount 7658  
of calculated gross receipts reported for a given calendar 7659  
quarter shall be subject to the tax rate in effect in that 7660  
quarter. 7661

**Sec. 5736.13.** (A) For the purpose of receiving, accounting 7662  
for, and distributing revenue received from the tax imposed by 7663  
section 5736.02 of the Revised Code, the following funds are 7664  
hereby created in the state treasury: 7665

(1) The petroleum activity tax fund; 7666

(2) The petroleum activity tax administration fund. All 7667  
amounts credited to the petroleum activity tax administration 7668  
fund shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the expenses 7669  
of the department of taxation incident to the administration of 7670  
the tax imposed by section 5736.02 of the Revised Code. 7671

(3) The petroleum activity tax public highways fund. 7672

(B) All money collected from the tax imposed by section 7673  
5736.02 of the Revised Code shall be deposited into the 7674  
petroleum activity tax fund. 7675

(C) From the petroleum activity tax fund, the director of 7676  
budget and management shall place to the credit of the tax 7677  
refund fund established by section 5703.052 of the Revised Code 7678  
amounts equal to the refunds certified by the tax commissioner 7679  
pursuant to section 5736.08 of the Revised Code. 7680

(D) Not later than the last day of March, June, September, 7681  
and December of each year, the director of budget and management 7682  
shall provide for the transfer of the balance of the petroleum 7683  
activity tax fund as of the last day of the preceding month, 7684  
excluding any amounts required to be transferred as provided in 7685  
division (C) of this section, as follows: 7686



(1) To the petroleum activity tax administration fund, one 7687  
per cent; 7688

(2) To the Ohio airport improvement program fund created 7689  
in section 4561.03 of the Revised Code, an amount equal to the 7690  
balance of the fund attributable to the tax on calculated gross 7691  
receipts derived from the sale of motor fuel used exclusively in 7692  
the operation of aircraft minus one per cent of that balance; 7693

(3) To the petroleum activity tax public highways fund, an 7694  
amount that bears the same ratio to the balance in the petroleum 7695  
activity tax fund, after subtracting the amount transferred 7696  
under division (D) (1) and (2) of this section, that (a) the 7697  
calculated gross receipts attributed to motor fuel used for 7698  
propelling vehicles on public highways and waterways as 7699  
indicated by returns filed by the last day of the preceding 7700  
month, bears to (b) all calculated gross receipts as indicated 7701  
by those returns; 7702

~~(3)~~ (4) To the general revenue fund, the amount remaining 7703  
after the transfers required by divisions (D) (1) ~~and (2)~~ to (3) 7704  
of this section. 7705

**Section 101.02.** That existing sections 154.01, 306.35, 7706  
306.43, 717.02, 1548.061, 3503.11, 3704.14, 4501.01, 4503.038, 7707  
4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.103, 4503.19, 4505.08, 4506.01, 4506.11, 7708  
4507.01, 4507.061, 4507.13, 4507.21, 4507.52, 4508.02, 4511.01, 7709  
4511.031, 4511.09, 4511.091, 4511.092, 4511.094, 4511.11, 7710  
4511.13, 4511.131, 4511.132, 4511.18, 4511.204, 4511.211, 7711  
4511.214, 4511.432, 4511.46, 4511.48, 4511.512, 4511.61, 7712  
4511.62, 4511.64, 4511.65, 4511.68, 4511.701, 4511.712, 7713  
4513.071, 4513.38, 4513.41, 4517.02, 4519.401, 4955.50, 4955.51, 7714  
5501.20, 5501.441, 5502.68, 5513.01, 5515.01, 5515.02, 5515.99, 7715  
5517.02, 5517.021, 5525.03, 5525.04, 5525.08, 5525.14, 5571.01, 7716

5736.02, 5736.04, and 5736.13 of the Revised Code are hereby 7717  
repealed. 7718

**Section 105.01.** That sections 4506.072, 4507.021, 7719  
4507.063, 4507.511, 4511.351, 4511.491, and 5501.60 of the 7720  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 7721

**Section 201.10.** Except as otherwise provided in this act, 7722  
all appropriation items in this act are appropriated out of any 7723  
moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the designated 7724  
fund that are not otherwise appropriated. For all appropriations 7725  
made in this act, the amounts in the first column are for fiscal 7726  
year 2026 and the amounts in the second column are for fiscal 7727  
year 2027. 7728

**Section 203.10.** 7729  
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	1	2	3	4	5
A	DOT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
B	Highway Operating Fund Group				
C	2120	772426	Highway Infrastructure Bank - Federal	\$5,750,500	\$5,750,500
D	2120	772427	Highway Infrastructure Bank - State	\$15,099,500	\$15,099,500
E	2130	772431	Roadway Infrastructure Bank - State	\$3,750,000	\$3,750,000
F	2130	777477	Aviation Infrastructure Bank - State	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000

G	5XI0	772504	Ohio Highway Transportation Safety	\$13,500,000	\$7,000,000
H	7002	770003	Transportation Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments	\$23,000,000	\$23,000,000
I	7002	771411	Planning and Research - State	\$34,583,813	\$35,352,350
J	7002	771412	Planning and Research - Federal	\$57,095,074	\$57,095,074
K	7002	772421	Highway Construction - State	\$1,166,495,043	\$849,676,092
L	7002	772422	Highway Construction - Federal	\$1,950,000,000	\$1,950,000,000
M	7002	772424	Highway Construction - Other	\$83,500,000	\$83,500,000
N	7002	772437	Major New State Infrastructure Bond Debt Service - State	\$18,500,000	\$18,500,000
O	7002	772438	Major New State Infrastructure Bond Debt Service - Federal	\$132,500,000	\$132,500,000
P	7002	773431	Highway Maintenance - State	\$701,557,065	\$681,557,065
Q	7002	775452	Public Transportation -	\$63,120,485	\$63,276,002

		Federal		
R	7002	775454	Public Transportation - Other	\$3,570,000      \$3,570,000
S	7002	776462	Grade Crossings - Federal	\$14,068,961      \$14,068,961
T	7002	777472	Airport Improvements - Federal	\$405,000      \$405,000
U	7002	777475	Aviation Administration	\$6,973,124      \$7,106,246
V	7002	779491	Administration - State	\$118,136,702      \$120,735,709
W			Highway Operating Fund Group Total	\$4,414,005,267      \$4,074,342,499
X			Dedicated Purpose Fund Group	
Y	4N40	776664	Rail Transportation - Other	\$2,210,047      \$2,237,389
Z	5CN1	777628	Ohio Airport Improvement Program	\$4,650,000      \$4,650,000
AA	5W90	777615	County Airport Maintenance	\$620,000      \$620,000
AB			Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total	\$7,480,047      \$7,507,389
AC			Capital Projects Fund Group	
AD	7042	772723	Highway Construction - Bonds	\$210,000,000      \$210,000,000
AE	7045	772428	Highway Infrastructure	\$210,000,000      \$210,000,000

