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To amend sections 4501.01, 4505.08, 4505.111, and 1
4513.02 and to enact sections 4503.184, 2
4505.073, and 4513.381 of the Revised Code to 3
allow for the registration of a high mobility 4
multipurpose wheeled vehicle manufactured for 5
military purposes, commonly known as a humvee. 6

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

Section 1. That sections 4501.01, 4505.08, 4505.111, and 7
4513.02 be amended and sections 4503.184, 4505.073, and 4513.381 8
of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 9

Sec. 4501.01. As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 10
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of the 11
Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise 12
provided: 13

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 14
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric 15
personal assistive mobility devices, low-speed micromobility 16
devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively on rails or 17
tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and vehicles 18
that belong to any police department, municipal fire department, 19

or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such a 20
department in the discharge of its functions. 21

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 22
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 23
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 24
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 25
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 26
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 27
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 28
motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction 29
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 30
in construction work and not designed for or employed in general 31
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 32
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 33
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 34
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 35
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 36
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 37

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 38
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing 39
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 40
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 41
used principally for agricultural purposes. 42

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 43
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 44
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 45
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 46
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 47
its load, or both. 48

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 49

designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 50
includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 51
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 52
arrangement. 53

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 54
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 55
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 56
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 57
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 58
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 59
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 60
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 61
agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 62
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 63
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 64
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 65
provisions in the laws of other states. 66

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 67
that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a 68
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 69
exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 70
event is used for general transportation. 71

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 72
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 73
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 74
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 75
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 76

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 77
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 78
except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 79

not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 80

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 81
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 82
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 83

(K) "Bicycle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 84
of the Revised Code. 85

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 86
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 87
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 88
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 89
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 90
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 91
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 92
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 93
bicycle. 94

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 95
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 96
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 97
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 98
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 99
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 100
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 101
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 102
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 103
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 104
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 105
place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 106
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 107
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 108
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 109

travel trailer. 110

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 111
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 112
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 113
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 114
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 115
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 116
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 117
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 118
personal or recreational purposes. 119

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 120
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 121
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 122
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 123
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 124
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 125
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 126
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 127
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 128

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 129
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 130
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 131
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 132
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 133
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 134
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 135
under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 136
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 137
semitrailer into a trailer. 138

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 139

structure that meets all of the following conditions:	140
(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational travel.	141 142
(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business for profit.	143 144
(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in intrastate commerce.	145 146
(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended.	147 148
(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code.	149 150
(6) It is classed as one of the following:	151
(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself-propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.	152 153 154 155 156
(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and consuming of food, and for sleeping.	157 158 159 160
(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to be used as a dwelling.	161 162 163 164 165 166

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

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

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

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of the load.

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is equipped with two or more solid tires.

(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.

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 196
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 197
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 198
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 199

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 200
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 201
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 202
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 203
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 204
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 205
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 206
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 207
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 208
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 209
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 210
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 211
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 212
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 213
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 214
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 215
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 216
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 217
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 218
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 219
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 220
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 221
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 222
being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 223
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or 224
dealing in motor vehicles. 225

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates 226

a motor vehicle upon the public highways.	227
(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor	228
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any	229
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than	230
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain,	231
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by	232
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily	233
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an	234
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain,	235
compensation, or profit.	236
(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts	237
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada.	238
(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all	239
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts.	240
(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's	241
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the	242
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle.	243
(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original	244
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor	245
of the vehicle.	246
(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a	247
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to	248
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of	249
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of	250
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle	251
dealers, except when the distributor also is a new motor vehicle	252
dealer, in which case the distributor may distribute at the	253
location of the distributor's licensed dealership.	254
(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of	255

persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is 256
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 257
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 258
buspools. 259

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is 260
used or intended for use in two or more international 261
registration plan member jurisdictions that allocate or 262
proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the 263
transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or 264
maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and 265
that meets any of the following qualifications: 266

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in 267
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; 268

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless 269
of the gross vehicle weight; 270

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight 271
in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 272

