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A BILL

То	amend sections 155.33, 913.04, 913.28, 915.01,	1
	915.03, 915.14, 915.18, 915.20, 921.26, 925.21,	2
	925.62, 3715.041, 3715.07, 3715.27, 3715.33,	3
	3715.36, 3715.99, 3717.33, 3717.52, 4505.101,	4
	4505.104, 4513.60, 4513.601, 4513.61, 4513.62,	5
	4513.63, 4513.64, 4513.65, 4513.66, 4513.69,	6
	4707.02, 4928.01, and 4928.645; to amend, for	7
	the purpose of adopting a new section number as	8
	indicated in parentheses, section 3715.36	9
	(3715.34); and to repeal sections 913.27,	10
	915.04, 915.05, 915.06, 915.07, 915.08, 915.19,	11
	915.21, 925.26, 925.27, 925.28, 925.52, 925.56,	12
	925.61, 3715.14, 3715.15, 3715.16, 3715.17,	13
	3715.18, 3715.19, 3715.20, 3715.34, 3715.35, and	14
	3715.37 of the Revised Code to revise specified	15
	provisions of agriculture law, to define green	16
	energy, to exclude natural gas from receiving	17
	renewable energy credits, to revise the law	18
	governing environmental health specialists and	19
	environmental health specialists in training,	20
	and to allow conservancy district police	21

departments t	o take	specified	actions	regarding	22
the towing an	d stora	ge of moto	or vehic	les.	23

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

Section 1. That sections 155.33, 913.04, 913.28, 915.01,	24
915.03, 915.14, 915.18, 915.20, 921.26, 925.21, 925.62,	25
3715.041, 3715.07, 3715.27, 3715.33, 3715.36, 3715.99, 3717.33,	26
3717.52, 4505.101, 4505.104, 4513.60, 4513.601, 4513.61,	27
4513.62, 4513.63, 4513.64, 4513.65, 4513.66, 4513.69, 4707.02,	28
4928.01, and 4928.645 be amended and section 3715.36 (3715.34)	29
of the Revised Code be amended for the purpose of adopting a new	30
section number as indicated in parentheses to read as follows:	31
Sec. 155.33. (A)(1) Beginning on September 30, 2011the	32
effective date of this amendment, and ending on the effective	33
date of the rules adopted under section 155.34 of the Revised	34
Code, a state agency <u>may shall</u> lease <u>, in good faith,</u> a formation	35
within a parcel of land that is owned or controlled by the state	36
agency for the exploration for and development and production of	37
oil or natural gas. The lease shall be on terms that are just	38
and reasonable, as determined by custom and practice in the oil	39
and gas industry, and shall include at least the terms required	40
under division divisions (A)(1)(a) to (e) (d) of section 155.34	41
of the Revised Code. The person seeking to lease the formation	42
shall submit to the state agency the proof described in	43
divisions (D)(5)(a) and (b) of this section before entering into	44
the lease. On and after the effective date of the rules adopted	45
under section 155.34 of the Revised Code, a formation within a	46
parcel of land that is owned or controlled by a state agency may	47
be leased for the exploration for and development and production	48

of oil or natural gas only in accordance with divisions (A)(2)	49
to (H) of this section and those rules.	50
(2) On and after the effective date of rules adopted under	51
section 155.34 of the Revised Code, any person or state agency	52
that is interested in leasing a formation within a parcel of	53
land that is owned or controlled by a state agency for the	54
exploration for and the development and production of oil or	55
natural gas may submit to the oil and gas land management	56
commission a nomination that shall include all of the following:	57
(a) The name of the person making the nomination and the	58
person's address, telephone number, and email address;	59
(b) An identification of the formation and parcel of land	60
proposed to be leased that specifies all of the following:	61
(i) The percentage of the interest owned or controlled by	62
the state agency, and whether that interest is divided,	63
undivided, or partial;	64
(ii) The source deed by book and page numbers, including	65
the description and acreage of the parcel and an identification	66
of the county, section, township, and range in which the parcel	67
is located;	68
(iii) A plat map depicting the area in which the parcel is	69
located.	70
(c) If the person making the nomination is not a state	71
agency, a nomination fee of one hundred fifty dollars;	72
(d) The proposed lease bonus that applies to the	73
nomination;	74
(e) If the person making the nomination is not a state	75
agency, proof of both of the following:	76

(i) That the person has obtained the insurance and	77
financial assurance required under section 1509.07 of the	78
Revised Code;	79
(ii) That the person has registered with and obtained an	80
identification number from the division of oil and gas resources	81
management under section 1509.31 of the Revised Code.	82
(3) In order to encourage the submission of nominations	83
and the responsible and reasonable development of the state's	84
natural resources, only the information submitted under division	85
(A)(2)(b) of this section may be disclosed to the public until a	86
person is selected under division (F) of this section. Until a	87
person is selected under division (F) of this section, all other	88
information submitted under division (A)(2) of this section is	89
confidential, shall not be disclosed by the commission, and is	90
not a public record subject to inspection or copying under	91
section 149.43 of the Revised Code.	92
(4) When a nomination is not submitted by a state agency,	93
the nomination is the opening bid for purposes of division (D)	94
of this section. However, the person submitting the nomination	95
may supplement or amend that bid by providing additional	96
information in accordance with that division.	97
(B)(1) Not less than thirty days, but not more than one	98
hundred twenty days following the receipt of a nomination, the	99
commission shall conduct a meeting for the purpose of	100
determining whether to approve or disapprove the nomination for	101
the purpose of leasing a formation within the parcel of land	102
that is identified in the nomination.	103
In making its decision to approve or disapprove the	104

nomination, the commission shall consider all of the following:

(a) The economic benefits, including the potential income	106
from an oil or natural gas operation, that would result if the	107
lease of a formation that is the subject of the nomination were	108
approved;	109
(b) Whether the proposed oil or gas operation is	110
compatible with the current uses of the parcel of land that is	111
the subject of the nomination;	112
(c) The environmental impact that would result if the	113
lease of a formation that is the subject of the nomination were	114
approved;	115
(d) Any potential adverse geological impact that would	116
result if the lease of a formation that is the subject of the	117
nomination were approved;	118
(e) Any potential impact to visitors or users of a parcel	119
of land that is the subject of the nomination;	120
(f) Any potential impact to the operations or equipment of	121
a state agency that is a state university or college if the	122
lease of a formation within a parcel of land owned or controlled	123
by the university or college that is the subject of the	124
nomination were executed;	125
(g) Any comments or objections to the nomination submitted	126
to the commission by the state agency that owns or controls the	127
parcel of land on which the proposed oil or natural gas	128
operation would take place;	129
(h) Any comments or objections to the nomination submitted	130
to the commission by residents of this state or other users of	131
the parcel of land that is the subject of the nomination;	132
(i) Any special terms and conditions the state agency	133

included in its comments of objections that the state agency	134
believes are appropriate for the lease of the parcel of land	135
because of specific conditions related to that parcel of land.	136
(2) The commission shall approve or disapprove a	137
nomination not later than two calendar quarters following the	138
receipt of the nomination. The commission shall post notice of	139
the commission's decision on the commission's web site and send	140
notice of the decision by email and by certified mail to the	141
person that submitted the nomination and to the state agency	142
that owns or controls the formation within the parcel of land	143
that is the subject of the nomination.	144
(C) Each calendar quarter, the commission shall proceed to	145
advertise for bids for a lease for a formation within a parcel	146
of land that was the subject of a nomination approved during the	147
previous calendar quarter. The commission shall publish the	148
advertisement on its web site for a period of time established	149
by the commission. The advertisement shall include all of the	150
following:	151
(1) An identification of each formation and parcel of land	152
proposed to be leased that includes all of the information	153
specified in division (A)(2)(b) of this section;	154
(2) The deadline for the submission of bids;	155
(3) A statement that each bid must contain all of the	156
items required under division (D) of this section;	157
(4) A statement that a standard lease form that is	158
consistent with the practices of the oil and natural gas	159
industries and adopted by rule by the commission will be used	160
for the lease of a formation within the parcel of land;	161

(5) Any special terms and conditions that may apply to the

identification number from the division of oil and gas resources

(6) Any other information that the person believes is

management under section 1509.31 of the Revised Code.

relevant to the bid.

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(E) In order to encourage the submission of bids and the	190
responsible and reasonable development of the state's natural	191
resources, the information that is contained in a bid submitted	192
to the commission under this section is confidential, shall not	193
oe disclosed by the commission, and is not a public record	194
subject to inspection and copying under section 149.43 of the	195
Revised Code until a person is selected under division (F) of	196
this section.	197

The commission shall select the person who submits the highest and best bid, taking into account the financial responsibility of the prospective lessee and the ability of the prospective lessee to perform its obligations under the lease. After the commission selects a person, the commission shall notify the applicable state agency and send the person's bid to the agency. The state agency shall enter into a lease with the person selected by the commission.

- (G) (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 155.37 of the Revised Code, all money received by a state agency from signing fees, rentals, and royalty payments for leases entered into under this section shall be paid by the state agency into the state treasury to the credit of the state land royalty fund created in section 131.50 of the Revised Code.
- (2) All money received from nomination fees and bid fees shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the oil and gas land management commission administration fund created in section 155.35 of the Revised Code.
- (H) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, a nature preserve as defined in section 1517.01 of the Revised Code that is owned or controlled by a state agency shall not be nominated or leased under this section for the

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(f) Critical control factors affecting heat penetration.	247
(5) Establish standards of identity, quality, and fill for	248
canned foods.	249
(B) No person shall violate any rule adopted under this	250
section.	251
Sec. 913.28. The director of agriculture shall enforce	252
sections 913.01 to 913.05 and 913.22 to <u>913.27 913.26</u> of the	253
Revised Code, and he the director shall adopt rules as he the	254
director considers necessary for the administration and	255
enforcement of such sections.	256
Sec. 915.01. As used in section 915.01 to 915.12,	257
inclusive, of the Revised Code:	258
(A) "Cold storage" means the storage of food, at or below	259
a temperature of forty degrees Fahrenheit, in a cold-storage	260
warehouse.	261
(B) "Cold-storage warehouse" means a place artificially	262
cooled by the employment of refrigerating machinery or ice or	263
other means, in which articles of food are stored for thirty	264
days or more at a temperature of forty degrees Fahrenheit, or	265
lower.	266
(C) "Food" means-eggs, butter, fresh animal flesh and-	267
fresh products therefrom, and fresh fish and fowl flesh, which	268
have been stored in a cold-storage warehouse:	269
(1) Articles used for food or drink for humans or animals;	270
(2) Chewing gum;	271
(3) Articles used for components of any such articles.	272
(D) "Container" means any bag, barrel, basket, bottle,	273

box, caddy can, canister, carton, crate, firkin, hogshead, jar,	274
jug, keg, stopper, vessel, wrapper, frozen bulk, or any similar	275
or analogous utensil, receptacle, band, or wrapper in which food	276
may be kept, stored, sold, or offered for sale.	277
(E) "Marked" means written, printed, stamped, or painted,	278
or any other means whereby words or figures may be indicated in	279
or on a container, or any cover attached thereto.	280
(F)—"Wholesome" means fit for human food.	281
Sec. 915.03. Each person, firm, or corporation licensed to	282
operate a cold-storage warehouse shall keep an accurate record	283
of the receipts and withdrawals of food therefrom. The agents of	284
the director of agriculture shall have free access to such	285
records at all times. Each such person, firm, or corporation	286
shall file in the office of the director on or before the sixth-	287
day of January, April, July, and October of each year, a report	288
setting forth in itemized form the kind and quantities of food	289
products held in cold storage in such warehouse. The report	290
shall be made on printed forms prepared and supplied by the-	291
director. The director may cause such other reports to be filed-	292
at such times as he may deem advisable.	293
Sec. 915.14. As used in sections 915.14 to 915.24 of the	294
Revised Code, unless the context otherwise requires:	295
(A) "Food" means—all articles used by humans for food,—	296
drink, ice, confectionery, or condiment, whether simple, mixed,	297
or compound, and any substance used as a constituent in the	298
<pre>manufacture thereof:</pre>	299
(1) Articles used for food or drink for humans or animals;	300
(2) Chewing qum;	301