Bank - Bonds

AF Capital Projects Fund Group Total	\$420,000,000	\$420,000,000
AG TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$4,841,485,314	\$4,501,849,888

**Section 203.20.** TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES LEASE RENTAL 7731

BOND PAYMENTS 7732

The foregoing appropriation item 770003, Transportation 7733  
Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, shall be used to meet all 7734  
payments during the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 7735  
2027, pursuant to the leases and agreements for facilities made 7736  
under Chapter 154. of the Revised Code. These appropriations are 7737  
the source of funds pledged for bond service charges on related 7738  
obligations issued under Chapter 154. of the Revised Code. 7739

Should the appropriation in appropriation item 770003, 7740  
Transportation Facilities Lease Rental Bond Payments, exceed the 7741  
associated debt service payments in either fiscal year of the 7742  
biennium ending June 30, 2027, the balance may be transferred to 7743  
appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction - State, 773431, 7744  
Highway Maintenance - State, or 779491, Administration - State, 7745  
upon the written request of the Director of Transportation and 7746  
with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management. The 7747  
transfers are hereby appropriated and shall be reported to the 7748  
Controlling Board. 7749

**Section 203.21.** MIDWEST INTERSTATE PASSENGER RAIL COMPACT 7750

Of the foregoing appropriation item 771411, Planning and 7751  
Research - State, \$25,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to 7752  
pay the costs associated with Ohio joining the Midwest 7753  
Interstate Passenger Rail Compact. 7754

**Section 203.25.** PLANNING AND RESEARCH - STATE 7755

Of the foregoing appropriation item 771411, Planning and 7756  
Research - State, up to \$2,000,000 in FY 2026 shall be used to 7757  
conduct a feasibility study for the creation of an Interstate 7758  
Route 73 corridor connecting the municipal corporation of Toledo 7759  
to the municipal corporation of Chesapeake in accordance with 7760  
Section 755.50 of this act. 7761

**Section 203.30.** ROADS FOR DNR, METROPOLITAN PARKS, 7762  
EXPOSITIONS COMMISSION, AND HISTORY CONNECTION 7763

(A) Notwithstanding section 5511.06 of the Revised Code, 7764  
in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the 7765  
Director of Transportation shall determine portions of the 7766  
foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction - 7767  
State, which shall be used for the construction, reconstruction, 7768  
or maintenance of public access roads, including support 7769  
features, to and within state facilities owned or operated by 7770  
the Department of Natural Resources. 7771

(B) Notwithstanding section 5511.06 of the Revised Code, 7772  
of the foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction 7773  
- State, \$2,562,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the 7774  
construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of park drives or 7775  
park roads within the boundaries of metropolitan parks. 7776

(C) Notwithstanding section 5511.06 of the Revised Code, 7777  
of the foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction 7778  
- State, \$500,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for the 7779  
construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of park drives or 7780  
park roads within the boundaries of state parks and wildlife 7781  
areas greater than 10,000 contiguous acres that were purchased 7782  
in a single, or series, of transactions, and \$500,000 in each 7783

fiscal year shall be used for construction, reconstruction, or 7784  
maintenance of drives and roads leading to such state parks and 7785  
wildlife areas. 7786

(D) The Department of Transportation may use the foregoing 7787  
appropriation item 772421, Highway Construction - State, to 7788  
perform: 7789

(1) Related road work on behalf of the Ohio Expositions 7790  
Commission at the state fairgrounds, including reconstruction or 7791  
maintenance of public access roads and support features to and 7792  
within fairgrounds facilities, as requested by the Commission 7793  
and approved by the Director of Transportation; and 7794

(2) Related road work on behalf of the Ohio History 7795  
Connection, including reconstruction or maintenance of public 7796  
access roads and support features to and within Ohio History 7797  
Connection facilities, as requested by the Ohio History 7798  
Connection and approved by the Director of Transportation. 7799

**Section 203.40. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS** 7800

(A) Of the foregoing appropriation item 772421, Highway 7801  
Construction - State, \$9,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be 7802  
made available for distribution by the Director of 7803  
Transportation to Transportation Improvement Districts that have 7804  
facilitated funding for the cost of a project or projects in 7805  
conjunction with and through other governmental agencies. 7806

(B) A Transportation Improvement District shall submit 7807  
requests for project funding to the Director of Transportation 7808  
by a day determined by the Director. The Department shall notify 7809  
the Transportation Improvement District whether the Department 7810  
has approved or disapproved the project funding request within 7811  
ninety days after the day the request was submitted by the 7812

Transportation Improvement District. 7813

(C) Any funding provided to a Transportation Improvement 7814  
District specified in this section shall not be used for the 7815  
purposes of administrative costs or administrative staffing and 7816  
must be used to fund a specific project or projects within that 7817  
District's area. The total amount of a specific project's cost 7818  
shall not be fully funded by the amount of funds provided under 7819  
this section. The total amount of funding provided for each 7820  
project is limited to \$500,000 per fiscal year. Transportation 7821  
Improvement Districts that are co-sponsoring a specific project 7822  
may individually apply for up to \$500,000 for that project per 7823  
fiscal year. 7824

(D) Funding provided under this section may be used for 7825  
preliminary engineering, detailed design, right-of-way 7826  
acquisition, and construction of the specific project and such 7827  
other project costs that are defined in section 5540.01 of the 7828  
Revised Code and approved by the Director of Transportation. 7829  
Upon receipt of a copy of an invoice for work performed on the 7830  
specific project, the Director shall reimburse a Transportation 7831  
Improvement District for the expenditures described above, 7832  
subject to the requirements of this section. 7833

(E) A Transportation Improvement District that is 7834  
requesting funds under this section shall register with the 7835  
Director of Transportation. The Director shall register a 7836  
Transportation Improvement District only if the district has a 7837  
specific, eligible project and may cancel the registration of a 7838  
Transportation Improvement District that is not eligible to 7839  
receive funds under this section. The Director shall not provide 7840  
funds to any Transportation Improvement District under this 7841  
section if the district is not registered. 7842