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 273
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up 274
and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the 275
United States, this state, or any political subdivisions 276
thereof. 277

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who 278
contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger- 279
carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in 280
accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 281
United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 282
group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 283
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 284

chartered group after having left the place of origin.	285
(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal	286
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the	287
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that	288
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway	289
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of	290
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in	291
member jurisdictions.	292
(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a	293
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and	294
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J)	295
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code.	296
(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial	297
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates	298
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised	299
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped	300
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the	301
vehicle.	302
(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any	303
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that	304
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or	305
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of	306
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum	307
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of	308
vehicles.	309
(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is	310
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for	311
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation	312
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under	313

the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 314
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 315
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 316
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 317
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 318
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 319

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 320
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 321

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 322
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 323
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 324
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 325
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 326
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 327
mobile homes. 328

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 329
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 330
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 331

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 332
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 333
an information system or for transmission from one information 334
system to another. 335

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 336
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 337
electronic record. 338

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 339
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 340

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 341
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 342

whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 343
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 344
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 345
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 346

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 347
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 348
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 349
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 350
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 351
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 352
hour. 353

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 354
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 355
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 356
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 357
privilege has been suspended. 358

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 359
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 360
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 361
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 362
handling, or similar activities. 363

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 364
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 365
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 366
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 367
rating less than three thousand pounds. 368

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 369
vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 370
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 371

twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 372
less than three thousand pounds. 373

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 374
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 375
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 376
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 377
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic 378
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 379
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 380
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 381

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 382
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 383
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 384
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 385
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 386

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 387
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 388
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 389
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 390
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 391

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 392
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 393
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 394
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 395
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 396
hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed 397
cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup 398
truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the 399
vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal 400
motor vehicle safety standards. 401

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is 402
manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for 403
motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering 404
wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to 405
straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle. 406

(DDD) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a 407
passenger car powered in part by a battery cell energy system 408
that can be recharged via an external source of electricity. 409

(EEE) "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered 410
by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the 411
following: 412

(1) A combustion engine; 413

(2) A battery cell energy system that cannot be recharged 414
via an external source of electricity but can be recharged by 415
other vehicle mechanisms that capture and store electric energy. 416

(FFF) "Low-speed micromobility device" means a device 417
weighing less than one hundred pounds that has handlebars, is 418
propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an 419
attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 420
twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor. 421

(GGG) "Specialty license plate" means a license plate, 422
authorized by the general assembly, that displays a combination 423
of words, markings, logos, or other graphic artwork that is in 424
addition to the words, images, and distinctive numbers and 425
letters required by section 4503.22 of the Revised Code. 426

(HHH) "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a passenger 427
car powered wholly by a battery cell energy system that can be 428
recharged via an external source of electricity. 429

(III) "Adaptive mobility vehicle" means a passenger car or bus that is designed, modified, or equipped to enable an individual with a disability to operate or to be transported in the passenger car or bus, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 568 or 595, and contains at least one of the following:

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

(2) An electronic or mechanical wheelchair ramp;

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

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

(KKK) "Humvee" means a high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle originally manufactured for military purposes.

Sec. 4503.184. (A) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, a person may use a humvee for general transportation and operate it on the public roads and highways if the owner of the humvee does both of the following:

(a) Meets all of the requirements specified in division (A) (2) of this section;

(b) Registers that humvee in accordance with the procedures for and the costs of registering a passenger car under Chapter 4503. of the Revised Code.