(3) Articles used for components of any such articles.	302
(B) "Establishment" means any business location or	303
building of which any of the following facilities or operations	304
are a part: a frozen food manufacturing facility,	305
slaughterhouse, locker room, locker, chill room, sharp freezing	306
room and facilities, or sharp freezing cabinet.	307
(C) "Slaughterhouse" means a room or space used to butcher-	308
animals for sharp freezing.	309
(D) "Locker room" means any room in an establishment in	310
which lockers are located and in which space may be provided for	311
the storage of frozen food belonging to and for sale by the	312
operator to the public.	313
(E) "Locker" means the individual section or compartment,	314
provided with a lock, of a capacity not to exceed twenty-five	315
cubic feet, in the locker room of an establishment, which is	316
rented by a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of	317
storing frozen food for its use.	318
(F) "Chill room" means a room or space in an establishment	319
used for the purpose of chilling food in preparation for	320
processing for sharp freezing.	321
(G) (D) "Sharp freezing" means the reducing of every	322
portion of food placed in a sharp freezer facility to a	323
temperature of ten degrees Fahrenheit or less in five hours or	324
less.	325
(H) (E) "Sharp freezing room," "sharp freezing cabinet,"	326
or "other sharp freezing facilities" means any location, space,	327
or facility in an establishment used for the sharp freezing of	328
food for storage or eventual sale.	329

$\frac{(I)}{(F)}$ "Operator" means any person, firm, or corporation	330
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operating or maintaining an establishment.	331
(J) (G) "Frozen food manufacturing facility" means a room	332
or space in an establishment used to freeze food, other than	333
frozen desserts as defined in section 917.01 of the Revised	334
Code, for eventual sale in a frozen state.	335
Sec. 915.18. (A) The refrigeration system for an	336
establishment shall be equipped with accurate and reliable	337
controls for the automatic maintenance of uniform temperatures	338
as required in the various refrigerated rooms and shall be of	339
adequate capacity to provide under extreme conditions of outside	340
temperatures and under peak load conditions in the normal	341
operations of the establishment, the following temperatures:	342
(1) In the chill room temperatures within two degrees of	343
Fahrenheit plus or minus of thirty-eight degrees above zero	344
Fahrenheit with a tolerance of ten degrees Fahrenheit for a	345
reasonable time after fresh food is put in for chilling;	346
(2) In the sharp freezing room temperatures of ten degrees	347
below zero Fahrenheit or lower or temperatures of zero degrees	348
Fahrenheit or lower when forced air circulation is employed with	349
a tolerance of ten degrees Fahrenheit for either type of	350
installation for a reasonable time after fresh food is put in	351
for freezing+	352
(3) In the locker room temperatures of not to exceed plus-	353
five degrees Fahrenheit with a tolerance of five degrees	354
Fahrenheit higher;	355
(B) All establishments with the exception of those having	356
a locker room only, shall have a chill room, and sharp-freezing	357
facilities and facilities for cutting and wrapping or packaging	358

food .	359
(B) This section does not prohibit such variations as may	360
occur during short periods of time incidental to defrosting. For	361
experimental purposes, the department of agriculture, upon	362
application in writing, may authorize for a limited and	363
prescribed period, the installation and use of refrigeration	364
systems or methods which in the opinion of the department will	365
result in improvement over present methods.	366
Sec. 915.20. (A) As used in this section:	367
(1) "Locker" means the individual section or compartment,	368
provided with a lock, of a capacity not to exceed twenty-five	369
cubic feet, in the locker room of an establishment, which is	370
rented by a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of	371
storing frozen food for its use.	372
(2) "Locker room" means any room in an establishment in	373
which lockers are located and in which space may be provided for	374
the storage of frozen food belonging to and for sale by the	375
operator to the public.	376
(B) Every operator of an establishment having lockers	377
shall keep an accurate record setting forth:	378
(A) The the name and address of each patron renting a	379
locker or storing food;	380
(B) The rental period for each locker rented, the charge	381
therefor, and the payments thereon;	382
(C) All persons renting lockers who are directly or	383
indirectly engaged in the selling of foodstuffs for human-	384
consumption must declare this fact to the management and an	385
entry shall be made on the records of the operator.	386

Articles of food in any establishment which are intended	387
for trade channels must be handled as provided under sections-	388
915.03 to 915.12, inclusive, of the Revised Code, and the rules-	389
and regulations promulgated thereunder. An operator may have in-	390
storage in any establishment under his control, food belonging-	391
to and for sale by such operator to the public, without	392
complying with section 915.03 of the Revised Code.	393
Sec. 921.26. (A) The penalties provided for violations of	394
this chapter do not apply to any of the following:	395
(1) Any carrier while lawfully engaged in transporting a	396
pesticide or device within this state, if that carrier, upon	397
request, permits the director of agriculture to copy all records	398
showing the transactions in the movement of the pesticides or	399
devices;	400
(2) Public officials of this state and the federal	401
government, other than commercial applicators employed by the	402
federal government, the state, or a political subdivision, while	403
engaged in the performance of their official duties in	404
administering state or federal pesticide laws or rules, or while	405
engaged in pesticide research;	406
(3) The manufacturer or shipper of a pesticide for	407
experimental use only by or under supervision of an agency of	408
this state or of the federal government authorized by law to	409
conduct research in the field of pesticides, provided that the	410
manufacturer or shipper is not required to obtain an	411
experimental use permit from the United States environmental	412
protection agency;	413
(4) The manufacturer or shipper of a substance being	

tested in which its purpose only is to determine its value for

pesticide purposes or to determine its toxicity or other	416
properties, and from which the user does not expect to receive	417
any benefit in pest control from its use;	418
(5) Persons conducting laboratory research involving	419
pesticides;	420
(6) Persons who incidentally use pesticides. The	421
incidental use shall involve only the application of general use	422
pesticides. If a person incidentally uses a pesticide, the	423
pesticide shall be applied in strict accordance with the	424
manufacturer's label for general use purposes. If further	425
applications are necessary following the incidental use	426
application, a pesticide applicator shall apply the pesticide.	427
(B) No pesticide or device shall be considered in	428
violation of this chapter when intended solely for export to a	429
foreign country, and when prepared or packed according to the	430
specifications or directions of the purchaser. If the pesticide	431
or device is not so exported, this chapter applies.	432
$\frac{(C)}{(C)}$ (C) (1) No person who is licensed, regulated, or	433
registered under section 921.02, 921.03, 921.06, 921.08, 921.09,	434
921.11, or 921.13 of the Revised Code shall be required to	435
obtain a license or permit to operate or to be otherwise	436
regulated in such capacity by any local ordinance, or to meet	437
any other condition except as otherwise provided by statute or	438
rule of the United States or of this state.	439
(2) No political subdivision shall regulate or ban the	440
packaging, registration, labeling, sale, storage, distribution,	441
use, or application of a pesticide registered under section	442
921.02 of the Revised Code on private property, including	443
private property that is open to the public. As used in this_	444

Sec. 925.21. As used in sections 925.22 to 925.32,

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protection agency.

3715.021 of the Revised Code.

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inclusive, of the Revised Code:	473
(A) "Fruit or vegetable" means any fresh unprocessed fruit	474
or vegetable which is intended for human consumption.	475
(B) "Container" means any device used to hold or enclose a	476
quantity of fruits or vegetables, except one with a capacity of	477
one dry quart or less which is packed in a larger container	478
marked in compliance with sections 925.21 to 925.32, inclusive,	479
of the Revised Code.	480
(C) "Person" includes any individual, company,	481
partnership, corporation, or association or any combination of	482
individuals of whatever form and character, also any employee,	483
agent, or officer thereof.	484
(D) "Unclassified" means that no grade has been applied to-	485
a quantity of fruits or vegetables.	486
Sec. 925.62. No person, firm, or corporation shall dye or	487
otherwise color any rabbit or baby poultry, including, but not	488
limited to, chicks and ducklings. No person, firm, or	489
corporation shall sell, offer for sale, expose for sale, raffle,	490
or give away any rabbit or baby poultry which has been dyed or	491
otherwise colored. No poultry younger than four weeks of age may	492
be sold, given away, or otherwise distributed to any person in	493
lots of less than— <u>six</u> three. Stores, shops, vendors, and others	494
offering young poultry for sale or other distribution shall	495
provide and operate brooders or other heating devices that may	496
be necessary to maintain poultry in good health, and shall keep	497
adequate food and water available to the poultry at all times.	498
Sec. 3715.041. (A) (1) As used in this section, "food	499
processing establishment" has the same meaning as in section	500

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(2) A person that operates a food processing establishment	502
shall register the establishment annually with the director of	503
agriculture. The person shall submit an application for	504
registration or renewal on a form prescribed and provided by the	505
director. Except as provided in division (G) of this section, an	506
application for registration or renewal shall be accompanied by	507
a registration fee in an amount established in rules adopted	508
under this section. If a person files an application for	509
registration on or after the first day of August of any year,	510
the fee shall be one-half of the annual registration fee.	511
(B)(1) The director shall inspect the food processing	512
establishment for which an application for initial registration	513
has been submitted. If, upon inspection, the director finds that	514
the establishment is in compliance with this chapter and Chapter	515

(2) A person that is operating a food processing establishment shall apply to the director for a certificate of registration not later than a date specified by the director in rules adopted under this section. If an application is not filed with the director or postmarked on or before that date, the director shall assess a late fee in an amount established in rules adopted under this section.

911., 913., 915., or 925. of the Revised Code, as applicable, or

shall issue a certificate of registration to the food processing

applicable rules adopted under those chapters, the director

establishment. A food processing establishment registration

expires on the thirty-first day of January and is valid until

that date unless it is suspended or revoked under this section.