(F) For the purposes of this section:	7843
(1) "Project" has the same meaning as in division (C) of section 5540.01 of the Revised Code.	7844 7845
(2) "Governmental agency" has the same meaning as in division (B) of section 5540.01 of the Revised Code.	7846 7847
(3) "Cost" has the same meaning as in division (D) of section 5540.01 of the Revised Code.	7848 7849
<b>Section 203.43. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION - FEDERAL</b>	7850
Of the foregoing appropriation item 772422, Highway Construction - Federal, \$33,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to support public transportation statewide through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) flexible funding program.	7851 7852 7853 7854
WORKFORCE MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM	7855
Of the foregoing appropriation item 772422, Highway Construction - Federal, \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year shall be used to administer the Ohio Workforce Mobility Partnership Program under Section 620.10 of this act.	7856 7857 7858 7859
PUBLIC TRANSIT VOUCHER PILOT PROGRAM	7860
Of the foregoing appropriation item 772422, Highway Construction - Federal, \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be used to administer the Public Transit Voucher Pilot Program established in Section 755.30 of this act.	7861 7862 7863 7864
<b>Section 203.47. BRENT SPENCE BRIDGE CORRIDOR PROJECT</b>	7865
All spending related to the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor Project shall be documented in the Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS) and made visible in the Ohio State and Local Government Expenditure Database pursuant to section 113.71 of	7866 7867 7868 7869

the Revised Code. 7870

**Section 203.49. RAIL SAFETY CROSSING MATCH** 7871

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 7872  
appropriation item 776505, Rail Safety Crossing Match, at the 7873  
end of fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for the same 7874  
purpose in fiscal year 2026. 7875

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 7876  
appropriation item 776505, Rail Safety Crossing Match, at the 7877  
end of fiscal year 2026 is hereby reappropriated for the same 7878  
purpose in fiscal year 2027. 7879

**OHIO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** 7880

The foregoing appropriation item 777628, Ohio Airport 7881  
Improvement Program, shall be used to administer the Ohio 7882  
Airport Improvement Program established in section 4561.03 of 7883  
the Revised Code. 7884

An amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered balance of 7885  
the foregoing appropriation item 777628, Ohio Airport 7886  
Improvement Program, at the end of fiscal year 2026 is hereby 7887  
reappropriated to the same appropriation item for fiscal year 7888  
2027. 7889

**Section 203.50. BOND ISSUANCE AUTHORIZATION** 7890

The Treasurer of State, upon the request of the Director 7891  
of Transportation, is authorized to issue and sell, in 7892  
accordance with Section 2m of Article VIII, Ohio Constitution, 7893  
and Chapter 151. and particularly sections 151.01 and 151.06 of 7894  
the Revised Code, obligations, including bonds and notes, in the 7895  
aggregate amount of \$238,500,000 in addition to the original 7896  
issuance of obligations authorized by prior acts of the General 7897

Assembly. 7898

The obligations shall be issued and sold from time to time 7899  
in amounts necessary to provide sufficient moneys to the credit 7900  
of the Highway Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 7042) created by 7901  
section 5528.53 of the Revised Code to pay costs charged to the 7902  
fund when due as estimated by the Director of Transportation, 7903  
provided, however, that not more than \$220,000,000 original 7904  
principal amount of obligations, plus the principal amount of 7905  
obligations that in prior fiscal years could have been, but were 7906  
not, issued within the \$220,000,000 limit, may be issued in any 7907  
fiscal year, and not more than \$1,200,000,000 original principal 7908  
amount of such obligations are outstanding at any one time. 7909

**Section 203.60.** APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS, APPROPRIATION 7910  
INCREASES, AND CASH TRANSFERS 7911

(A) TRANSFERS OF HIGHWAY OPERATING FUND APPROPRIATIONS: 7912  
EMERGENCIES, INCLEMENT WEATHER, AND FEDERAL FUNDING CHANGES 7913

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 7914  
Board to approve transfers between Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7915  
7002) appropriations for planning and research (appropriation 7916  
items 771411 and 771412), highway construction and debt service 7917  
(appropriation items 772421, 772422, 772424, 772425, 772437, 7918  
772438, 772603, 772604, 772605, and 770003), highway maintenance 7919  
(appropriation item 773431), public transportation - federal 7920  
(appropriation item 775452), rail grade crossings (appropriation 7921  
item 776462), aviation (appropriation item 777475), airport 7922  
improvement (appropriation item 777472), and administration 7923  
(appropriation item 779491). The Director of Transportation may 7924  
not seek requests of appropriation transfers out of debt service 7925  
appropriation items unless the Director determines that the 7926  
appropriated amounts exceed the actual and projected debt 7927

service requirements. 7928

This transfer request authorization is intended to provide 7929  
for emergency situations or for the purchase of goods and 7930  
services relating to dangerous inclement weather that arise 7931  
during the biennium ending June 30, 2027. It also is intended to 7932  
allow the Department to adjust to circumstances affecting the 7933  
obligation and expenditure of federal funds. 7934

(B) TRANSFERS OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL FUNDED APPROPRIATIONS: 7935  
HIGHWAY, PLANNING, TRANSIT, RAIL, AND AVIATION 7936

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 7937  
Board to approve the transfer of appropriations between 7938  
appropriation items 772422, Highway Construction - Federal, 7939  
771412, Planning and Research - Federal, 775452, Public 7940  
Transportation - Federal, 775454, Public Transportation - Other, 7941  
776475, Federal Rail Administration, 776462, Grade Crossing - 7942  
Federal, and 777472, Airport Improvements - Federal. 7943

(C) TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CASH: STATE 7944  
INFRASTRUCTURE BANK 7945

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 7946  
Board to approve the transfer of appropriations and cash of the 7947  
Infrastructure Bank funds created in section 5531.09 of the 7948  
Revised Code, including transfers between fiscal years 2026 and 7949  
2027. 7950

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 7951  
Board to approve the transfer of appropriations and cash from 7952  
the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to the Infrastructure 7953  
Bank funds created in section 5531.09 of the Revised Code. The 7954  
Director of Budget and Management may transfer from the 7955  
Infrastructure Bank funds to Fund 7002 up to the amounts 7956

originally transferred to the Infrastructure Bank funds under 7957  
this section. However, the Director may not make transfers 7958  
between modes or transfers between different funding sources. 7959

(D) TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CASH: TOLLING FUNDS 7960

The Director of Transportation may request the Controlling 7961  
Board to approve the transfer of appropriations and cash of the 7962  
Ohio Toll Fund and any subaccounts created in section 5531.14 of 7963  
the Revised Code, including transfers between fiscal years 2026 7964  
and 2027. 7965

(E) INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS: STATE FUNDS 7966

In the event that receipts or unexpended balances credited 7967  
to the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) exceed the estimates 7968  
upon which the appropriations have been made in this act, upon 7969  
the request of the Director of Transportation, the Controlling 7970  
Board may approve expenditures, in excess of the amounts 7971  
appropriated, from the Highway Operating Fund in the manner 7972  
prescribed in section 131.35 of the Revised Code. The amounts 7973  
approved by the Controlling Board under this division are hereby 7974  
appropriated. 7975