(2) Prior to registration, the owner of the humvee shall

<u>do all of the following:</u>	458
<u>(a) Ensure that the humvee is modified to be in safe</u>	459
<u>operating condition and that its equipment is in conformity with</u>	460
<u>Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code so as to be able to pass a</u>	461
<u>vehicle inspection;</u>	462
<u>(b) Ensure that the humvee is covered by and included in</u>	463
<u>any proof of financial responsibility maintained by the owner as</u>	464
<u>required by section 4509.101 of the Revised Code;</u>	465
<u>(c) Obtain a certificate of title in accordance with</u>	466
<u>section 4505.073 of the Revised Code.</u>	467
<u>(B) (1) As used in division (B) of this section, "limited</u>	468
<u>purpose" means either of the following:</u>	469
<u>(a) For participation in club activities, exhibitions,</u>	470
<u>tours, parades, and similar uses;</u>	471
<u>(b) Travel to and from a location where maintenance is</u>	472
<u>performed on a humvee.</u>	473
<u>(2) Unless a humvee is registered in accordance with</u>	474
<u>division (A) of this section, no person shall use a humvee for</u>	475
<u>general transportation. However, a person may operate a humvee</u>	476
<u>on the public roads and highways for a limited purpose if the</u>	477
<u>person does all of the following:</u>	478
<u>(a) Registers the humvee with the registrar of motor</u>	479
<u>vehicles or a deputy registrar on a form and in a manner</u>	480
<u>prescribed by the registrar;</u>	481
<u>(b) Pays the registration fee specified in division (B) (3)</u>	482
<u>of this section;</u>	483
<u>(c) Executes an affidavit that the vehicle for which the</u>	484

registration is requested is operated solely for a limited 485
purpose. 486

(3) In lieu of the annual license tax levied in sections 487
4503.02 and 4503.04 of the Revised Code, the registrar of motor 488
vehicles or a deputy registrar shall collect a license fee of 489
ten dollars for the registration of a humvee under division (B) 490
of this section. The fee shall be deposited into the public 491
safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of 492
the Revised Code. 493

(4) Notwithstanding section 4503.21 of the Revised Code, 494
the owner of a humvee that is registered under division (B) of 495
this section shall display the assigned registration number of 496
the vehicle by painting the number on the front and rear of the 497
vehicle. The number shall be painted, in accordance with the 498
size and style specifications established for numerals and 499
letters shown on license plates in section 4503.22 of the 500
Revised Code, in a color that contrasts clearly with the color 501
of the humvee and shall be legible and visible at all times. If 502
ownership of the humvee is transferred, the transferor shall 503
remove or obliterate the registration numbers painted on the 504
humvee. 505

(5) The registration certificate shall be kept in the 506
humvee at all times that the humvee is operated on the public 507
roads and highways in this state. 508

(C) No registration issued pursuant to this section need 509
specify the weight of the humvee. 510

Sec. 4505.073. (A) (1) An owner of a humvee, prior to 511
applying for registration of the humvee in accordance with 512
division (A) of section 4503.184 of the Revised Code, shall 513

apply to the clerk of a court of common pleas for a certificate 514
of title for that humvee that removes the "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY" 515
designation on the certificate of title. The application shall 516
require the applicant to do both of the following: 517

(a) Have the humvee inspected by the state highway patrol 518
in the manner specified in sections 4505.111 and 4513.02 of the 519
Revised Code; 520

(b) Obtain an inspection report from the state highway 521
patrol certifying that the humvee is in conformity with Chapter 522
4513. of the Revised Code. 523

(2) Upon submission of a completed application, compliance 524
with division (A) (1) of this section, and payment of the fee 525
prescribed in section 4505.09 of the Revised Code, the clerk 526
shall issue to the owner a certificate of title that does not 527
include the "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY" designation. 528

(B) (1) An owner of a humvee, prior to applying for 529
registration of the humvee in accordance with division (B) of 530
section 4503.184 of the Revised Code, shall apply to the clerk 531
of a court of common pleas for a certificate of title for that 532
humvee. Notwithstanding the limited authorization for operation 533
of the humvee on public streets and highways under division (B) 534
of that section, a certificate of title issued under division 535
(B) of this section shall retain the "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY" 536
designation. 537

(2) Upon submission of a completed application and payment 538
of the fee prescribed in section 4505.09 of the Revised Code, 539
the clerk shall issue to the owner a certificate of title that 540
includes the "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY" designation. 541

(C) (1) When a clerk of a court of common pleas issues a 542

duplicate certificate of title or memorandum certificate of 543
title for a humvee previously titled in accordance with either 544
division (A) or (B) of this section, that certificate of title 545
shall be identical to the existing certificate of title. 546