(C) (1) A food processing establishment registration may be529renewed by the director. A person seeking registration renewal530shall submit an application for renewal to the director not531

later than the thirty-first day of January. The director shall	532
issue a renewed certificate of registration on receipt of a	533
complete renewal application except as provided in division (C)	534
(2) of this section.	535
(2) If a renewal application is not filed with the	536
director or postmarked on or before the thirty-first day of	537
January, the director shall assess a late fee in an amount	538
established in rules adopted under this section. The director	539
shall not renew the registration until the applicant pays the	540
late fee.	541
(D) A copy of the food processing establishment	542
registration certificate shall be conspicuously displayed in an	543
area of the establishment to which customers of the	544
establishment have access.	545
(E)(1) The director or the director's designee may issue	546
an order suspending or revoking a food processing establishment	547
registration upon determining that the registration holder is in	548
violation of this chapter or Chapter 911., 913., 915., or 925.	549
of the Revised Code, as applicable, or applicable rules adopted	550
under those chapters. Except as provided in division (E)(2) of	551
this section, a registration shall not be suspended or revoked	552
until the registration holder is provided an opportunity to	553
appeal the suspension or revocation in accordance with Chapter	554
119. of the Revised Code.	555
(2) If the director determines that a food processing	556
establishment presents an immediate danger to the public health,	557
the director may issue an order immediately suspending the	558
establishment's registration without affording the registration	559
holder an opportunity for a hearing. The director then shall	560

afford the registration holder <u>an opportunity for</u> a hearing in

accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code not later than	562
ten days after the date of suspension.	563
(3) If the director finds that a person is operating a	564
food processing establishment without registering the	565
establishment under this section, the director shall issue a	566
letter of warning to the person giving the person ten days to	567
register the establishment. If the person fails to register the	568
establishment within that ten-day time period, the director may	569
assess a civil penalty against the person. If the director	570
assesses a civil penalty, the director shall do so as follows:	571
(a) If, within five years of the issuance of the letter of	572
warning to the person, the director has not previously assessed	573
a civil penalty against the person under this section, in an	574
amount not exceeding five hundred dollars;	575
(b) If, within five years of the issuance of the letter of	576
warning to the person, the director has previously assessed one	577
civil penalty against the person under this section, in an	578
amount not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars;	579
(c) If, within five years of the issuance of the letter of	580
warning to the person, the director has previously assessed two	581
or more civil penalties against the person under this section,	582
in an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars.	583
(F) The director shall adopt rules in accordance with	584
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish all of the	585
following:	586
(1) The date by which a person that is operating a food	587
processing establishment must submit an application for a food	588
processing establishment registration;	589
(2) The amount of the registration fee that must be	590

submitted with an application for a food processing	591
establishment registration and with an application for renewal;	592
(3) The amount of the late fee that is required in	593
division (B)(2) of this section;	594
(4) The amount of the fee for the late renewal of a food	595
processing establishment registration that is required in	596
division (C)(2) of this section;	597
(5) Any other procedures and requirements that are	598
necessary to administer and enforce this section.	599
(G) The following are not required to pay any registration	600
fee that is otherwise required in this section:	601
(1) Bakeries registered under section 911.02 of the	602
Revised Code;	603
(2) Canneries licensed under section 913.02 of the Revised	604
Code;	605
(3) Soft drink plants licensed under section 913.23 of the	606
Revised Code;	607
(4) Cold-storage warehouses licensed under section 915.02	608
of the Revised Code;	609
(5) Persons licensed under section 915.15 of the Revised	610
Code;	611
(6) Persons that are engaged in egg production and that	612
maintain annually five hundred or fewer laying hens.	613
(H) All money that is collected under this section shall	614
be credited to the food safety fund created in section 915.24 of	615
the Revised Code.	616
Sec. 3715.07. A flavoring extract is adulterated within	617

the meaning of sections 3715.01 to $\frac{3715.37}{\text{, inclusive,}} \frac{3715.34}{\text{.}}$	618
of the Revised Code, if, when sold under or by any one of the	619
following names it differs from the standard fixed therefor by	620
this section:	621
(A) Almond extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	622
oil of bitter almonds, free from hydrocyanic acid, and shall	623
contain not less than one per cent by volume of oil of bitter	624
almonds.	625
(B) Anise extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	626
oil of anise, and shall contain not less than three per cent by	627
volume of oil of anise.	628
(C) Celery seed extract is the flavoring extract prepared	629
from celery seed or the oil of celery seed, or both, and shall	630
contain not less than three-tenths per cent by volume of oil of	631
celery seed.	632
(D) Cassia extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	633
oil of cassia, and shall contain not less than two per cent by	634
volume of oil of cassia.	635
(E) Cinnamon extract is the flavoring extract prepared	636
from oil of cinnamon, and shall contain not less than two per	637
cent by volume of oil of cinnamon.	638
(F) Clove extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	639
oil of cloves, and shall contain not less than two percent by	640
volume of oil of cloves.	641
(G) Ginger extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	642
ginger, and shall contain in each one hundred cubic centimeters	643
the alcohol-soluble matters from not less than twenty grams of	644
ginger.	645

(H) Lemon extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	646
oil of lemon or from lemon peel, or both, and shall contain not	647
less than five per cent by volume of oil of lemon.	648
(I) Terpeneless extract of lemon is the flavoring extract	649
prepared by shaking oil of lemon with dilute alcohol, or by	650
dissolving terpeneless oil of lemon in dilute alcohol, and shall	651
contain not less than two-tenths per cent by weight of citral	652
derived from oil of lemon.	653
(J) Nutmeg extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	654
oil of nutmeg, and shall contain not less than two per cent by	655
volume of oil of nutmeg.	656
(K) Orange extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	657
oil of orange or from orange peel, or both, and shall contain	658
not less than five per cent by volume of oil of orange.	659
(L) Terpenless extract of orange is the flavoring extract	660
prepared by shaking oil of orange with dilute alcohol, or by	661
dissolving terpeneless oil of orange in dilute alcohol and shall	662
correspond in flavoring strength to orange extract.	663
(M) Peppermint extract is the flavoring extract prepared	664
from oil of peppermint or from peppermint, or both, and shall	665
contain not less than three per cent by volume of oil of	666
peppermint.	667
(N) Rose extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	668
otto of roses, with or without rose petals, and shall contain	669
not less than four-tenths per cent by volume of otto of roses.	670
(O) Savory extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	671
oil of savory or from savory, or both, and shall contain not	672
less than thirty-five hundredths per cent by volume of oil of	673
savory.	674

(P) Spearmint extract is the flavoring extract prepared	6/3
from oil of spearmint or from spearmint, or both, and shall	676
contain not less than three per cent by volume of oil of	677
spearmint.	678
(Q) Star anise extract is the flavoring extract prepared	679
from oil of star anise, and shall contain not less than three	680
per cent by volume of oil of star anise.	681
(R) Sweet basil extract is the flavoring extract prepared	682
from oil of sweet basil or from sweet basil, or both, and shall	683
contain not less than one-tenth per cent by volume of oil of	684
sweet basil.	685
(S) Sweet marjoram extract or marjoram extract is the	686
flavoring extract prepared from the oil of marjoram or from	687
marjoram, or both, and shall contain not less than one per cent	688
by volume of oil of marjoram.	689
(T) Thyme extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	690
oil of thyme or from thyme, or both, and shall contain not less	691
than two-tenths per cent by volume of oil of thyme.	692
(U) Tonka extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	693
tonka bean, with or without sugar or glycerine, and shall	694
contain not less than one-tenth per cent by weight of coumarin	695
extracted from the tonka bean, together with a corresponding	696
proportion of the other soluble matters thereof.	697
(V) Vanilla extract is the flavoring extract prepared from	698
vanilla bean, with or without sugar or glycerin, and shall	699
contain in one hundred cubic centimeters the soluble matters	700
from not less than ten grams of the vanilla bean.	701
(W) Wintergreen extract is the flavoring extract prepared	702
from oil of wintergreen, and shall contain not less than three	703

per cent by volume of oil of wintergreen.	704
All of said flavoring extracts shall be a solution in	705
ethyl alcohol of proper strength of the sapid and odorous	706
principles derived from an aromatic plant, or parts of the	707
plant, and shall conform in name to the plant used in its	708
preparation.	709
Sec. 3715.27. (A) As used in this section, "cider" means	710
the unfermented juice, obtained by mechanically expressing the	711
juice from sound, mature, non-citrus fruit, from which is	712
removed excess pulp and seeds, other than embryonic seeds and	713
small fragments of seeds that cannot be separated by good	714
manufacturing practice. The cider may contain natural or	715
artificial citric acid, preservatives authorized by rules	716
adopted under section 3715.02 of the Revised Code, or a	717
combination thereof.	718
(B) For the manufacture of apple cider, a mechanical	719
washing and scrubbing device shall be used to remove orchard	720
soil and dirt from the fruit prior to crushing. This device	721
shall be equipped with automatic scrubbing brushes and a means	722
to chlorinate add a sanitizer to the water used as the washing	723
liquid.	724
(C) A complete label that complies with rules adopted	725
under section 3715.02 of the Revised Code shall be placed on	726
each package of cider designed for sale to the ultimate	727
consumer.	728
(D) No person shall fail to comply with division (B) or	729
(C) of this section.	730
Sec. 3715.33. Vinegar made by fermentation and oxidation	731
without the intervention of distillation shall be branded	732

"fermented vinegar" with the name of the fruit or substance from	733
which it is made. Fermented vinegar, not otherwise provided for	734
in sections 3715.28 to $\frac{3715.36}{\text{, inclusive,}} \frac{3715.34}{\text{of the Revised}}$	735
Code, and not being distilled vinegar as defined in section	736
3715.32 of the Revised Code, shall contain not less than two per	737
cent by weight, upon full evaporation at the temperature of	738
boiling water, of solids, contained in the fruit or grain or	739
substance from which such vinegar is fermented, and not less	740
than two and one-half-tenths of one per cent ash or mineral	741
matter, the product of the material from which such vinegar is	742
manufactured.	743
Sec. 3715.36 3715.34. No person shall manufacture for	744
sale, sell, deliver, or offer or expose for sale, or have in his	745
the person's possession with intent to sell or deliver, vinegar	746
not made in compliance with sections 3715.28 to 3715.35,	747
inclusive, 3715.33 of the Revised Code, or contained in packages	748
not branded in compliance with such sections.	749
No person shall violate sections 3715.28 to 3715.36,	750
inclusive, 3715.34 of the Revised Code.	751
Whoever violates this section shall pay all necessary	752
costs and expenses incurred in inspecting and analyzing the	753
vinegar.	754
Sec. 3715.99. (A) Whoever violates sections section	755
$3715.13 ext{ to } 3715.19_{ au}$ or 3715.38 of the Revised Code is guilty of	756
a minor misdemeanor.	757
(B) Whoever violates section 3715.22, 3715.25, or 3715.27,	758
or 3715.34 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the	759
fourth degree.	760

(C) Whoever violates section 3715.23 or 3715.36 <u>3715.34</u> of

the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second	762
degree.	763
(D) Whoever violates section 3715.52 or 3715.65 of the	764
Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on	765
a first offense; on each subsequent offense, the person is	766
guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.	767
(E) Whoever violates section 3715.521 of the Revised Code	768
is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. A violation of that section	769
occurs on a daily basis, not according to the number of times	770
per day that an expired drug, baby food, or infant formula is	771
sold, offered for sale, or delivered at retail or to the	772
consumer. Each day of violation is a separate offense.	773
Sec. 3717.33. Pursuant to section 3717.04 of the Revised	774
Code, the director of agriculture shall adopt rules regarding	775
the following:	776
(A) Licensing categories for retail food establishments	777
and licensing requirements for each category, including	778
appropriate practices for the activities performed by a retail	779
<pre>food establishment;</pre>	780
(B) Standards for collection of food samples from retail	781
food establishments for purposes of identifying adulteration and	782
misbranding;	783
(C) Records to be generated and maintained by licensed	784
retail food establishments;	785
(D) Appeals of proposed suspensions and revocations of	786
retail food establishment licenses and appeals of suspensions of	787
licenses issued for violations presenting a clear and present	788
danger to the public health;	789