(F) INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS: FEDERAL AND LOCAL FUNDS 7976

In the event that receipts or unexpended balances credited 7977  
to the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) or apportionments or 7978  
allocations made available from the federal and local 7979  
governments exceed the estimates upon which the appropriations 7980  
have been made in this act, upon the request of the Director of 7981  
Transportation, the Controlling Board may approve expenditures, 7982  
in excess of the amounts appropriated, from the Highway 7983  
Operating Fund in the manner prescribed in section 131.35 of the 7984  
Revised Code. The amounts approved by the Controlling Board 7985

under this division are hereby appropriated. 7986

(G) TRANSFERS OF CASH BETWEEN THE HIGHWAY OPERATING FUND 7987  
AND THE HIGHWAY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND 7988

Upon the request of the Director of Transportation, and 7989  
subject to Controlling Board approval, the Director of Budget 7990  
and Management may transfer cash from the Highway Operating Fund 7991  
(Fund 7002) to the Highway Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 7042) 7992  
created in section 5528.53 of the Revised Code. The Director of 7993  
Budget and Management may transfer cash from Fund 7042 to Fund 7994  
7002 up to the amount of cash previously transferred to Fund 7995  
7042 under this section. 7996

(H) DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR ODOT FUNDING 7997

On July 1 and January 1 of each year in the biennium 7998  
ending June 30, 2027, or as soon as possible thereafter, 7999  
respectively, the Director of Budget and Management shall 8000  
transfer \$200,000 cash, for each semiannual period, from the 8001  
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to the Deputy Inspector 8002  
General for ODOT Fund (Fund 5FA0). 8003

The Inspector General, with the consent of the Director of 8004  
Budget and Management, may request the Controlling Board to 8005  
approve additional transfers of cash and expenditures in excess 8006  
of the amount appropriated under appropriation item 965603, 8007  
Deputy Inspector General for ODOT, if additional amounts are 8008  
necessary. The amounts approved by the Controlling Board are 8009  
hereby appropriated. 8010

(I) LIQUIDATION OF UNFORESEEN LIABILITIES 8011

Any appropriation made from the Highway Operating Fund 8012  
(Fund 7002) not otherwise restricted by law is available to 8013  
liquidate unforeseen liabilities arising from contractual 8014

agreements of prior years when the prior year encumbrance is 8015  
insufficient. 8016

(J) ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPENDITURES 8017

The Director of Transportation shall request Controlling 8018  
Board approval for any expenditure of funds received under the 8019  
federal "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," Pub. L. No. 8020  
117-58, that are to be used for the construction or maintenance 8021  
of electric vehicle charging stations. Any such expenditures 8022  
approved by the Controlling Board are hereby appropriated. 8023

**Section 203.65. REAPPROPRIATIONS** 8024

In each year of the biennium ending June 30, 2027, the 8025  
Director of Budget and Management may request the Controlling 8026  
Board to approve the expenditure of any remaining unencumbered 8027  
balances of prior years' appropriations to the Ohio Highway 8028  
Transportation Safety Fund (Fund 5XI0), the Highway Operating 8029  
Fund (Fund 7002), the Highway Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 8030  
7042), and the Infrastructure Bank funds created in section 8031  
5531.09 of the Revised Code for the same purpose in the 8032  
following fiscal year. The amounts approved by the Controlling 8033  
Board are hereby reappropriated. 8034

Prior to the Director of Budget and Management's seeking 8035  
approval of the Controlling Board, the Director of 8036  
Transportation shall develop a reappropriation request plan that 8037  
identifies the appropriate fund and appropriation item of the 8038  
reappropriation, and the reappropriation request amount and 8039  
submit the plan to the Director of Budget and Management for 8040  
evaluation. The Director of Budget and Management may request 8041  
additional information necessary for evaluating the 8042  
reappropriation request plan, and the Director of Transportation 8043

shall provide the requested information to the Director of 8044  
Budget and Management. Based on the information provided by the 8045  
Director of Transportation, the Director of Budget and 8046  
Management shall determine amounts to be reappropriated by fund 8047  
and appropriation item to submit to the Controlling Board for 8048  
its approval. 8049

Any balances of prior years' unencumbered appropriations 8050  
to the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002), the Highway Capital 8051  
Improvement Fund (Fund 7042), the Ohio Highway Transportation 8052  
Safety Fund (Fund 5XI0), and the Infrastructure Bank funds 8053  
created in section 5531.09 of the Revised Code for which 8054  
reappropriations are requested and approved are subject to the 8055  
availability of revenue in the funds. 8056

**Section 203.70. MAINTENANCE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS** 8057

The Department of Transportation has the responsibility to 8058  
maintain all interstate highways in the state. The Director of 8059  
Transportation may enter into an agreement with a political 8060  
subdivision to allow the political subdivision to remove snow 8061  
and ice and maintain, repair, improve, or provide lighting upon 8062  
interstate highways that are located within the boundaries of 8063  
the political subdivision, in a manner adequate to meet the 8064  
requirements of federal law. 8065

When agreed in writing by the Director of Transportation 8066  
and the legislative authority of a political subdivision and 8067  
notwithstanding sections 125.01 and 125.11 of the Revised Code, 8068  
the Department of Transportation may reimburse a political 8069  
subdivision for all or any part of the costs, as provided by 8070  
such agreement, incurred by the political subdivision in 8071  
maintaining, repairing, lighting, and removing snow and ice from 8072  
the interstate system. 8073



**Section 203.80.** PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY PURPOSE 8074  
GRANTS 8075

The Director of Transportation may use revenues from the 8076  
state motor vehicle fuel tax to match approved federal grants 8077  
awarded to the Department of Transportation, regional transit 8078  
authorities, or eligible public transportation systems, for 8079  
public transportation highway purposes, or to support local or 8080  
state-funded projects for public transportation highway 8081  
purposes. 8082

Public transportation highway purposes include (1) the 8083  
construction or repair of high-occupancy vehicle traffic lanes, 8084  
(2) the acquisition or construction of park-and-ride facilities, 8085  
(3) the acquisition or construction of public transportation 8086  
vehicle loops, (4) the construction or repair of bridges used by 8087  
public transportation vehicles or that are the responsibility of 8088  
a regional transit authority or other public transportation 8089  
system, or (5) other similar construction that is designated as 8090  
an eligible public transportation highway purpose. Motor vehicle 8091  
fuel tax revenues may not be used for operating assistance or 8092  
for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, or maintenance 8093  
facilities. 8094