(2) Prior to issuance of a certificate of title under 547
division (A) or (B) of this section, the owner of the humvee 548
shall surrender to the clerk any existing certificate of title 549
and submit to the clerk a copy of the inspection report, if 550
applicable. 551

(D) The clerk shall use reasonable care in performing the 552
duties imposed on the clerk by this section in issuing a 553
certificate of title pursuant to this section, but the clerk is 554
not liable for any of the clerk's errors or omissions or those 555
of the clerk's deputies or the automated title processing system 556
in the performance of those duties. 557

(E) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles shall ensure that 558
any certificate of title of a humvee, including any subsequent, 559
memorandum, or duplicate certificate of title, issued under this 560
section complies with all of the following, as applicable: 561

(a) It is in the same form as the original certificate of 562
title. 563

(b) It includes the make, model, and model year of the 564
humvee. 565

(c) It either removes the "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY" designation 566
for certificates of title issued under division (A) of this 567
section or retains the "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY" designation for 568
certificates of title issued under division (B) of this section. 569

(2) The registrar shall determine the exact location on 570
the face of the certificate of title of the make, model, and 571

model year of the humvee. The registrar shall develop an 572
automated procedure within the automated title processing system 573
for purposes of this section. 574

Sec. 4505.08. (A) When the clerk of a court of common 575
pleas issues a physical certificate of title, the clerk shall 576
issue the certificate of title on a form and in a manner 577
prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles. The clerk shall 578
file a copy of the physical evidence for the creation of the 579
certificate of title in a manner prescribed by the registrar. A 580
clerk may retain digital images of documents used as evidence 581
for issuance of a certificate of title. Certified printouts of 582
documents retained as digital images shall have the same 583
evidentiary value as the original physical documents. The record 584
of the issuance of the certificate of title shall be maintained 585
in the automated title processing system. The clerk shall sign 586
and affix the clerk's seal to the original certificate of title 587
and, if there are no liens on the motor vehicle, shall deliver 588
the certificate to the applicant or the selling dealer. If there 589
are one or more liens on the motor vehicle, the certificate of 590
title shall be delivered to the holder of the first lien or the 591
selling dealer, who shall deliver the certificate of title to 592
the holder of the first lien. 593

The registrar shall prescribe a uniform method of 594
numbering certificates of title, and such numbering shall be in 595
such manner that the county of issuance is indicated. The clerk 596
shall assign numbers to certificates of title in the manner 597
prescribed by the registrar. The clerk shall file all 598
certificates of title according to rules to be prescribed by the 599
registrar, and the clerk shall maintain in the clerk's office 600
indexes for the certificates of title. 601

The clerk need not retain on file any current certificates 602
of title, current duplicate certificates of title, current 603
memorandum certificates of title, or current salvage 604
certificates of title, or supporting evidence of them covering 605
any motor vehicle or manufactured or mobile home for a period 606
longer than seven years after the date of its filing; 607
thereafter, the documents and supporting evidence may be 608
destroyed. The clerk need not retain on file any inactive 609
records, including certificates of title, duplicate certificates 610
of title, or memorandum certificates of title, or supporting 611
evidence of them, including the electronic record described in 612
division (A) of section 4505.06 of the Revised Code, covering 613
any motor vehicle or manufactured or mobile home for a period 614
longer than five years after the date of its filing; thereafter, 615
the documents and supporting evidence may be destroyed. 616

The automated title processing system shall contain all 617
active records and an index of the active records, a record and 618
index of all inactive titles for ten years, and a record and 619
index of all inactive titles for manufactured and mobile homes 620
for thirty years. If the clerk provides a written copy of any 621
information contained in the database, the copy shall be 622
considered the original for purposes of the clerk certifying the 623
record of the information for use in any legal proceeding. 624