(E) Standards and procedures, including a schedule of	790
frequency, for conducting inspections of retail food	791
establishments;	792
(F) Standards and procedures for determining during an	793
inspection whether articles should be removed from use because	794
of a clear and present danger to the public health;	795
(G) Standards and procedures for conducting investigations	796
of complaints pertaining to retail food establishments;	797
$\frac{\mathrm{(H)}}{\mathrm{(H)}}$ (1) Surveys conducted by the director to determine	798
whether boards of health are qualified and have the capacity to	799
administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and the	800
rules adopted under it applicable to retail food establishments	801
and to abide by the Ohio uniform food safety $\operatorname{code}_{ au}$. The rules	802
shall require, as part of a survey, both of the following:	803
(a) The director to evaluate whether an individual	804
registered as an environmental health specialist or an	805
environmental health specialist in training under Chapter 4736.	806
of the Revised Code who is employed by or has contracted with a	807
board of health to enforce this chapter as it relates to retail	808
food establishments has sufficient knowledge of the provisions	809
of this chapter, rules adopted under it, and of the Ohio uniform	810
food safety code to conduct such enforcement;	811
(b) The director to evaluate an individual under division	812
(H)(1)(a) of this section solely through the use of an objective	813
written or electronic assessment that complies with all of the	814
<pre>following:</pre>	815
(i) It is developed by the director in consultation with	816
representatives from the Ohio environmental health association	817
and the association of Ohio health commissioners.	818

(ii) It does not exceed fifty questions in length.	819
(iii) In order to pass the assessment, the individual must	820
correctly answer eighty per cent or more of the questions in the	821
assessment. Questions on the exam shall be derived from the most	822
common violations cited during the previous inspection year.	823
(iv) The individual is allowed to review the Ohio uniform	824
food safety code during the assessment.	825
(2) The director, in consultation with representatives	826
from the Ohio environmental health association and the	827
association of Ohio health commissioners, shall review and	828
update the assessment described in division (H)(1)(b) of this	829
section on at least a biennial basis.	830
(3) For purposes of any field review portion of the	831
survey, the director may require a registered environmental	832
health specialist or environmental health specialist in training	833
to participate in the field review for training and educational	834
purposes. However, the director shall not use such participation	835
to evaluate whether the registered environmental health	836
specialist or environmental health specialist in training has	837
sufficient knowledge of this chapter, rules adopted under it,	838
and of the Ohio uniform food safety code.	839
(I) Reinstatement of a board of health as a licensor after	840
the director has revoked the approval of the board;	841
(J) Procedures for resolving disputes between licensors	842
and the holders of licenses for retail food establishments;	843
(K) Procedures for providing enforcement support to a	844
board of health requesting assistance in the prosecution of a	845
person for a violation of the provisions of this chapter	846
applicable to retail food establishments;	847

(L) Any other matter the director considers relevant to	848
the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this	849
chapter applicable to retail food establishments.	850
Sec. 3717.52. Pursuant to section 3717.04 of the Revised	851
Code, the director of health shall adopt rules establishing	852
procedures for the following:	853
(A) Appeals of proposed suspension or revocation of food	854
service operation licenses and appeals of suspension of licenses	855
issued for violations presenting immediate danger to the public	856
health;	857
(B)(1) Surveys conducted by the director to determine	858
whether boards of health are qualified and have the capacity to	859
administer and enforce the provisions of this chapter and the	860
rules adopted under it applicable to food service operations and	861
to abide by the Ohio uniform food safety code+. The rules shall	862
require, as part of a survey, both of the following:	863
(a) The director to evaluate whether an individual	864
registered as an environmental health specialist or an	865
environmental health specialist in training under Chapter 4736.	866
of the Revised Code who is employed by or has contracted with a	867
board of health to enforce this chapter as it relates to food	868
service operations has sufficient knowledge of the provisions of	869
this chapter, rules adopted under it, and of the Ohio uniform	870
<pre>food safety code to conduct such enforcement;</pre>	871
(b) The director to evaluate an individual under division	872
(B) (1) (a) of this section solely through the use of an objective	873
written or electronic assessment that complies with all of the	874
<pre>following:</pre>	875
(i) It is developed by the director in consultation with	876

representatives from the Ohio environmental health association	877
and the association of Ohio health commissioners.	878
(ii) It does not exceed fifty questions in length.	879
(iii) In order to pass the assessment, the individual must	880
correctly answer eighty per cent or more of the questions in the	881
assessment. Questions on the exam shall be derived from the most	882
common violations cited during the previous inspection year.	883
(iv) The individual is allowed to review the Ohio uniform	884
<pre>food safety code during the assessment.</pre>	885
(2) The director, in consultation with representatives	886
from the Ohio environmental health association and the	887
association of Ohio health commissioners, shall review and	888
update the assessment described in division (B)(1)(b) of this	889
section on at least a biennial basis.	890
(3) For purposes of any field review portion of the	891
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	(E) Proced	lures	for res	solvi	ng di	sputes b	oetween	licensors	906
and	the	holders	of 1	licenses	for	food	service	operati	ions.	907

Sec. 4505.101. (A) (1) Any repair garage or place of 908 storage in which a motor vehicle with a value of less than three 909 thousand five hundred dollars has been left unclaimed for 910 fifteen days or more following completion of the requested 911 repair or the agreed term of storage shall send a notice to 912 remove the motor vehicle to the last known address of any owner 913 and any lienholder of the motor vehicle. The repair garage or 914 915 place of storage shall send the notice by certified or express mail with return receipt requested, by certified mail with 916 electronic tracking, or by a commercial carrier service 917 utilizing any form of delivery requiring a signed receipt. In 918 order to identify any owner or lienholder, prior to sending a 919 notice, the repair garage or place of storage shall cause a 920 search to be made of the records of an applicable entity listed 921 in division (F)(1) of section 4513.601 of the Revised Code. Any 922 notice to a lienholder shall state where the motor vehicle is 923 located and the value of the vehicle. If the person who 924 requested the repair or who agreed to the storage of the motor 925 vehicle is not the owner or a lienholder of the motor vehicle as 926 indicated in the title records, the repair garage or place of 927 storage also shall notify the sheriff of the county or the 928 police department law enforcement agency of the municipal 929 corporation, township, port authority, conservancy district, or 930 township or joint police district in which the repair garage or 931 place of storage is located that the repair garage or place of 932 storage is in possession of the vehicle. 933

(2) The repair garage or place of storage may obtain a 934 certificate of title to the motor vehicle if all of the 935 following apply:

five hundred dollars.

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(a) The motor vehicle remains unclaimed by any owner or	937
lienholder of the vehicle for fifteen days after the sending of	938
the required notice.	939
(b) For the notice, the repair garage or place of storage	940
has either received the signed receipt or has been notified that	941
the delivery was not possible. Unless the lienholder claims the	942
motor vehicle within fifteen days from the sending of the	943
notice, the lienholder's lien is invalid.	944
(c) An agent of the repair garage or place of storage that	945
sent the notice executes an affidavit, in a form established by	946
the registrar of motor vehicles by rule, affirming that all of	947
the requirements of this section necessary to authorize the	948
issuance of a certificate of title for the motor vehicle have	949
been met. The affidavit shall set forth an itemized statement of	950
the value of the motor vehicle; the length of time that the	951
motor vehicle has remained unclaimed; that a notice to remove	952
the vehicle has been sent to any titled owner or lienholder in a	953
manner authorized by division (A)(1) of this section; and that a	954
search of title records has been made in accordance with	955
division (A)(1) of this section.	956
(B) A towing service or storage facility that is in	957
possession of a vehicle may obtain a certificate of title to the	958
vehicle as provided in division (C) of this section if all of	959
the following apply:	960
(1) The vehicle was towed under division (B) of section	961
4513.601 of the Revised Code.	962
(2) The vehicle has a value of less than three thousand	963

(3) The vehicle has been left unclaimed for sixty days

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after the date the earliest notice required by division (F) of	966
section 4513.601 of the Revised Code is received, as evidenced	967
by a receipt signed by any person, or the towing service or	968
storage facility has been notified that the delivery was not	969
possible.	970
(4) An agent of the towing service or storage facility	971
executes an affidavit, in a form established by the registrar of	972
motor vehicles by rule, affirming that all of the requirements	973
of this section necessary to authorize the issuance of a	974
certificate of title for the motor vehicle have been met. The	975
affidavit shall set forth an itemized statement of the value of	976
the motor vehicle; that notices to remove the vehicle have been	977
sent to the owner and any lienholder as required under division	978
(F) of section 4513.601 of the Revised Code; the length of time	979
that the motor vehicle has remained unclaimed after the date the	980
earliest notice required under division (F) of section 4513.601	981
of the Revised Code was received or the towing service or	982
storage facility was notified that delivery was not possible;	983
and that a search of the records of the applicable entity has	984
been made for outstanding liens on the motor vehicle.	985
(C)(1) The clerk of courts shall issue a certificate of	986
title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances as follows:	987
(a) To a repair garage or place of storage that presents	988

(b) To a towing service or storage facility that presents an affidavit in compliance with division (B) of this section.

an affidavit that complies with all of the requirements of

division (A) of this section;

(2) A repair garage or place of storage may use the 993 process established under division (A) of this section in order 994

to take title to a motor vehicle even if the person who	995
requested the repair or who agreed to the storage of the motor	996
vehicle is not the owner or a lienholder of the motor vehicle as	997
indicated in the title records.	998
(3) Upon receipt of the certificate of title, a repair	999
garage or place of storage, or a towing service or storage	1000
facility, shall pay to the clerk of courts the value of the	1001
motor vehicle minus both of the following:	1002
(a) If the motor vehicle was towed by the party seeking	1003
title to the motor vehicle under this section, a towing fee;	1004
(b) Storage fees for the period of time the vehicle was	1005
stored without payment.	1006
The clerk of courts shall deposit any money received under	1007
this section into the county general fund.	1008
(D) Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more	1009
than two hundred dollars, imprisoned not more than ninety days,	1010
or both.	1011
(E) As used in this section:	1012
(1) "Repair garage or place of storage" means any business	1013
(1) "Repair garage or place of storage" means any business with which a person entered into an agreement for the repair of	1013 1014
with which a person entered into an agreement for the repair of	1014
with which a person entered into an agreement for the repair of a motor vehicle or any business with which a person entered into	1014 1015
with which a person entered into an agreement for the repair of a motor vehicle or any business with which a person entered into an agreement for the storage of a motor vehicle.	1014 1015 1016
with which a person entered into an agreement for the repair of a motor vehicle or any business with which a person entered into an agreement for the storage of a motor vehicle. (2) "Towing service or storage facility" means any for-	1014 1015 1016 1017
with which a person entered into an agreement for the repair of a motor vehicle or any business with which a person entered into an agreement for the storage of a motor vehicle. (2) "Towing service or storage facility" means any forhire motor carrier that removes a motor vehicle under the	1014 1015 1016 1017 1018
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model of motor vehicle at the time an affidavit is submitted	1023
under division (C) of this section, as provided in a vehicle	1024
valuation guide that is generally available and recognized by	1025
the motor vehicle industry, minus both of the following:	1026
(a) The estimated cost of repairs to restore the motor	1027
vehicle to the wholesale value for that make and model of motor	1028
vehicle;	1029
(b) The cost of any agreed-upon repairs.	1030
Sec. 4505.104. (A) A towing service or storage facility	1031
that is in possession of a motor vehicle may obtain a	1032
certificate of title to the vehicle as provided in division (B)	1033
of this section if all of the following apply:	1034
(1) The motor vehicle was towed or stored pursuant to	1035
section 4513.60, 4513.61, or 4513.66 of the Revised Code.	1036
(2) A search was made of the records of an applicable	1037
entity listed in division (F)(1) of section 4513.601 of the	1038
Revised Code to ascertain the identity of the owner and any	1039
lienholder of the motor vehicle.	1040
(3) Upon obtaining the identity in division (A)(2) of this	1041
section, notice was sent to the last known address of the owner	1042
and any lienholder, by certified or express mail with return	1043
receipt requested, by certified mail with electronic tracking,	1044
or by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form of	1045
delivery requiring a signed receipt. The notice shall inform the	1046
owner and lienholder that the towing service or storage facility	1047
will obtain title to the motor vehicle if not claimed within	1048
sixty days after the date the notice was received.	1049
(4) The motor vehicle has been left unclaimed for sixty	1050
days after one of the following:	1051