**Section 203.90.** AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR 8095  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PURPOSES 8096

The Director of Transportation may enter into agreements 8097  
as provided in this section with the United States or any 8098  
department or agency of the United States, including, but not 8099  
limited to, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the 8100  
United States Forest Service, the United States Environmental 8101  
Protection Agency, and the United States Fish and Wildlife 8102  
Service. An agreement entered into pursuant to this section 8103

shall be solely for the purpose of dedicating staff to the 8104  
expeditious and timely review of environmentally related 8105  
documents submitted by the Director of Transportation, as 8106  
necessary for the approval of federal permits. 8107

The agreements may include provisions for advance payment 8108  
by the Director of Transportation for labor and all other 8109  
identifiable costs of the United States or any department or 8110  
agency of the United States providing the services, as may be 8111  
estimated by the United States, or the department or agency of 8112  
the United States. 8113

The Director shall submit a request to the Controlling 8114  
Board indicating the amount of the agreement, the services to be 8115  
performed by the United States or the department or agency of 8116  
the United States, and the circumstances giving rise to the 8117  
agreement. 8118

**Section 203.100. INDEFINITE DELIVERY INDEFINITE QUANTITY** 8119  
**CONTRACTS** 8120

(A) As used in this section, "indefinite delivery 8121  
indefinite quantity contract" means a contract for an indefinite 8122  
quantity, within stated limits, of supplies or services that 8123  
will be delivered by the awarded bidder over a defined contract 8124  
period. 8125

(B) The Director of Transportation shall advertise and 8126  
seek bids for, and shall award, indefinite delivery indefinite 8127  
quantity contracts for not more than two projects in fiscal year 8128  
2026 and for not more than two projects in fiscal year 2027. For 8129  
purposes of entering into indefinite delivery indefinite 8130  
quantity contracts, the Director shall do all of the following: 8131

(1) Prepare bidding documents; 8132



C	4W00 195629 Roadwork Development	\$15,200,000	\$15,200,000
D	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total	\$15,200,000	\$15,200,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$15,200,000	\$15,200,000

**Section 207.20.** ROADWORK DEVELOPMENT 8156

The foregoing appropriation item 195629, Roadwork 8157  
Development, shall be used for road improvements associated with 8158  
economic development opportunities that will retain or attract 8159  
businesses for Ohio, including the construction, reconstruction, 8160  
maintenance, or repair of public roads that provide access to a 8161  
public airport or are located within a public airport. "Road 8162  
improvements" are improvements to public roadway facilities 8163  
located on, or serving or capable of serving, a project site, 8164  
and include the construction, reconstruction, maintenance or 8165  
repair of public roads that provide access to a public airport 8166  
or are located within a public airport. The appropriation item 8167  
may be used in conjunction with any other state funds 8168  
appropriated for infrastructure improvements. 8169

The Director of Budget and Management, pursuant to a plan 8170  
submitted by the Director of Development or as otherwise 8171  
determined by the Director of Budget and Management, shall set a 8172  
cash transfer schedule to meet the cash needs of the Roadwork 8173  
Development Fund (Fund 4W00) used by the Department of 8174  
Development, less any other available cash. The Director of 8175  
Budget and Management shall transfer such cash amounts from the 8176  
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to Fund 4W00 at such times as 8177  
determined by the transfer schedule. 8178

The Director of Transportation, under the direction of the 8179  
Director of Development, shall provide these funds in accordance 8180

with all guidelines and requirements established for other 8181  
 Department of Development programs, including Controlling Board 8182  
 review and approval, as well as the requirements for usage of 8183  
 motor vehicle fuel tax revenue prescribed in Section 5a of 8184  
 Article XII, Ohio Constitution. Should the Department of 8185  
 Development require the assistance of the Department of 8186  
 Transportation to bring a project to completion, the Department 8187  
 of Transportation shall use its authority under Title 55 of the 8188  
 Revised Code to provide such assistance and may enter into 8189  
 contracts on behalf of the Department of Development. 8190

**Section 209.10.** 8191  
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A	PWC PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION				
B	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
C	7052	150402	Local Transportation Improvement Program - Operating	\$324,768	\$330,375
D	7052	150701	Local Transportation Improvement Program	\$62,000,000	\$67,000,000
E	Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$62,324,768	\$67,330,375
F	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$62,324,768	\$67,330,375

**Section 209.20. REAPPROPRIATIONS** 8193

All capital appropriations from the Local Transportation 8194  
 Improvement Program Fund (Fund 7052) in H.B. 23 of the 135th 8195  
 General Assembly remaining unencumbered as of June 30, 2025, may 8196

be reappropriated for use during the period July 1, 2025, 8197  
through June 30, 2026, for the same purpose. 8198

Notwithstanding division (B) of section 127.14 of the 8199  
Revised Code, all capital appropriations and reappropriations 8200  
from the Local Transportation Improvement Program Fund (Fund 8201  
7052) in this act remaining unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, 8202  
are reappropriated for use during the period July 1, 2026, 8203  
through June 30, 2027, for the same purposes, subject to the 8204  
availability of revenue as determined by the Director of the 8205  
Public Works Commission. 8206

TEMPORARY TRANSFERS 8207

Notwithstanding section 127.14 of the Revised Code, the 8208  
Director of Budget and Management may transfer cash from the 8209  
Local Transportation Improvement Fund (Fund 7052) to the State 8210  
Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 7038) and the Clean Ohio 8211  
Conservation Fund (Fund 7056). The Director of Budget and 8212  
Management may approve temporary cash transfers if such 8213  
transfers are needed for capital outlays for which notes or 8214  
bonds will be issued. When there is a sufficient cash balance in 8215  
the fund that receives a cash transfer under this section, the 8216  
Director of Budget and Management shall transfer cash from that 8217  
fund to Fund 7052 in order to repay Fund 7052 for the amount of 8218  
the temporary cash transfers made under this section. Any 8219  
transfers executed under this section shall be reported to the 8220  
Controlling Board by June 30 of the fiscal year in which the 8221  
transfer occurred. 8222

**Section 221.10.** 8223

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A	RDF STATE REVENUE DISTRIBUTIONS		
B	Revenue Distribution Fund Group		
C	7060 110652	Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - Municipal	\$413,400,000      \$421,900,000
D	7060 110653	Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - Township	\$214,000,000      \$218,400,000
E	7060 110654	Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - County	\$359,800,000      \$367,200,000
F	TOTAL Revenue Distribution Fund Group		\$987,200,000      \$1,007,500,000
G	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS		\$987,200,000      \$1,007,500,000

The foregoing appropriation item, 110652 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - Municipal, shall be used to make payments to municipalities under sections 5735.051 and 5735.27 of the Revised Code. The foregoing appropriation item, 110653 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - Township, shall be used to make payments to townships under those sections. The foregoing appropriation item, 110654 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - County, shall be used to make payments to counties under those sections. The foregoing appropriation item, 110654 Gasoline Excise Tax Fund - County, shall also be used to make payments to the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission under section 5735.051 of the Revised Code.

