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**Senator Johnson**

**Cosponsors: Senators O'Brien, Antonio, Brenner, Chavez, Cirino, Craig, Patton,  
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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 167  
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway 168  
permit, that is constructed with a raised forward section that 169  
allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed 170  
by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily 171  
installed in the bed of a truck. 172

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known 173  
as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American 174  
national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park 175  
trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area 176  
of four hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for 177  
seasonal or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to 178  
utilities necessary for the operation of installed features and 179  
appliances. 180

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 181  
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 182

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 183  
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 184  
the load. 185

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is 186  
equipped with two or more solid tires. 187

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 188  
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, 189  
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural 190  
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 191  
place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 192  
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 193  
hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 194  
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 195

(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

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