(a) The date the notice sent under division (A)(3) of this	1052
section was received, as evidenced by a receipt signed by any	1053
person;	1054
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(b) The date the towing service or storage facility	1055
received notification that the delivery of the notice sent under	1056
division (A)(3) of this section was not possible.	1057
(5) A sheriff, chief of police a law enforcement agency, or	1058
state highway patrol trooper, as applicable, has made a	1059
determination that the vehicle or items in the vehicle are not	1060
necessary to a criminal investigation.	1061
(6) An agent of the towing service or storage facility	1062
executes an affidavit, in a form established by the registrar of	1063
motor vehicles not later than ninety days after September 30,	1064
2021, affirming that conditions in divisions (A)(1) to (5) of	1065
this section are met.	1066
(B) The clerk of court shall issue a certificate of title,	1067
free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to the towing	1068
service or storage facility that presents an affidavit that	1069
affirms that the conditions in divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this	1070
section are met.	1071
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(C) After obtaining title to a motor vehicle under this	1072
section, the towing service or storage facility shall retain any	1073
money arising from the disposal of the vehicle.	1074
(D) A towing service or storage facility that obtains	1075
title to a motor vehicle under this section shall notify the	1076
entity that ordered the motor vehicle into storage that the	1077
motor vehicle has been so disposed. The towing service or	1078
storage facility shall provide the notice on the last business	1079
day of the month in which the service or facility obtained title	1080

to the motor vehicle.

(E) As used in this section, "towing service or storage 1082 facility" means any for-hire motor carrier that removes a motor 1083 vehicle under the authority of section 4513.60, 4513.61, or 1084 4513.66 of the Revised Code and any place to which such a for- 1085 hire motor carrier delivers a motor vehicle towed under those 1086 sections.

Sec. 4513.60. (A)(1) The sheriff of a county or chief of 1088 police a law enforcement agency of a municipal corporation, 1089 township, port authority, conservancy district, or township or 1090 joint police district, within the sheriff's or chief's 1091 respective territorial jurisdiction, upon complaint of any 1092 person adversely affected, may order into storage any motor 1093 vehicle, other than an abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined 1094 in section 4513.63 of the Revised Code, that has been left on 1095 private residential or private agricultural property for at 1096 least four hours without the permission of the person having the 1097 right to the possession of the property. The sheriff or chief-of-1098 police, upon complaint of a repair garage or place of storage, 1099 1100 may order into storage any motor vehicle, other than an abandoned junk motor vehicle, that has been left at the garage 1101 or place of storage for a longer period than that agreed upon. 1102 When ordering a motor vehicle into storage pursuant to this 1103 division, a sheriff or chief of police may arrange for the 1104 removal of the motor vehicle by a towing service and shall 1105 designate a storage facility. 1106

(2) A towing service towing a motor vehicle under division 1107
(A) (1) of this section shall remove the motor vehicle in 1108
accordance with that division. The towing service shall deliver 1109
the motor vehicle to the location designated by the sheriff or 1110

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chief of police not more than two hours after the time it is
removed from the private property, unless the towing service is
unable to deliver the motor vehicle within two hours due to an
uncontrollable force, natural disaster, or other event that is
not within the power of the towing service.

- (3) Subject to division (B) of this section, the owner of a motor vehicle that has been removed pursuant to this division may recover the vehicle only in accordance with division (D) of this section.
- (4) As used in this section, "private residential 1120 property" means private property on which is located one or more 1121 structures that are used as a home, residence, or sleeping place 1122 by one or more persons, if no more than three separate 1123 households are maintained in the structure or structures. 1124 "Private residential property" does not include any private 1125 property on which is located one or more structures that are 1126 used as a home, residence, or sleeping place by two or more 1127 persons, if more than three separate households are maintained 1128 in the structure or structures. 1129
- (B) If the owner or operator of a motor vehicle that has 1130 been ordered into storage pursuant to division (A)(1) of this 1131 section arrives after the motor vehicle has been prepared for 1132 removal, but prior to its actual removal from the property, the 1133 towing service shall give the owner or operator oral or written 1134 notification at the time of such arrival that the vehicle owner 1135 or operator may pay a fee of not more than one-half of the fee 1136 for the removal of the motor vehicle established by the public 1137 utilities commission in rules adopted under section 4921.25 of 1138 the Revised Code, in order to obtain release of the motor 1139 vehicle. However, if the vehicle is within a municipal 1140

corporation and the municipal corporation has established a	1141
vehicle removal fee, the towing service shall give the owner or	1142
operator oral or written notification that the owner or operator	1143
may pay not more than one-half of that fee to obtain release of	1144
the motor vehicle. That fee may be paid by use of a major credit	1145
card unless the towing service uses a mobile credit card	1146
processor and mobile service is not available at the time of the	1147
transaction.	1148

Upon payment of the applicable fee, the towing service 1149 1150 shall give the vehicle owner or operator a receipt showing both the full amount normally assessed and the actual amount received 1151 and shall release the motor vehicle to the owner or operator. 1152 Upon its release, the owner or operator immediately shall move 1153 it so that it is not on the private residential or private 1154 agricultural property without the permission of the person 1155 having the right to possession of the property, or is not at the 1156 garage or place of storage without the permission of the owner, 1157 whichever is applicable. 1158

(C) (1) Each county sheriff and each chief of police a law 1159 enforcement agency of a municipal corporation, township, port 1160 authority, conservancy district, or township or joint police 1161 district shall maintain a record of motor vehicles that the 1162 sheriff or chief orders into storage pursuant to division (A)(1) 1163 of this section. The record shall include an entry for each such 1164 motor vehicle that identifies the motor vehicle's license 1165 number, make, model, and color, the location from which it was 1166 removed, the date and time of its removal, the telephone number 1167 of the person from whom it may be recovered, and the address of 1168 the place to which it has been taken and from which it may be 1169 recovered. A sheriff or chief of police-shall provide any 1170 information in the record that pertains to a particular motor 1171

vehicle to any person who, either in person or pursuant to a	1172
telephone call, identifies self as the owner or operator of the	1173
motor vehicle and requests information pertaining to its	1174
location.	1175
(2) Any person who registers a complaint that is the basis	1176
of a sheriff's or police chief's order for the removal and	1177
storage of a motor vehicle under division (A)(1) of this section	1178
shall provide the identity of the law enforcement agency with	1179
which the complaint was registered to any person who identifies	1180
self as the owner or operator of the motor vehicle and requests	1181
information pertaining to its location.	1182
(D)(1) The owner or lienholder of a motor vehicle that is	1183
ordered into storage pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section	1184
may reclaim it upon both of the following:	1185
(a) Payment of all applicable fees established by the	1186
public utilities commission in rules adopted under section	1187
4921.25 of the Revised Code or, if the vehicle was towed within	1188
a municipal corporation that has established fees for vehicle	1189
removal and storage, payment of all applicable fees established	1190
by the municipal corporation.	1191
(b) Presentation of proof of ownership, which may be	1192
evidenced by a certificate of title to the motor vehicle, a	1193
certificate of registration for the motor vehicle, or a lease	1194
agreement.	1195
When the owner of a vehicle towed under this section	1196
retrieves the vehicle, the towing service or storage facility in	1197
possession of the vehicle shall give the owner written notice	1198
that if the owner disputes that the motor vehicle was lawfully	1199
towed, the owner may be able to file a civil action under	1200

section 4513.611 of the Revised Code.	1201
(2) Upon presentation of proof of ownership as required	1202
under division (D)(1)(b) of this section, the owner of a motor	1203
vehicle that is ordered into storage under division (A)(1) of	1204
this section may retrieve any personal items from the motor	1205
vehicle without retrieving the vehicle and without paying any	1206
fee. However, a towing service or storage facility may charge an	1207
after-hours retrieval fee established by the public utilities	1208
commission in rules adopted under section 4921.25 of the Revised	1209
Code if the owner retrieves the personal items after hours,	1210
unless the towing service or storage facility fails to provide	1211
the notice required under division (B)(3) of section 4513.69 of	1212
the Revised Code, if applicable. The owner of a motor vehicle	1213
shall not do either of the following:	1214
(a) Retrieve any personal item that has been determined by	1215
the sheriff or chief of police , as applicable, to be necessary	1216
to a criminal investigation;	1217
(b) Retrieve any personal item from a vehicle if it would	1218
endanger the safety of the owner, unless the owner agrees to	1219
sign a waiver of liability.	1220
For purposes of division (D)(2) of this section, "personal	1221
items" do not include any items that are attached to the motor	1222
vehicle.	1223
(3) If a motor vehicle that is ordered into storage	1224
pursuant to division (A)(1) of this section remains unclaimed by	1225
the owner for thirty days, the procedures established by	1226
sections 4513.61 and 4513.62 of the Revised Code apply.	1227
(E)(1) No person shall remove, or cause the removal of,	1228

any motor vehicle from any private residential or private

agricultural property other than in accordance with division (A)	1230
(1) of this section or sections 4513.61 to 4513.65 of the	1231
Revised Code.	1232
(2) No towing service or storage facility shall fail to	1233
comply with the requirements of this section.	1234
(F) This section does not apply to any private residential	1235
or private agricultural property that is established as a	1236
private tow-away zone in accordance with section 4513.601 of the	1237
Revised Code.	1238
(G) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is	1239
guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	1240
Sec. 4513.601. (A) The owner of a private property may	1241
establish a private tow-away zone, but may do so only if all of	1242
the following conditions are satisfied:	1243
(1) The owner of the private property posts on the	1244
property a sign, that is at least eighteen inches by twenty-four	1245
inches in size, that is visible from all entrances to the	1246
property, and that includes all of the following information:	1247
(a) A statement that the property is a tow-away zone;	1248
(b) A description of persons authorized to park on the	1249
property. If the property is a residential property, the owner	1250
of the private property may include on the sign a statement that	1251
only tenants and guests may park in the private tow-away zone,	1252
subject to the terms of the property owner. If the property is a	1253
commercial property, the owner of the private property may	1254
include on the sign a statement that only customers may park in	1255
the private tow-away zone. In all cases, if it is not apparent	1256
which persons may park in the private tow-away zone, the owner	1257
of the private property shall include on the sign the address of	1258

