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SUMMARY

- Increases the number of motor vehicles, from five to 15, that a person may sell without obtaining a motor vehicle dealer license if the vehicles are over 12 years old.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Casual sale of motor vehicles

The bill increases the number of motor vehicles, from five to 15, that a person may sell without obtaining a motor vehicle dealer license provided that those motor vehicles are over 12 years old. Under current law, a person may make up to five casual sales of motor vehicles in a 12-month period without being a licensed motor vehicle dealer. The bill retains the general prohibition against selling more than five motor vehicles without a license for motor vehicles that are under 12 years old but increases the threshold for the older motor vehicles. In both circumstances, the 12-month period begins on the day of the month the first sale is made.¹ A person who sells additional motor vehicles above the applicable threshold without a license is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and a mandatory \$100 fine, for a first offense, and a first degree misdemeanor and a mandatory \$1,000 fine for subsequent offenses.²

A casual sale is any transfer of a motor vehicle to a person who purchases the motor vehicle for use as a consumer when such transfer is made by a person other than any of the following:

1. A new motor vehicle dealer;
2. A used motor vehicle dealer;

¹ R.C. 4517.02(A)(6).

² R.C. 4517.02(H).

3. An adaptive mobility dealer;
4. A motor vehicle salvage dealer;
5. A salesperson;
6. A motor vehicle auction owner;
7. A manufacturer; or
8. A distributor acting in the capacity of a dealer, salesperson, auction owner, manufacturer, or distributor.³

HISTORY

Action	Date
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³ R.C. 4517.01(O), not in the bill.