(B) (1) If the clerk issues a certificate of title for a 625
motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 626
state, the clerk shall record verbatim, where practicable, in 627
the space on the title described in division (B) (19) of section 628
4505.07 of the Revised Code, the words that appear as a notation 629
to the vehicle on the title issued by the previous state. These 630
notations may include, but are not limited to, words to the 631
effect that the vehicle was considered or was categorized by the 632

state in which it was last previously registered to be a law 633
enforcement vehicle or a taxicab or was once in a flood. 634

(2) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 635
a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 636
state, receives information from the automated title processing 637
system indicating that a title to the vehicle previously was 638
issued by this state and that the previous title contained 639
notations that appeared in the space described in division (B) 640
(19) or (20) of section 4505.07 of the Revised Code, the clerk 641
shall enter the notations that appeared on the previous 642
certificate of title issued by this state on the new certificate 643
of title in the space described in division (B) (19) or (20) of 644
section 4505.07 of the Revised Code, irrespective of whether the 645
notations appear on the certificate of title issued by the state 646
in which the vehicle was last previously registered. 647

(3) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 648
a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 649
state, receives information from the automated title processing 650
system indicating that the vehicle was previously issued a title 651
by this state and that the previous title bore the notation 652
"REBUILT SALVAGE" as required by division (E) of section 4505.11 653
of the Revised Code, or the previous title to the vehicle issued 654
by this state was a salvage certificate of title, the clerk 655
shall cause the certificate of title the clerk issues to bear 656
the notation "REBUILT SALVAGE" in the location prescribed by the 657
registrar pursuant to that division. 658

(4) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 659
a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 660
state, receives information from the automated title processing 661
system indicating that the vehicle was previously issued a title 662

by this state and that the previous title included the notation 663
"REPLICA" in accordance with section 4505.072 of the Revised 664
Code, or the previous title to the vehicle issued by another 665
state indicates that the vehicle is a replica motor vehicle, the 666
clerk shall cause the certificate of title the clerk issues to 667
display the notation "REPLICA" in the location prescribed by the 668
registrar pursuant to that section. 669

(5) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 670
a humvee that was last previously registered in another state, 671
receives information from the automated title processing system 672
indicating that the humvee was previously issued a title by this 673
state and that the previous title removed the notation "OFF-ROAD 674
USE ONLY" in accordance with division (A) of section 4505.073 of 675
the Revised Code, or the previous title to the humvee issued by 676
another state removed any notation that the humvee was for off- 677
road use only, the clerk shall not include the designation "OFF- 678
ROAD USE ONLY" on the certificate of title that the clerk 679
issues. 680

(C) When the clerk issues a certificate of title for a 681
motor vehicle that was last previously registered in this state 682
and was a law enforcement vehicle or a taxicab or was once in a 683
flood, the clerk shall record that information in the space on 684
the title described in division (B) (20) of section 4505.07 of 685
the Revised Code. The registrar, by rule, may prescribe any 686
additional uses of or happenings to a motor vehicle that the 687
registrar has reason to believe should be noted on the 688
certificate of title as provided in this division. 689

(D) The clerk shall use reasonable care in recording or 690
entering onto titles the clerk issues any notation and 691
information the clerk is required by divisions (B) and (C) of 692

this section to record or enter and in causing the titles the 693
clerk issues to bear any notation required by those divisions, 694
but the clerk is not liable for any of the clerk's errors or 695
omissions or those of the clerk's deputies, or the automated 696
title processing system, in the performance of the duties 697
imposed on the clerk by this section. 698

(E) The clerk may issue a duplicate title, when duly 699
applied for, of any title that has been destroyed as herein 700
provided. 701

(F) Except as provided in section 4505.021 of the Revised 702
Code, the clerk shall issue a physical certificate of title to 703
an applicant unless the applicant specifically requests the 704
clerk not to issue a physical certificate of title and instead 705
to issue an electronic certificate of title. The fact that a 706
physical certificate of title is not issued for a motor vehicle 707
does not affect ownership of the vehicle. In that case, when the 708
clerk completes the process of entering certificate of title 709
application information into the automated title processing 710
system, the effect of the completion of the process is the same 711
as if the clerk actually issued a physical certificate of title 712
for the motor vehicle. 713