the property on which the private tow-away zone is located or	1259
the name of the business that is located on the property	1260
designated as a private tow-away zone.	1261
(c) If the private tow-away zone is not enforceable at all	1262
times, the times during which the parking restrictions are	1263
enforced;	1264
(d) The telephone number and the address of the place from	1265
which a towed vehicle may be recovered at any time during the	1266
day or night;	1267
(e) A statement that the failure to recover a towed	1268
vehicle may result in the loss of title to the vehicle as	1269
provided in division (B) of section 4505.101 of the Revised	1270
Code.	1271
In order to comply with the requirements of division (A)	1272
(1) of this section, the owner of a private property may modify	1273
an existing sign by affixing to the existing sign stickers or an	1274
addendum in lieu of replacing the sign.	1275
(2) A towing service ensures that a vehicle towed under	1276
this section is taken to a location from which it may be	1277
recovered that complies with all of the following:	1278
(a) It is located within twenty-five linear miles of the	1279
location of the private tow-away zone, unless it is not	1280
practicable to take the vehicle to a place of storage within	1281
twenty-five linear miles.	1282
(b) It is well-lighted.	1283
(c) It is on or within a reasonable distance of a	1284
regularly scheduled route of one or more modes of public	1285
transportation, if any public transportation is available in the	1286

municipal corporation or township in which the private tow-away 1287 zone is located. 1288 (B)(1) If a vehicle is parked on private property that is 1289 established as a private tow-away zone in accordance with 1290 division (A) of this section, without the consent of the owner 1291 of the private property or in violation of any posted parking 1292 condition or regulation, the owner of the private property may 1293 cause the removal of the vehicle by a towing service. The towing 1294 service shall remove the vehicle in accordance with this 1295 section. The vehicle owner and the operator of the vehicle are 1296 considered to have consented to the removal and storage of the 1297 vehicle, to the payment of the applicable fees established by 1298 the public utilities commission in rules adopted under section 1299 4921.25 of the Revised Code, and to the right of a towing 1300 service to obtain title to the vehicle if it remains unclaimed 1301 as provided in section 4505.101 of the Revised Code. The owner 1302 or lienholder of a vehicle that has been removed under this 1303 section, subject to division (C) of this section, may recover 1304 the vehicle in accordance with division (G) of this section. 1305 (2) If a municipal corporation requires tow trucks and tow 1306 truck operators to be licensed, no owner of a private property 1307 located within the municipal corporation shall cause the removal 1308 and storage of any vehicle pursuant to division (B) of this 1309 section by an unlicensed tow truck or unlicensed tow truck 1310 operator. 1311 (3) No towing service shall remove a vehicle from a 1312 private tow-away zone except pursuant to a written contract for 1313 the removal of vehicles entered into with the owner of the 1314 private property on which the private tow-away zone is located. 1315

(C) If the owner or operator of a vehicle that is being

removed under authority of division (B) of this section arrives	1317
after the vehicle has been prepared for removal, but prior to	1318
its actual removal from the property, the towing service shall	1319
give the vehicle owner or operator oral or written notification	1320
at the time of such arrival that the vehicle owner or operator	1321
may pay a fee of not more than one-half of the fee for the	1322
removal of the vehicle established by the public utilities	1323
commission in rules adopted under section 4921.25 of the Revised	1324
Code in order to obtain release of the vehicle. That fee may be	1325
paid by use of a major credit card unless the towing service	1326
uses a mobile credit card processor and mobile service is not	1327
available at the time of the transaction. Upon payment of that	1328
fee, the towing service shall give the vehicle owner or operator	1329
a receipt showing both the full amount normally assessed and the	1330
actual amount received and shall release the vehicle to the	1331
owner or operator. Upon its release, the owner or operator	1332
immediately shall move the vehicle so that the vehicle is not	1333
parked on the private property established as a private tow-away	1334
zone without the consent of the owner of the private property or	1335
in violation of any posted parking condition or regulation.	1336

(D)(1) Prior to towing a vehicle under division (B) of this section, a towing service shall make all reasonable efforts to take as many photographs as necessary to evidence that the vehicle is clearly parked on private property in violation of a private tow-away zone established under division (A) of this section.

The towing service shall record the time and date of the photographs taken under this section. The towing service shall retain the photographs and the record of the time and date, in electronic or printed form, for at least thirty days after the date on which the vehicle is recovered by the owner or

lienholder or at least two years after the date on which the	1348
vehicle was towed, whichever is earlier.	1349
(2) A towing service shall deliver a vehicle towed under	1350
division (B) of this section to the location from which it may	1351
be recovered not more than two hours after the time it was	1352
removed from the private tow-away zone, unless the towing	1353
service is unable to deliver the motor vehicle within two hours	1354
due to an uncontrollable force, natural disaster, or other event	1355
that is not within the power of the towing service.	1356
(E)(1) If an owner of a private property that is	1357
established as a private tow-away zone in accordance with	1358
division (A) of this section causes the removal of a vehicle	1359
from that property by a towing service under division (B) of	1360
this section, the towing service, within two hours of removing	1361
the vehicle, shall provide notice to the sheriff of the county	1362
or the police department law enforcement agency of the municipal	1363
corporation, township, port authority, conservancy district, or	1364
township or joint police district in which the property is	1365
located concerning all of the following:	1366
(a) The vehicle's license number, make, model, and color;	1367
(b) The location from which the vehicle was removed;	1368
(c) The date and time the vehicle was removed;	1369
(d) The telephone number of the person from whom the	1370
vehicle may be recovered;	1371
(e) The address of the place from which the vehicle may be	1372
recovered.	1373
(2) Each county sheriff and each chief of police a law	1374
<pre>enforcement agency of a municipal corporation, township, port</pre>	1375

authority, conservancy district, or township or joint police	1376
district shall maintain a record of any vehicle removed from	1377
private property in the sheriff's or chief's jurisdiction that	1378
is established as a private tow-away zone of which the sheriff	1379
or chief has received notice under this section. The record	1380
shall include all information submitted by the towing service.	1381
The sheriff or chief shall provide any information in the record	1382
that pertains to a particular vehicle to a person who, either in	1383
person or pursuant to a telephone call, identifies self as the	1384
owner, operator, or lienholder of the vehicle and requests	1385
information pertaining to the vehicle.	1386

- (F) (1) When a vehicle is removed from private property in accordance with this section, within three business days of the removal, the towing service or storage facility from which the vehicle may be recovered shall cause a search to be made of either of the following to ascertain the identity of the owner and any lienholder of the vehicle:
 - (a) The records of the bureau of motor vehicles;
- (b) The records of any vendor or vendors, approved by the 1394 registrar of motor vehicles, that are capable of providing real- 1395 time access to owner and lienholder information. 1396

The towing service or storage facility may search the national motor vehicle title information system in order to determine the state in which the vehicle is titled. The entity that provides the record of the owner and any lienholder under this division shall ensure that such information is provided in a timely manner.

(2) Subject to division (F)(5) of this section, the towing 1403 service or storage facility shall send notice to the vehicle 1404

owner and any known lienholder as follows:

- (a) Within five business days after the applicable entity

 provides the identity of the owner and any lienholder of the

 motor vehicle, if the vehicle remains unclaimed, to the owner's

 and lienholder's last known address by certified or express mail

 with return receipt requested, by certified mail with electronic

 tracking, or by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form

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 of delivery requiring a signed receipt;
- (b) If the vehicle remains unclaimed thirty days after the 1413 first notice is sent, in the manner required under division (F) 1414 (2)(a) of this section.
- (3) Sixty days after any notice sent pursuant to division 1416 (F)(2) of this section is received, as evidenced by a receipt 1417 signed by any person, or the towing service or storage facility 1418 has been notified that delivery was not possible, the towing 1419 service or storage facility, if authorized under division (B) of 1420 section 4505.101 of the Revised Code, may initiate the process 1421 for obtaining a certificate of title to the motor vehicle as 1422 provided in that section. 1423
- (4) A towing service or storage facility that does not 1424 receive a signed receipt of notice, or a notification that 1425 delivery was not possible, shall not obtain, and shall not 1426 attempt to obtain, a certificate of title to the motor vehicle 1427 under division (B) of section 4505.101 of the Revised Code. 1428
- (5) With respect to a vehicle concerning which a towing

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 service or storage facility is not eligible to obtain title

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 under section 4505.101 of the Revised Code, the towing service

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 or storage facility need only comply with the initial notice

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 required under division (F)(2)(a) of this section.

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(G)(1) The owner or lienholder of a vehicle that is	1434
removed under division (B) of this section may reclaim it upon	1435
both of the following:	1436
(a) Presentation of proof of ownership, which may be	1437
evidenced by a certificate of title to the vehicle, a	1438
certificate of registration for the motor vehicle, or a lease	1439
agreement;	1440
(b) Payment of the following fees:	1441
(i) All applicable fees established by the public	1442
utilities commission in rules adopted under section 4921.25 of	1443
the Revised Code, except that the lienholder of a vehicle may	1444
retrieve the vehicle without paying any storage fee for the	1445
period of time that the vehicle was in the possession of the	1446
towing service or storage facility prior to the date the	1447
lienholder received the notice sent under division (F)(2)(a) of	1448
this section;	1449
(ii) If notice has been sent to the owner and lienholder	1450
as described in division (F) of this section, a processing fee	1451
of twenty-five dollars.	1452
(2) A towing service or storage facility in possession of	1453
a vehicle that is removed under authority of division (B) of	1454
this section shall show the vehicle owner, operator, or	1455
lienholder who contests the removal of the vehicle all	1456
photographs taken under division (D) of this section. Upon	1457
request, the towing service or storage facility shall provide a	1458
copy of all photographs in the medium in which the photographs	1459
are stored, whether paper, electronic, or otherwise.	1460
(3) When the owner of a vehicle towed under this section	1461
retrieves the vehicle, the towing service or storage facility in	1462

possession of the vehicle shall give the owner written notice	1463
that if the owner disputes that the motor vehicle was lawfully	1464
towed, the owner may be able to file a civil action under	1465
section 4513.611 of the Revised Code.	1466
(4) Upon presentation of proof of ownership, which may be	1467
evidenced by a certificate of title to the vehicle, a	1468
certificate of registration for the motor vehicle, or a lease	1469
agreement, the owner of a vehicle that is removed under	1470
authority of division (B) of this section may retrieve any	1471
personal items from the vehicle without retrieving the vehicle	1472
and without paying any fee. The owner of the vehicle shall not	1473
retrieve any personal items from a vehicle if it would endanger	1474
the safety of the owner, unless the owner agrees to sign a	1475
waiver of liability. For purposes of division (G)(4) of this	1476
section, "personal items" do not include any items that are	1477
attached to the vehicle.	1478
(H) No person shall remove, or cause the removal of, any	1479
vehicle from private property that is established as a private	1480
tow-away zone under this section or store such a vehicle other	1481
than in accordance with this section, or otherwise fail to	1482
comply with any applicable requirement of this section.	1483
(I) This section does not affect or limit the operation of	1484
section 4513.60 or sections 4513.61 to 4613.65 of the Revised	1485
Code as they relate to property other than private property that	1486
is established as a private tow-away zone under division (A) of	1487
this section.	1488
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(J) Whoever violates division (H) of this section is	1489
guilty of a minor misdemeanor.	1490

