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To amend sections 4507.04 and 5502.11 of the 1
Revised Code to prohibit a person without legal 2
presence in the United States from driving in 3
Ohio with an out-of-state license and to require 4
the Attorney General to take certain enforcement 5
actions. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 4507.04 and 5502.11 of the 7
Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 8

Sec. 4507.04. ~~Nonresidents~~ (A) Except as provided in 9
division (B) of this section, nonresidents, permitted to drive 10
upon the highways of their own state, may operate any motor 11
vehicle upon any highway in this state without examination or 12
license under sections 4507.01 to 4507.39, inclusive, of the 13
Revised Code, upon condition that such nonresidents may be 14
required at any time or place to prove lawful possession, or 15
their right to operate, such motor vehicle, and to establish 16
proper identity. 17

(B) Nonresidents who are unlawfully present in the United 18
States shall not operate any motor vehicle upon any highway in 19
this state, regardless of whether they are permitted to drive on 20

the highways in another state or hold a valid driver's license 21
issued by that state. 22

(C) (1) Whoever violates division (B) of this section is 23
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. 24

(2) The offense established under division (B) of this 25
section is a strict liability offense and section 2901.20 of the 26
Revised Code does not apply. The designation of this offense as 27
a strict liability offense shall not be construed to imply that 28
any other offense, for which there is no specified degree of 29
culpability, is not a strict liability offense. 30

(3) A law enforcement officer who issues a ticket, 31
citation, or summons for a violation of division (B) of this 32
section shall send a copy of the ticket, citation, or summons to 33
the immigration and customs enforcement section of the United 34
States department of homeland security. 35

Sec. 5502.11. (A) Every law enforcement agency 36
representing a township, county, municipal corporation, or other 37
political subdivision investigating a motor vehicle accident 38
involving a fatality, personal injury, or property damage in an 39
amount greater than one thousand dollars, within five days, 40
shall forward a written report of such accident to the director 41
of public safety on a form, which the director shall adopt 42
subject to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code. 43

(B) The director shall submit a certified copy of any 44
accident report to the attorney general that includes 45
information that at least one of the operators of a motor 46
vehicle involved in the accident was issued a ticket, citation, 47
or summons for a violation of division (B) of section 4507.04 of 48
the Revised Code. 49

(C) The attorney general shall bring a cause of action 50
under Article III, Section 2 of the United States Constitution 51
in the United States Supreme Court against the state that issued 52
the driver's license to a nonresident if all of the following 53
apply: 54

(1) The attorney general receives a certified copy of an 55
accident report in accordance with division (B) of this section. 56

(2) The nonresident is convicted of or pleads guilty to a 57
violation of division (B) of section 4507.04 of the Revised 58
Code. 59

(3) The motor vehicle accident resulted in bodily injury 60
to or death of any person or damage to the property of any 61
person that is not less than seventy-five thousand dollars. 62

(4) The nonresident was determined to be at fault for the 63
motor vehicle accident. 64

Section 2. That existing sections 4507.04 and 5502.11 of 65
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 66