(G) An electronic motor vehicle dealer who applies for a 714
certificate of title on behalf of a customer who purchases a 715
motor vehicle from the dealer may print a non-negotiable 716
evidence of ownership for the customer if the customer so 717
requests. The authorization to print the non-negotiable evidence 718
of ownership shall come from the clerk with whom the dealer 719
makes application for the certificate of title for the customer, 720
but the printing by the dealer does not create an agency 721
relationship of any kind between the dealer and the clerk. 722

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

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

Sec. 4505.111. ~~(A)~~(A)(1) Every motor vehicle, other than a manufactured home, a mobile home, or a motor vehicle as provided in divisions (C), (D), and (E) of section 4505.11 of the Revised Code, that is assembled from component parts by a person other than the manufacturer, shall be inspected by the state highway patrol prior to issuance of title to the motor vehicle.

(2) Every humvee to be registered under division (A) of section 4503.184 of the Revised Code shall be inspected by the state highway patrol prior to issuance of title and registration to that humvee.

(3) An owner of a humvee registered or to be registered under division (B) of section 4503.184 of the Revised Code may request the state highway patrol to inspect the humvee. The state highway patrol shall inspect such humvee.

(B) The inspection shall include establishing proof of ownership and an inspection of the motor number and vehicle identification number of the motor vehicle or serial number of the humvee, and any items of equipment the director of public safety considers advisable and requires to be inspected by rule. A fee of fifty dollars shall be assessed by the state highway patrol for each inspection made pursuant to this section, and shall be deposited in the public safety - highway purposes fund

established by section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 752

~~(B)~~(C) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not 753
more than two thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than one 754
year, or both. 755

Sec. 4513.02. (A) No person shall drive or move, or cause 756
or knowingly permit to be driven or moved, on any highway any 757
vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe 758
condition as to endanger any person. 759

(B) When directed by any state highway patrol trooper, the 760
operator of any motor vehicle shall stop and submit such motor 761
vehicle to an inspection under division (B) (1) or (2) of this 762
section, as appropriate, and such tests as are necessary. 763

(1) Any motor vehicle not subject to inspection by the 764
public utilities commission shall be inspected and tested to 765
determine whether it is unsafe or not equipped as required by 766
law, or that its equipment is not in proper adjustment or 767
repair, or in violation of the equipment provisions of Chapter 768
4513. of the Revised Code. 769

Such inspection shall be made with respect to the brakes, 770
lights, turn signals, steering, horns and warning devices, 771
glass, mirrors, exhaust system, windshield wipers, tires, and 772
such other items of equipment as designated by the 773
superintendent of the state highway patrol by rule or regulation 774
adopted pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised 775
Code. 776

Upon determining that a motor vehicle is in safe operating 777
condition and its equipment in conformity with Chapter 4513. of 778
the Revised Code, the inspecting officer shall issue to the 779
operator an official inspection sticker, which shall be in such 780

form as the superintendent prescribes except that its color 781
shall vary from year to year. 782

(2) Any motor vehicle subject to inspection by the public 783
utilities commission shall be inspected and tested in accordance 784
with rules adopted by the commission. Upon determining that the 785
vehicle and operator are in compliance with rules adopted by the 786
commission, the inspecting officer shall issue to the operator 787
an appropriate official inspection sticker. 788

(C) The superintendent of the state highway patrol, 789
pursuant to sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code, shall 790
determine and promulgate standards for any inspection program 791
conducted by a political subdivision of this state. These 792
standards shall exempt licensed collector's vehicles, humvees 793
registered under division (B) of section 4503.184 of the Revised 794
Code, and historical motor vehicles from inspection. Any motor 795
vehicle bearing a valid certificate of inspection issued by 796
another state or a political subdivision of this state whose 797
inspection program conforms to the superintendent's standards, 798
and any licensed collector's vehicle, humvee registered under 799
division (B) of section 4503.184 of the Revised Code, or 800
historical motor vehicle which is not in a condition which 801
endangers the safety of persons or property, shall be exempt 802
from the tests provided in division (B) of this section. 803