Appropriation items in Section 221.10 of this act shall be used for the purpose of administering and distributing the designated revenue distribution fund according to the Revised Code. If it is determined that additional appropriations are

necessary for this purpose, such amounts are hereby 8241  
appropriated. 8242

**Section 501.10. LIMITATION ON USE OF CAPITAL** 8243  
APPROPRIATIONS 8244

The capital appropriations made in this act for buildings 8245  
or structures, including remodeling and renovations, are limited 8246  
to: 8247

(A) Acquisition of real property or interests in real 8248  
property; 8249

(B) Buildings and structures, which includes construction, 8250  
demolition, complete heating and cooling, lighting and lighting 8251  
fixtures, and all necessary utilities, ventilating, plumbing, 8252  
sprinkling, water, and sewer systems, when such systems are 8253  
authorized or necessary; 8254

(C) Architectural, engineering, and professional services 8255  
expenses directly related to the projects; 8256

(D) Machinery that is a part of structures at the time of 8257  
initial acquisition or construction; 8258

(E) Acquisition, development, and deployment of new 8259  
computer systems, including the redevelopment or integration of 8260  
existing and new computer systems, but excluding regular or 8261  
ongoing maintenance or support agreements; 8262

(F) Furniture, fixtures, or equipment that meets all the 8263  
following criteria: 8264

(1) Is essential in bringing the facility up to its 8265  
intended use or is necessary for the functioning of the 8266  
particular facility or project; 8267



(2) Has a unit cost, and not the individual parts of a 8268  
unit, of about \$100 or more; and 8269

(3) Has a useful life of five years or more. 8270

Furniture, fixtures, or equipment that is not an integral 8271  
part of or directly related to the basic purpose or function of 8272  
a project for which moneys are appropriated shall not be paid 8273  
from these appropriations. 8274

**Section 503.10.** STATE ARBITRAGE REBATE AUTHORIZATION 8275

If it is determined that a payment is necessary in the 8276  
amount computed at the time to represent the portion of 8277  
investment income to be rebated or amounts in lieu of or in 8278  
addition to any rebate amount to be paid to the federal 8279  
government in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income 8280  
for federal income tax purposes of interest on those state 8281  
obligations under section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, 8282  
such amount is hereby appropriated from those funds designated 8283  
by or pursuant to the applicable proceedings authorizing the 8284  
issuance of state obligations. 8285

Payments for this purpose shall be approved and vouchered 8286  
by the Office of Budget and Management. 8287

**Section 509.10.** AUTHORIZATION FOR TREASURER OF STATE AND 8288  
OBM TO EFFECTUATE CERTAIN LEASE RENTAL PAYMENTS 8289

The Office of Budget and Management shall process payments 8290  
from lease rental payment appropriation items during the period 8291  
from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, pursuant to the lease and 8292  
other agreements relating to bonds or notes issued under Section 8293  
2i of Article VIII of the Ohio Constitution and Chapter 154. of 8294  
the Revised Code, and acts of the General Assembly. Payments 8295  
shall be made upon certification by the Treasurer of State of 8296

the dates and amounts due on those dates. 8297

**Section 509.20.** LEASE AND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS 8298

Certain appropriations are in this act for the purpose of 8299  
paying debt service and financing costs on general obligation 8300  
bonds or notes of the state and for the purpose of making lease 8301  
rental and other payments under leases and agreements relating 8302  
to bonds or notes issued under the Ohio Constitution, Revised 8303  
Code, and acts of the General Assembly. If it is determined that 8304  
additional appropriations are necessary for this purpose, such 8305  
amounts are hereby appropriated. 8306

**Section 620.10.** That Section 755.20 of H.B. 23 of the 8307  
135th General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 8308

**Sec. 755.20.** (A) As used in this section: 8309

(1) "Economically significant employment center" means a 8310  
single site, multiple adjoining sites, or a business park where 8311  
the employers located at the site or park employ not less than 8312  
two hundred fifty full-time employees who work onsite. 8313

(2) "Rural or urban transit authorities" means regional 8314  
transit authorities that are established pursuant to sections 8315  
306.30 to 306.53 of the Revised Code and that serve either a 8316  
rural population, an urban population, or both populations. 8317

(B) ~~There is hereby established the~~ The Ohio Workforce 8318  
Mobility Partnership Program is continued for fiscal years 2026 8319  
and 2027. The Department of Transportation shall administer the 8320  
Program. Under the Program, one or more boards of trustees of 8321  
rural or urban transit authorities may either singularly or 8322  
jointly apply for competitive grant funding for individual or 8323  
collaborative projects. All grant funding shall be spent in 8324  
accordance with division (C) of this section. 8325

(C) Any boards of trustees awarded grants under this 8326  
section shall use the grant funding for purposes of transporting 8327  
resident workforce members between the service territories of 8328  
the joint rural or urban transit authorities. The boards shall 8329  
also use the grant money to focus on transportation that 8330  
supports the employment needs of economically significant 8331  
employment centers located within or near the service 8332  
territories of the rural or urban transit authorities. Such 8333  
support shall include efforts to easily, efficiently, and 8334  
economically transport a resident workforce that either lives 8335  
within a service territory that has little or no public transit 8336  
service to an employment center or lives within one service 8337  
territory but is employed full-time within another service 8338  
territory. 8339

(D) The Director of Transportation shall establish any 8340  
procedures and requirements necessary to administer this 8341  
section, including grant application, evaluation of 8342  
applications, and award processes, and any conditions for the 8343  
expenditure of grant funding awarded under the Program. 8344

~~(E) This section expires two years after its effective~~ 8345  
~~date.~~ 8346

**Section 620.11.** That existing Section 755.20 of H.B. 23 of 8347  
the 135th General Assembly is hereby repealed. 8348

**Section 737.10.** Sections 3704.14, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 8349  
4503.103 of the Revised Code, as amended by this act, shall be 8350  
known as the E-Check Ease Act. 8351

**Section 749.10.** (A) Not later than December 31, 2028, the 8352  
Public Utilities Commission shall complete a review of train 8353  
derailments in Ohio using statistics from the Federal Railroad 8354

Administration to identify derailments due to bearing or axle 8355  
failure over the three years proceeding from the effective date 8356  
of this section. 8357

(B) The commission shall send a copy of the review 8358  
described in division (A) of this section to the following: 8359