(K) As used in this section, "owner of a private property"

or "owner of the private property" includes, with respect to a	1492
private property, any of the following:	1493
(1) Any person who holds title to the property;	1494
(2) Any person who is a lessee or sublessee with respect	1495
to a lease or sublease agreement for the property;	1496
(3) A person who is authorized to manage the property;	1497
(4) A duly authorized agent of any person listed in	1498
divisions (K)(1) to (3) of this section.	1499
Sec. 4513.61. (A) The sheriff of a county or chief of	1500
police a law enforcement agency of a municipal corporation,	1501
township, port authority, conservancy district, or township or	1502
joint police district, within the sheriff's or chief's	1503
respective territorial jurisdiction, or a state highway patrol	1504
trooper, upon notification to the sheriff or chief of police of	1505
such action and of the location of the place of storage, may	1506
order into storage any motor vehicle, including an abandoned	1507
junk motor vehicle as defined in section 4513.63 of the Revised	1508
Code, that:	1509
(1) Has come into the possession of the sheriff, chief of	1510
police, or state highway patrol trooper as a result of the	1511
performance of the sheriff's, chief's, or trooper's duties; or	1512
(2) Has been left on a public street or other property	1513
open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel, or upon or	1514
within the right-of-way of any road or highway, for forty-eight	1515
hours or longer without notification to the sheriff or chief $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$	1516
police of the reasons for leaving the motor vehicle in such	1517
place. However, when such a motor vehicle constitutes an	1518
obstruction to traffic it may be ordered into storage	1519
immediately unless either of the following applies:	1520

(a) The vehicle was involved in an accident and is subject	1521
to section 4513.66 of the Revised Code;	1522
(b) The vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle. If the	1523
vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, the sheriff, chief-of-	1524
police, or state highway patrol trooper shall allow the owner or	1525
operator of the vehicle the opportunity to arrange for the	1526
removal of the motor vehicle within a period of time specified	1527
by the sheriff, chief of police , or state highway patrol	1528
trooper. If the sheriff, chief-of-police, or state highway	1529
patrol trooper determines that the vehicle cannot be removed	1530
within the specified period of time, the sheriff, chief-of-	1531
police, or state highway patrol trooper shall order the removal	1532
of the vehicle.	1533
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Subject to division (C) of this section, the sheriff or	1534
chief of police shall designate the place of storage of any	1535
motor vehicle so ordered removed.	1536
(B) If the sheriff, chief of police , or a state highway	1537
patrol trooper issues an order under division (A) of this	1538
section and arranges for the removal of a motor vehicle by a	1539
towing service, the towing service shall deliver the motor	1540
vehicle to the location designated by the sheriff or chief $\frac{\partial f}{\partial t}$	1541
police not more than two hours after the time it is removed.	1542
(C)(1) The sheriff or chief of police -shall cause a search	1543
to be made of the records of an applicable entity listed in	1544
division (F)(1) of section 4513.601 of the Revised Code to	1545
ascertain the identity of the owner and any lienholder of a	1546
motor vehicle ordered into storage by the sheriff or chief-of-	1547
police, or by a state highway patrol trooper within five	1548
business days of the removal of the vehicle. Upon obtaining such	1549

identity, the sheriff or chief of police shall send or cause to

be sent to the owner or lienholder at the owner's or	1551
lienholder's last known address by certified or express mail	1552
with return receipt requested, by certified mail with electronic	1553
tracking, or by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form	1554
of delivery requiring a signed receipt. The notice shall inform	1555
the owner or lienholder that the motor vehicle will be declared	1556
a nuisance and disposed of if not claimed within ten days of the	1557
date of the sending of the notice.	1558

- (2) The owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle may 1559 1560 reclaim the motor vehicle upon payment of any expenses or charges incurred in its removal and storage, and presentation of 1561 proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of 1562 title or memorandum certificate of title to the motor vehicle, a 1563 certificate of registration for the motor vehicle, or a lease 1564 agreement. Upon presentation of proof of ownership evidenced as 1565 provided above, the owner of the motor vehicle also may retrieve 1566 any personal items from the vehicle without retrieving the 1567 vehicle and without paying any fee. However, a towing service or 1568 storage facility may charge an after-hours retrieval fee 1569 established by the public utilities commission in rules adopted 1570 under section 4921.25 of the Revised Code if the owner retrieves 1571 the personal items after hours, unless the towing service or 1572 storage facility fails to provide the notice required under 1573 division (B)(3) of section 4513.69 of the Revised Code, if 1574 applicable. However, the owner shall not do either of the 1575 following: 1576
- (a) Retrieve any personal item that has been determined by

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 the sheriff, chiefof police, or a state highway patrol trooper,

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 as applicable, to be necessary to a criminal investigation;

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 - (b) Retrieve any personal item from a vehicle if it would 1580

endanger the safety of the owner,	unless the owner agrees to	1581
sign a waiver of liability.		1582

For purposes of division (C)(2) of this section, "personal 1583 items" do not include any items that are attached to the 1584 vehicle.

- (3) If the owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle 1586 reclaims it after a search of the applicable records has been 1587 conducted and after notice has been sent to the owner or 1588 lienholder as described in this section, and the search was 1589 conducted by the place of storage, and the notice was sent to 1590 the motor vehicle owner by the place of storage, the owner or 1591 lienholder shall pay to the place of storage a processing fee of 1592 twenty-five dollars, in addition to any expenses or charges 1593 incurred in the removal and storage of the vehicle. 1594
- (D) If the owner or lienholder makes no claim to the motor 1595 vehicle within ten days of the date of sending the notice, and 1596 if the vehicle is to be disposed of at public auction as 1597 provided in section 4513.62 of the Revised Code, the sheriff or 1598 chief-of police, without charge to any party, shall file with 1599 the clerk of courts of the county in which the place of storage 1600 is located an affidavit showing compliance with the requirements 1601 of this section. Upon presentation of the affidavit, the clerk, 1602 without charge, shall issue a salvage certificate of title, free 1603 and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to the sheriff or chief 1604 of police. If the vehicle is to be disposed of to a motor 1605 vehicle salvage dealer or other facility as provided in section 1606 4513.62 of the Revised Code, the sheriff or chief of police-1607 shall execute in triplicate an affidavit, as prescribed by the 1608 registrar of motor vehicles, describing the motor vehicle and 1609 the manner in which it was disposed of, and that all 1610

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requirements of this section have been complied with. The	1611
sheriff or chief of police shall retain the original of the	1612
affidavit for the sheriff's or chief's records, and shall	1613
furnish two copies to the motor vehicle salvage dealer or other	1614
facility. Upon presentation of a copy of the affidavit by the	1615
motor vehicle salvage dealer, the clerk of courts, within thirty	1616
days of the presentation, shall issue a salvage certificate of	1617
title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.	1618
(E) Whenever a motor vehicle salvage dealer or other	1619
facility receives an affidavit for the disposal of a motor	1620
vehicle as provided in this section, the dealer or facility	1621
shall not be required to obtain an Ohio certificate of title to	1622
the motor vehicle in the dealer's or facility's own name if the	1623
vehicle is dismantled or destroyed and both copies of the	1624
affidavit are delivered to the clerk of courts.	1625
(F) No towing service or storage facility shall fail to	1626
comply with this section.	1627
Sec. 4513.62. An unclaimed motor vehicle ordered into	1628
storage pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 4513.60 or	1629
section 4513.61 of the Revised Code is subject to one of the	1630
following:	1631
(A) The sheriff of the county or the chief of police a law	1632
<pre>enforcement agency of the municipal corporation, township, port</pre>	1633
authority, conservancy district, or township or joint police	1634
district may dispose of it with a motor vehicle salvage dealer	1635
or scrap metal processing facility as defined in section 4737.05	1636
of the Revised Code, or with any other facility owned by or	1637
under contract with the county, municipal corporation, port	1638
authority, conservancy district, or township, for the disposal	1639

(B) The sheriff, chief of police , or a licensed auctioneer	1641
may sell the motor vehicle at public auction, after giving	1642
notice thereof by advertisement, published once a week for two	1643
successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the	1644
county or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code.	1645
(C) A towing service or storage facility may obtain title	1646
to the motor vehicle in accordance with section 4505.104 of the	1647
Revised Code.	1648
Any moneys accrued pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this	1649
section that are in excess of the expenses resulting from the	1650
removal and storage of the vehicle shall be credited to the	1651
general fund of the county, municipal corporation, port	1652
authority, township, conservancy district, or joint police	1653
district, as the case may be.	1654
Sec. 4513.63. "Abandoned junk motor vehicle" means any	1655
motor vehicle meeting all of the following requirements:	1656
(A) Left on private property for forty-eight hours or	1657
longer without the permission of the person having the right to	1658
the possession of the property, on a public street or other	1659
property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or	1660
parking, or upon or within the right-of-way of any road or	1661
highway, for forty-eight hours or longer;	1662
(B) Three years old, or older;	1663
(C) Extensively damaged, such damage including but not	1664
limited to any of the following: missing wheels, tires, motor,	1665
or transmission;	1666
(D) Apparently inoperable;	1667
(E) Having a fair market value of one thousand five	1668

hundred dollars or less.

The sheriff of a county or chief of police a law 1670 enforcement agency of a municipal corporation, township, port 1671 authority, conservancy district, or township or joint police 1672 district, within the sheriff's or chief's respective territorial 1673 jurisdiction, or a state highway patrol trooper, upon 1674 notification to the sheriff or chief of police of such action, 1675 shall order any abandoned junk motor vehicle to be photographed 1676 by a law enforcement officer. The officer shall record the make 1677 of motor vehicle, the serial number when available, and shall 1678 also detail the damage or missing equipment to substantiate the 1679 value of one thousand five hundred dollars or less. The sheriff 1680 or chief of police-shall thereupon immediately dispose of the 1681 abandoned junk motor vehicle to a motor vehicle salvage dealer 1682 as defined in section 4738.01 of the Revised Code or a scrap 1683 metal processing facility as defined in section 4737.05 of the 1684 Revised Code which is under contract to the county, township, 1685 port authority, conservancy district, or municipal corporation, 1686 or to any other facility owned by or under contract with the 1687 county, township, port authority, conservancy district, or 1688 municipal corporation for the destruction of such motor 1689 vehicles. The records and photograph relating to the abandoned 1690 junk motor vehicle shall be retained by the law enforcement 1691 agency ordering the disposition of such vehicle for a period of 1692 at least two years. The law enforcement agency shall execute in 1693 quadruplicate an affidavit, as prescribed by the registrar of 1694 motor vehicles, describing the motor vehicle and the manner in 1695 which it was disposed of, and that all requirements of this 1696 section have been complied with, and, within thirty days of 1697 disposing of the vehicle, shall sign and file the affidavit with 1698 the clerk of courts of the county in which the motor vehicle was 1699

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abandoned. The clerk of courts shall retain the original of the	1700
affidavit for the clerk's files, shall furnish one copy thereof	1701
to the registrar, one copy to the motor vehicle salvage dealer	1702
or other facility handling the disposal of the vehicle, and one	1703
copy to the law enforcement agency ordering the disposal, who	1704
shall file such copy with the records and photograph relating to	1705
the disposal. Any moneys arising from the disposal of an	1706
abandoned junk motor vehicle shall be deposited in the general	1707
fund of the county, township, conservancy district, or the	1708
municipal corporation, as the case may be.	1709

Notwithstanding section 4513.61 of the Revised Code, any motor vehicle meeting the requirements of divisions (C), (D), and (E) of this section which has remained unclaimed by the owner or lienholder for a period of ten days or longer following notification as provided in section 4513.61 of the Revised Code may be disposed of as provided in this section.

