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SUMMARY

- Excludes semitrailers from the Motor Vehicle Sales Law.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Sales of semitrailers

The bill excludes semitrailers from the Motor Vehicle Sales Law.¹ By doing so, a person does not need to obtain a motor vehicle dealer license from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to sell a semitrailer in Ohio.² Additionally, any other requirements, prohibitions, and restrictions that apply generally to the sales of motor vehicles in Ohio would no longer apply to the sale of semitrailers. A semitrailer is a trailer that does not have motor power of its own but relies on another separate motor vehicle to be propelled and to carry its weight. The semitrailer's weight, its load's weight, or both, either rest on or are carried by the other motor vehicle.³

Under current law, trailers are excluded from the Motor Vehicle Sales Law. However, recreational vehicle-related trailers, such as a fifth wheel trailer, park trailer, travel trailer, and tent-type fold-out camping trailer, are subject to that law.⁴

¹ R.C. 4517.01(B).

² R.C. 4517.02, not in the bill.

³ R.C. 4501.01(P), not in the bill.

⁴ R.C. 4517.01(B).

HISTORY

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