(1) The Governor; 8360

(2) The President of the Senate; 8361

(3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives; 8362

(4) The minority leaders of both the Senate and the House 8363  
of Representatives. 8364

**Section 755.10.** (A) The Director of Transportation, in 8365  
consultation with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating 8366  
Agency, shall conduct a study to develop a traffic congestion 8367  
management strategic plan. However, at the Director's 8368  
discretion, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency may 8369  
lead the study. The study shall examine the area along 8370  
Interstate Route 71 between the following boundaries: 8371

(1) To the north, U.S. Route 42; 8372

(2) To the south, State Route 303; 8373

(3) To the west, U.S. Route 42; 8374

(4) To the east, West 130th Street. 8375

(B) (1) Not later than December 31, 2026, the Director or, 8376  
as applicable, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency 8377  
shall complete the study and submit a report of the study's 8378  
findings to all of the following: 8379

(a) The Governor; 8380

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;	8381
(c) The President of the Senate;	8382
(d) The chairpersons of the committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate pertaining to transportation;	8383 8384
(e) The chief executive officer and the legislative authority of the municipal corporations of Strongsville, North Royalton, and Brunswick.	8385 8386 8387
(2) The Director or, as applicable, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency may include in the report solutions to mitigate and strategically manage any traffic congestion concerns found during the study.	8388 8389 8390 8391
<b>Section 755.20.</b> (A) Upon recommendation under division (D) of this section, the Department of Transportation shall contract with a neutral third-party entity to conduct a study of the Department's pavement-selection process. The study shall include, but not be limited to, life cycle cost analysis, user delay analysis, constructability, and environmental factors. The Department shall hold the contract with the neutral third-party entity, and the contract shall be submitted to the Controlling Board for approval. The Controlling Board shall approve or disapprove the contract in the same manner in which contracts entered into under Chapter 5526. of the Revised Code are approved or disapproved. The entity shall be an individual or an academic, research, or professional association with an expertise in pavement-selection decisions and shall not be a research center for concrete or asphalt pavement.	8392 8393 8394 8395 8396 8397 8398 8399 8400 8401 8402 8403 8404 8405 8406
The study conducted by the neutral third-party entity shall compare and contrast the Department's pavement-selection process with those of other states and with model selection	8407 8408 8409

processes as described by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Federal Highway Administration. 8410  
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(B) The Director of Transportation shall appoint an advisory council to recommend the neutral third-party entity, approve the entity's scope of study, and issue a final report with recommendations in accordance with division (D) of this section. The advisory council shall consist of the following members: 8413  
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(1) The Director of Transportation, who shall act as Chairperson of the council; 8419  
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(2) A member of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants; 8421  
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(3) A member of a statewide business organization representing major corporate entities from a list of three names recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 8423  
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(4) A member of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers; 8426  
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(5) A member of a business organization representing small or independent businesses from a list of three names recommended by the President of the Senate; 8428  
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(6) A representative of the Ohio Concrete Construction Association; 8431  
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(7) A representative of Flexible Pavements Association of Ohio, Inc. 8433  
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(C) Members of the advisory council representing the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, the small or independent businesses, and 8435  
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the major corporate entities shall have no conflict of interest 8438  
with the position. For purposes of this section, "conflict of 8439  
interest" means taking any action that violates any provision of 8440  
Chapter 102. or 2921. of the Revised Code. 8441

(D) The Director shall appoint the advisory council no 8442  
later than July 31, 2025. The advisory council shall recommend 8443  
the neutral third-party entity to the Director and shall 8444  
determine the scope of the study to be conducted by the entity 8445  
not later than September 1, 2025. Once appointed, the advisory 8446  
council shall meet, at a minimum, every thirty days to direct 8447  
and monitor the work of the neutral third-party entity, 8448  
including responding to any questions raised by the neutral 8449  
third-party entity. The council shall publish a schedule of 8450  
meetings and provide adequate public notice of these meetings. 8451  
The meetings are subject to applicable public meeting 8452  
requirements. 8453

The advisory council shall issue a final report with 8454  
recommendations concerning the Department's pavement selection 8455  
process to the Director. The report and recommendations shall 8456  
take into account the study conducted by the neutral third-party 8457  
entity. The advisory council shall allow a comment period of not 8458  
less than thirty days before it issues the final report. The 8459  
advisory council shall issue the report on or before December 8460  
31, 2025. Upon issuing its final report, the advisory council 8461  
ceases to exist. 8462

(E) The Department shall make changes to its pavement- 8463  
selection process based on the neutral third-party entity's 8464  
study and recommendations included in the advisory council's 8465  
final report. 8466

**Section 755.30.** (A) The Office of Transit within the 8467

Department of Transportation shall conduct a pilot program to 8468  
distribute private transit vouchers to persons whose income is 8469  
equal to or less than four hundred per cent of the federal 8470  
poverty level. The private transit vouchers shall be eligible 8471  
for use for ridesharing, transportation network company, 8472  
taxicab, or other similar vehicle for hire arrangements. The 8473  
Office shall study and evaluate whether the distribution of 8474  
vouchers is a cost-effective option to eliminate public transit 8475  
routes with low ridership, while maintaining access to transit 8476  
for persons eligible for the pilot program. 8477

(B) The Office shall submit a report of its findings and 8478  
recommendations not later than January 1, 2027, to the President 8479  
of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 8480  
the chairpersons of the respective committees of the House of 8481  
Representatives and Senate responsible for transportation 8482  
related matters. Upon submission of the report, the pilot 8483  
program is abolished. 8484

**Section 755.40.** (A) Not later than October 1, 2025, the 8485  
Director of Transportation shall establish the Road Safety Pilot 8486  
Program to assess speed compliance in construction zones. The 8487  
pilot program shall operate for one year after that date. 8488

(B) The Director shall ensure that the Road Safety Pilot 8489  
Program includes both of the following in one or more 8490  
construction zones: 8491

(1) Speed monitoring devices with flashing lights that 8492  
display the speed at which a motor vehicle operator is traveling 8493  
in a construction zone; 8494

(2) 8495

Any other methods determined by the Department that have 8496



the effect of reducing the speed at which motor vehicle operators travel in a construction zone, including lane changes, rumble strips, and single lanes. However, for purposes of the program, the Department shall not use any traffic law photo monitoring device that records images, photographs, or video for any purpose, including issuing a citation, summons, or ticket.

(C) The Director shall post signs in each construction zone that is utilized under the Pilot Program that indicate that the construction zone is being monitored for speed for purposes of the Pilot Program.

(D) The Director may contract with a third party to implement the Pilot Program.