(D) Every person, firm, association, or corporation that, 804
in the conduct of its business, owns and operates not less than 805
fifteen motor vehicles in this state that are not subject to 806
regulation by the public utilities commission and that, for the 807
purpose of storing, repairing, maintaining, and servicing such 808
motor vehicles, equips and operates one or more service 809
departments within this state, may file with the superintendent 810

of the state highway patrol applications for permits for such 811
service departments as official inspection stations for its own 812
motor vehicles. Upon receiving an application for each such 813
service department, and after determining that it is properly 814
equipped and has competent personnel to perform the inspections 815
referred to in this section, the superintendent shall issue the 816
necessary inspection stickers and permit to operate as an 817
official inspection station. Any such person who has had one or 818
more service departments so designated as official inspection 819
stations may have motor vehicles that are owned and operated by 820
the person and that are not subject to regulation by the public 821
utilities commission, excepting private passenger cars owned by 822
the person or the person's employees, inspected at such service 823
department; and any motor vehicle bearing a valid certificate of 824
inspection issued by such service department shall be exempt 825
from the tests provided in division (B) of this section. 826

No permit for an official inspection station shall be 827
assigned or transferred or used at any location other than 828
therein designated, and every such permit shall be posted in a 829
conspicuous place at the location designated. 830

If a person, firm, association, or corporation owns and 831
operates fifteen or more motor vehicles in the conduct of 832
business and is subject to regulation by the public utilities 833
commission, that person, firm, association, or corporation is 834
not eligible to apply to the superintendent for permits to 835
enable any of its service departments to serve as official 836
inspection stations for its own motor vehicles. 837

(E) When any motor vehicle is found to be unsafe for 838
operation, the inspecting officer may order it removed from the 839
highway and not operated, except for purposes of removal and 840

repair, until it has been repaired pursuant to a repair order as 841
provided in division (F) of this section. 842

(F) When any motor vehicle is found to be defective or in 843
violation of Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code, the inspecting 844
officer may issue a repair order, in such form and containing 845
such information as the superintendent shall prescribe, to the 846
owner or operator of the motor vehicle. The owner or operator 847
shall thereupon obtain such repairs as are required and shall, 848
as directed by the inspecting officer, return the repair order 849
together with proof of compliance with its provisions. When any 850
motor vehicle or operator subject to rules of the public 851
utilities commission fails the inspection, the inspecting 852
officer shall issue an appropriate order to obtain compliance 853
with such rules. 854

(G) Sections 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, with 855
respect to equipment on vehicles, do not apply to implements of 856
husbandry, road machinery, road rollers, or agricultural 857
tractors except as made applicable to such articles of 858
machinery. 859

(H) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 860
misdemeanor. 861

Sec. 4513.381. (A) No person shall be prohibited from 862
owning or operating a humvee that is registered under division 863
(B) of section 4503.184 of the Revised Code that is equipped 864
with a feature of design, type of material, or article of 865
equipment that was not in violation of the United States 866
department of defense equipment standards for the humvee in 867
effect during the calendar year the humvee was manufactured. 868

(B) No person shall be prohibited from owning or operating 869

a humvee that is registered under division (B) of section 870
4503.184 of the Revised Code for failing to comply with an 871
equipment provision contained in Chapter 4513. of the Revised 872
Code or in any state rule. 873

(C) (1) No owner of a humvee that is registered under 874
division (B) of section 4503.184 of the Revised Code shall be 875
required to comply with an emission, noise control, or fuel 876
usage provision contained in a law or rule of this state or its 877
political subdivisions. 878

(2) No owner of a humvee that is registered under division 879
(B) of section 4503.184 of the Revised Code shall be prohibited 880
from operating that humvee for failing to comply with an 881
emission, noise control, or fuel usage provision contained in a 882
law or rule of this state or its political subdivisions. 883

(D) This section does not apply to a humvee that is 884
registered under division (A) of section 4503.184 of the Revised 885
Code. 886

Section 2. That existing sections 4501.01, 4505.08, 887
4505.111, and 4513.02 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 888