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To amend section 4507.11 and to enact section 1  
4506.091 of the Revised Code to require the 2  
Registrar of Motor Vehicles to administer all 3  
drivers exams in English. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 4507.11 be amended and section 5  
4506.091 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 4506.091.** (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 7  
conduct in the English language both of the following: 8

(1) Any knowledge test for a person applying for a 9  
commercial driver's license temporary instruction permit in 10  
accordance with section 4506.06 of the Revised Code; 11

(2) Any skills test for a commercial driver's license in 12  
accordance with section 4506.09 of the Revised Code. 13

(B) The registrar shall not authorize the use of a 14  
translator, translation dictionary, an electronic device, or an 15  
interpreter to assist with the administration of any examination 16  
except as necessary to comply with the accessibility guidelines 17  
of the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. 18  
12101, et seq. 19

Sec. 4507.11. (A) (1) Except as provided in section 20  
4507.112 of the Revised Code, the registrar of motor vehicles 21  
shall conduct all necessary examinations of applicants for 22  
temporary instruction permits, drivers' licenses, motorcycle 23  
operators' endorsements, or motor-driven cycle or motor scooter 24  
endorsements. The examination shall include a test of the 25  
applicant's knowledge of motor vehicle laws, including the laws 26  
governing stopping for school buses and use of an electronic 27  
wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle, 28  
a test of the applicant's physical fitness to drive, and a test 29  
of the applicant's ability to understand highway traffic control 30  
devices. The registrar ~~may~~ shall conduct the examination in ~~such~~ 31  
~~a manner that applicants who are illiterate or limited in their~~ 32  
~~knowledge of the English language are tested and~~ by methods that 33  
would indicate to the examining officer that the applicant has a 34  
reasonable knowledge of motor vehicle laws and understands 35  
highway traffic control devices. The registrar shall not 36  
authorize the use of a translator, translation dictionary, an 37  
electronic device, or an interpreter to assist with the 38  
administration of any examination except as necessary to comply 39  
with the accessibility guidelines of the "Americans with 40  
Disabilities Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq. 41

(2) An applicant for a driver's license shall give an 42  
actual demonstration of the ability to exercise ordinary and 43  
reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle by 44  
driving a motor vehicle under the supervision of an examining 45  
officer; however, no applicant for a driver's license shall use 46  
a low-speed or under-speed vehicle or a mini-truck for the 47  
purpose of demonstrating ability to exercise ordinary and 48  
reasonable control over a vehicle. The demonstration shall 49  
consist of a maneuverability test and a road test. The director 50

of public safety shall determine the formats of the tests. 51

(3) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, an 52  
applicant for a motorcycle operator's endorsement or a 53  
restricted license that permits only the operation of a 54  
motorcycle shall give an actual demonstration of the ability to 55  
exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a 56  
motorcycle by driving a motorcycle under the supervision of an 57  
examining officer. However, no applicant for such an endorsement 58  
or restricted license shall use a motor-driven cycle or motor 59  
scooter for the purpose of demonstrating ability to exercise 60  
ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a 61  
motorcycle. 62

(4) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, an 63  
applicant for a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter operator's 64  
endorsement or a restricted license that permits only the 65  
operation of a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter shall give an 66  
actual demonstration of the ability to exercise ordinary and 67  
reasonable control in the operation of a motor-driven cycle or 68  
motor scooter by driving a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter 69  
under the supervision of an examining officer. 70

(5) Except as provided in sections 4507.112 and 4507.12 of 71  
the Revised Code, the registrar shall designate the highway 72  
patrol, any law enforcement body, or any other employee of the 73  
department of public safety to supervise and conduct 74  
examinations for temporary instruction permits, drivers' 75  
licenses, and motorcycle operators' endorsements and shall 76  
provide the necessary rules and forms to properly conduct the 77  
examinations. A deputy registrar shall forward to the registrar 78  
the records of the examinations, together with the application 79  
for a temporary instruction permit, driver's license, or 80

motorcycle operator's endorsement. If in the opinion of the 81  
registrar the applicant is qualified to operate a motor vehicle, 82  
the registrar shall issue the permit, license, or endorsement. 83

(6) The registrar may authorize the highway patrol, other 84  
designated law enforcement body, or other designated employee of 85  
the department of public safety to issue an examiner's driving 86  
permit to an applicant who has passed the required examination, 87  
authorizing that applicant to operate a motor vehicle while the 88  
registrar is completing an investigation relative to that 89  
applicant's qualifications to receive a temporary instruction 90  
permit, driver's license, or motorcycle operator's endorsement. 91  
The applicant shall keep the examiner's driving permit in the 92  
applicant's immediate possession while operating a motor 93  
vehicle. The examiner's driving permit is effective until final 94  
action and notification has been given by the registrar, but in 95  
no event longer than sixty days from its date of issuance. 96

(B) (1) An applicant for a motorcycle operator's 97  
endorsement or a restricted license that permits only the 98  
operation of a motorcycle who presents to the registrar of motor 99  
vehicles or a deputy registrar a form approved by the director 100  
of public safety attesting to the applicant's successful 101  
completion within the preceding sixty days of a course of basic 102  
instruction provided by the motorcycle safety and education 103  
program approved by the director pursuant to section 4508.08 of 104  
the Revised Code shall not be required to give an actual 105  
demonstration of the ability to operate a motorcycle by driving 106  
a motorcycle under the supervision of an examining officer, as 107  
described in division (A) of this section. An applicant for a 108  
motor-driven cycle or motor scooter operator's endorsement or a 109  
restricted license that permits only the operation of a motor- 110  
driven cycle or motor scooter who presents to the registrar of 111

motor vehicles or a deputy registrar a form approved by the 112  
director of public safety attesting to the applicant's 113  
successful completion within the preceding sixty days of a 114  
course of basic instruction provided by the motorcycle safety 115  
and education program approved by the director pursuant to 116  
section 4508.08 of the Revised Code shall not be required to 117  
give an actual demonstration of the ability to operate a motor- 118  
driven cycle or motor scooter by driving a motor-driven cycle or 119  
motor scooter under the supervision of an examining officer, as 120  
described in division (A) of this section. Upon presentation of 121  
the form described in division (B) (1) of this section and 122  
compliance with all other requirements relating to the issuance 123  
of a motorcycle operator's endorsement or a restricted license 124  
that permits only the operation of a motorcycle, the registrar 125  
or deputy registrar shall issue to the applicant the endorsement 126  
or restricted license, as the case may be. 127

(2) A person who has not attained eighteen years of age 128  
and presents an application for a motorcycle operator's 129  
endorsement or a restricted license under division (B) (1) of 130  
this section also shall comply with the requirements of section 131  
4507.21 of the Revised Code. 132

(C) A person who holds a valid motorcycle endorsement or 133  
restricted license that permits only the operation of a 134  
motorcycle may operate a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter 135  
with that endorsement or restricted license. 136

**Section 2.** That existing section 4507.11 of the Revised 137  
Code is hereby repealed. 138