(E) Nothing in this section shall otherwise impact or impede the enforcement of any violation of any law. An operator of a motor vehicle shall not be cited for any violation of law based solely on information derived from speed cameras used in accordance with this section.

(F) Not later than three months after the termination of the pilot program, the Director shall submit to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor a report regarding the results of the Road Safety Pilot Program. The report shall include data summarizing instances of excessive speed in construction zones that are included in the pilot program.

**Section 755.50.** The Director of Transportation shall conduct a feasibility study for the creation of an Interstate Route 73 corridor connecting the municipal corporation of Toledo to the municipal corporation of Chesapeake, primarily alongside current United States Route 23. The purpose of the new corridor

is to better connect Interstate Route 74, Interstate Route 75, 8526  
and the states of Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, North 8527  
Carolina, and South Carolina along one continuous interstate 8528  
route. 8529

The feasibility study shall examine how to alleviate 8530  
congestion along United States Route 23, the economic impacts of 8531  
a new interstate corridor, safety concerns, connectivity issues, 8532  
and methods for coordinating with the other states and the 8533  
United States Department of Transportation for the creation of 8534  
the corridor. 8535

The Director shall complete the feasibility study not 8536  
later than December 31, 2026. 8537

**Section 757.10. MOTOR FUEL TAX DISTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHWAY 8538**  
OPERATING FUND 8539

On the last day of each month in the biennium ending June 8540  
30, 2027, before making any of the distributions specified in 8541  
section 5735.051 of the Revised Code but after any transfers to 8542  
the tax refund fund as required by that section and section 8543  
5703.052 of the Revised Code, the Treasurer of State shall 8544  
deposit the first two per cent of the amount of motor fuel tax 8545  
received for the preceding calendar month to the credit of the 8546  
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002). 8547

**Section 757.20. MOTOR FUEL DEALER REFUNDS 8548**

Notwithstanding Chapter 5735. of the Revised Code, the 8549  
following apply for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 8550  
2027: 8551

(A) For the discount under section 5735.06 of the Revised 8552  
Code, if the monthly report is timely filed and the tax is 8553  
timely paid, one per cent of the total number of gallons of 8554

motor fuel received by the motor fuel dealer within the state 8555  
during the preceding calendar month, less the total number of 8556  
gallons deducted under divisions (B) (1) (a) and (b) of section 8557  
5735.06 of the Revised Code, less one-half of one per cent of 8558  
the total number of gallons of motor fuel that were sold to a 8559  
retail dealer during the preceding calendar month. 8560

(B) For the semiannual periods ending December 31, 2025, 8561  
June 30, 2026, December 31, 2026, and June 30, 2027, the refund 8562  
provided to retail dealers under section 5735.141 of the Revised 8563  
Code shall be one-half of one per cent of the Ohio motor fuel 8564  
taxes paid on fuel purchased during those semiannual periods. 8565

**Section 757.30.** MONTHLY TRANSFERS TO GASOLINE EXCISE TAX 8566  
FUND 8567

The Director of Budget and Management shall transfer cash 8568  
in equal monthly increments totaling \$179,054,124 in fiscal year 8569  
2026 and in equal monthly increments totaling \$187,584,952 in 8570  
fiscal year 2027 from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to 8571  
the Gasoline Excise Tax Fund (Fund 7060). The monthly amounts 8572  
transferred under this section shall be distributed as follows: 8573

(A) 42.86 per cent shall be distributed among the 8574  
municipal corporations within the state under division (A) (2) (b) 8575  
(i) of section 5735.051 of the Revised Code; 8576

(B) 37.14 per cent shall be distributed among the counties 8577  
within the state under division (A) (2) (b) (ii) of section 8578  
5735.051 of the Revised Code; and 8579

(C) 20 per cent shall be distributed among the townships 8580  
within the state under division (A) (2) (b) (iii) of section 8581  
5735.051 of the Revised Code. 8582

**Section 801.10.** PROVISIONS OF LAW GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO 8583

APPROPRIATIONS	8584
Law contained in the main operating appropriations act of the 136th General Assembly that is generally applicable to the appropriations made in the main operating appropriations act also is generally applicable to the appropriations made in this act.	8585 8586 8587 8588 8589
<b>Section 805.10. SEVERABILITY</b>	8590
The items of law contained in this act, and their applications, are severable. If any item of law contained in this act, or if any application of any item of law contained in this act, is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other items of law contained in this act and their applications that can be given effect without the invalid item or application.	8591 8592 8593 8594 8595 8596
<b>Section 810.10.</b> An item of law, other than an amending, enacting, or repealing clause, that composes the whole or part of an uncodified section contained in this act has no effect after June 30, 2027, unless its context clearly indicates otherwise.	8597 8598 8599 8600 8601
<b>Section 820.10. APPROPRIATIONS AND REFERENDUM</b>	8602
In this section, an "appropriation" includes another provision of law in this act that relates to the subject of the appropriation.	8603 8604 8605
An appropriation of money made in this act is not subject to the referendum insofar as a contemplated expenditure authorized thereby is wholly to meet a current expense within the meaning of Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d and section 1.471 of the Revised Code. To that extent, the appropriation takes effect immediately when this act becomes law. Conversely, the appropriation is subject to the referendum	8606 8607 8608 8609 8610 8611 8612

insofar as a contemplated expenditure authorized thereby is 8613  
wholly or partly not to meet a current expense within the 8614  
meaning of Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 1d. To that 8615  
extent, the appropriation takes effect on the ninety-first day 8616  
after this act is filed with the Secretary of State. 8617

**Section 820.30. LAWS AND REFERENDUM** 8618

Except as otherwise provided in this act, the amendment, 8619  
enactment, or repeal by this act of a section of law is subject 8620  
to the referendum under Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 8621  
1c and therefore takes effect on the ninety-first day after this 8622  
act is filed with the Secretary of State or, if a later 8623  
effective date is specified below, on that date. 8624

**Section 820.40.** Sections 4503.183, 4505.072, 4505.08, 8625  
4513.071, 4513.38, and 4513.41 of the Revised Code, as amended 8626  
or enacted by this act, take effect one hundred eighty days 8627  
after the effective date of this section. 8628

**Section 830.10.** The General Assembly, applying the 8629  
principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised 8630  
Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable 8631  
of simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections, 8632  
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended 8633  
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the 8634  
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections 8635  
as presented in this act: 8636

Section 4511.61 of the Revised Code as amended by both 8637  
H.B. 26 and H.B. 95 of the 132nd General Assembly. 8638

Section 4511.132 of the Revised Code as amended by H.B. 9, 8639  
H.B. 26, H.B. 95, and H.B. 250, all of the 132nd General 8640  
Assembly. 8641