Sec. 4513.64. (A) No person shall willfully leave an 1716 abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined in section 4513.63 of 1717 the Revised Code on private property for more than seventy-two 1718 hours without the permission of the person having the right to 1719 the possession of the property, or on a public street or other 1720 property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or 1721 parking, or upon or within the right-of-way of any road or 1722 highway, for forty-eight hours or longer without notification to 1723 the sheriff of the county or chief of police—a law enforcement 1724 agency of the municipal corporation, township, port authority, 1725 conservancy district, or township or joint police district of 1726 the reasons for leaving the motor vehicle in such place. 1727

For purposes of this section, the fact that a motor 1728 vehicle has been so left without permission or notification is 1729

prima-facie evidence of abandonment.

Nothing contained in sections 4513.60, 4513.61, and 1731 4513.63 of the Revised Code shall invalidate the provisions of 1732 municipal ordinances or township resolutions regulating or 1733 prohibiting the abandonment of motor vehicles on streets, 1734 highways, public property, or private property within municipal 1735 corporations or townships. 1736

- (B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 1737 misdemeanor and shall also be assessed any costs incurred by the 1738 county, township, joint police district, port authority, 1739 conservancy district, or municipal corporation in disposing of 1740 the abandoned junk motor vehicle that is the basis of the 1741 violation, less any money accruing to the county, township, 1742 joint police district, port authority, conservancy district, or 1743 municipal corporation from this disposal of the vehicle. 1744
- Sec. 4513.65. (A) For purposes of this section, "junk 1745 motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle meeting the requirements 1746 of divisions (B), (C), (D), and (E) of section 4513.63 of the 1747 Revised Code that is left uncovered in the open on private 1748 property for more than seventy-two hours with the permission of 1749 the person having the right to the possession of the property, 1750 except if the person is operating a junk yard or scrap metal 1751 processing facility licensed under authority of sections 4737.05 1752 to 4737.12 of the Revised Code, or regulated under authority of 1753 a political subdivision; or if the property on which the motor 1754 vehicle is left is not subject to licensure or regulation by any 1755 governmental authority, unless the person having the right to 1756 the possession of the property can establish that the motor 1757 vehicle is part of a bona fide commercial operation; or if the 1758 motor vehicle is a collector's vehicle. 1759

No political subdivision shall prevent a person from	1760
storing or keeping, or restrict a person in the method of	1761
storing or keeping, any collector's vehicle on private property	1762
with the permission of the person having the right to the	1763
possession of the property; except that a political subdivision	1764
may require a person having such permission to conceal, by means	1765
of buildings, fences, vegetation, terrain, or other suitable	1766
obstruction, any unlicensed collector's vehicle stored in the	1767
open.	1768

The sheriff of a county, or chief of police a law 1769 enforcement agency of a municipal corporation or port authority, 1770 or conservancy district within the sheriff's or chief's 1771 respective territorial jurisdiction, a state highway patrol 1772 trooper, a board of township trustees, the legislative authority 1773 of a municipal corporation or port authority, or the zoning 1774 authority of a township or a municipal corporation, may send 1775 notice, by certified mail with return receipt requested, to the 1776 person having the right to the possession of the property on 1777 which a junk motor vehicle is left, that within ten days of 1778 receipt of the notice, the junk motor vehicle either shall be 1779 covered by being housed in a garage or other suitable structure, 1780 or shall be removed from the property. 1781

No person shall willfully leave a junk motor vehicle

uncovered in the open for more than ten days after receipt of a

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notice as provided in this section. The fact that a junk motor

vehicle is so left is prima-facie evidence of willful failure to

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comply with the notice, and each subsequent period of thirty

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days that a junk motor vehicle continues to be so left

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constitutes a separate offense.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor

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Sec. 4513.66. (A) If a motor vehicle accident occurs on 1791 any highway, public street, or other property open to the public 1792 for purposes of vehicular travel and if any motor vehicle, 1793 cargo, or personal property that has been damaged or spilled as 1794 a result of the motor vehicle accident is blocking the highway, 1795 street, or other property or is otherwise endangering public 1796 safety, a public safety official may do either of the following 1797 without the consent of the owner but with the approval of the 1798 law enforcement agency conducting any investigation of the 1799 accident: 1800

- (1) Remove, or order the removal of, the motor vehicle if
 the motor vehicle is unoccupied, cargo, or personal property
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 from the portion of the highway, public street, or property
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 street, or other property open to the public for purposes of
 vehicular travel.
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- (2) If the motor vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, allow the owner or operator of the vehicle the opportunity to arrange for the removal of the motor vehicle within a period of time specified by the public safety official. If the public safety official determines that the motor vehicle cannot be removed within the specified period of time, the public safety official shall remove or order the removal of the motor vehicle.
- (B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this section, the department of transportation, any employee of the department of transportation, or a public safety official who authorizes or participates in the removal of any unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property as authorized by division (A) of this section, regardless of whether the removal

manner;

is executed by a private towing service, is not liable for civil	1820
damages for any injury, death, or loss to person or property	1821
that results from the removal of that unoccupied motor vehicle,	1822
cargo, or personal property. Further, except as provided in	1823
division (B)(2) of this section, if a public safety official	1824
authorizes, employs, or arranges to have a private towing	1825
service remove any unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal	1826
property as authorized by division (A) of this section, that	1827
private towing service is not liable for civil damages for any	1828
injury, death, or loss to person or property that results from	1829
the removal of that unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal	1830
property.	1831
(2) Division (B)(1) of this section does not apply to any	1832
of the following:	1833
(a) Any person or entity involved in the removal of an	1834
unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property pursuant	1835
to division (A) of this section if that removal causes or	1836
contributes to the release of a hazardous material or to	1837
structural damage to the roadway;	1838
(b) A private towing service that was not authorized,	1839
employed, or arranged by a public safety official to remove an	1840
unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property under this	1841
section;	1842
(c) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(d) of this	1843
section, a private towing service that was authorized, employed,	1844
or arranged by a public safety official to perform the removal	1845
of the unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property but	1846
the private towing service performed the removal in a negligent	1847

(d) A private towing service that was authorized,	1849
employed, or arranged by a public safety official to perform the	1850
removal of the unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal	1851
property that was endangering public safety but the private	1852
towing service performed the removal in a reckless manner.	1853
(C) As used in this section:	1854
(1) "Public safety official" means any of the following:	1855
(a) The sheriff of the county, or the chief of $\frac{\text{police}}{\text{a}}$	1856
law enforcement agency in the municipal corporation, township,	1857
port authority, conservancy district, or township or joint	1858
police district, in which the accident occurred;	1859
(b) A state highway patrol trooper;	1860
(c) The chief of the fire department having jurisdiction	1861
where the accident occurred;	1862
(d) A duly authorized subordinate acting on behalf of an	1863
official specified in divisions (C)(1)(a) to (c) of this	1864
section.	1865
(2) "Hazardous material" has the same meaning as in	1866
section 2305.232 of the Revised Code.	1867
Sec. 4513.69. (A) A storage facility shall ensure that the	1868
facility remains open during both of the following periods of	1869
time to allow a vehicle owner or lienholder to retrieve a	1870
vehicle in the possession of the storage facility:	1871
(1) Any time during which a towing service is towing a	1872
vehicle pursuant to section 4513.601 of the Revised Code and the	1873
vehicle will be held by the storage facility;	1874
(2) Between nine o'clock in the morning and noon on the	1875

day after any day d	during which the storage facility accepted fo	or 1876
storage a vehicle t	cowed under section 4513.60, 4513.601, or	1877
4513.61 of the Revi	sed Code.	1878

- (B) (1) A storage facility that accepts for storage 1879 vehicles towed under section 4513.60, 4513.601, or 4513.61 of 1880 the Revised Code shall ensure that a notice is conspicuously 1881 posted at the entrance to the storage facility that states the 1882 telephone number at which the owner or lienholder of a vehicle 1883 may contact the owner or a representative of the storage 1884 facility for the purpose of determining whether the person may 1885 retrieve a vehicle or personal items when the storage facility 1886 is closed. The storage facility also shall provide that 1887 telephone number to the sheriff of a county or chief of police a 1888 law enforcement agency of a municipal corporation, township, 1889 port authority, <u>conservancy district</u>, or township or joint 1890 police district. The storage facility shall ensure that a 1891 process is in place for purposes of answering calls at all times 1892 day or night. 1893
- (2) After receiving a call from the owner or lienholder of 1894 a vehicle who seeks to recover a vehicle that was towed pursuant 1895 to section 4513.601 of the Revised Code, the storage facility 1896 shall ensure that, within three hours of receiving the phone 1897 call, a representative of the storage facility is available to 1898 release the vehicle upon being presented with proof of ownership 1899 of the vehicle, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title 1900 to the vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor 1901 vehicle, or a lease agreement, and payment of an after-hours 1902 vehicle retrieval fee established under section 4921.25 of the 1903 Revised Code along with all other applicable fees. 1904
 - (3) If a storage facility receives a call from a person 1905

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who seeks to recover personal items from a vehicle that was	1906
towed pursuant to section 4513.60 or 4513.61 of the Revised Code	1907
and the storage facility is not open to the public, the storage	1908
facility shall notify the person that an after-hours retrieval	1909
fee applies and shall state the amount of the fee as established	1910
by the public utilities commission in rules adopted under	1911
section 4921.25 of the Revised Code. The storage facility shall	1912
allow the person to retrieve personal items in accordance with	1913
division (D)(2) of section 4513.60 or division (C)(2) of section	1914
4513.61 of the Revised Code, but shall not charge an after-hours	1915
retrieval fee unless notice is provided in accordance with this	1916
division.	1917
(C) No storage facility shall fail to comply with division	1918
(A) or (B) of this section.	1919
Sec. 4707.02. (A) No person shall act as an auction firm	1920
or auctioneer within this state without a license issued by the	1921
department of agriculture. No auction shall be conducted in this	1922
state except by an auctioneer licensed by the department.	1923
Except as provided in division (D) of this section, the	1924
department shall not issue or renew a license if the applicant	1925
or licensee has been convicted of a felony or crime involving	1926
fraud or theft in this or another state at any time during the	1927
ten years immediately preceding application or renewal.	1928
(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to any of	1929
the following:	1930
(1) Sales at auction that either are required by law to be	1931
at auction, other than sales pursuant to a judicial order or	1932

(2) The owner of any real or personal property desiring to	1935
sell the property at auction, provided that the property was not	1936
acquired for the purpose of resale;	1937
(3) An auction mediation company;	1938
(4) An auction that is conducted in a course of study for	1939
auctioneers that is approved by the state auctioneers commission	1940
created under section 4707.03 of the Revised Code for purposes	1941
of student training and is supervised by a licensed auctioneer;	1942
(5)(a) An auction that is sponsored by a nonprofit or	1943
charitable organization that is registered in this state under	1944
Chapter 1702. or Chapter 1716. of the Revised Code,	1945
respectively, if the auction only involves the property of the	1946
members of the organization and the auction is part of a fair	1947
that is organized by an agricultural society under Chapter 1711.	1948
of the Revised Code or by the Ohio expositions commission under	1949
Chapter 991. of the Revised Code at which an auctioneer who is	1950
licensed under this chapter physically conducts the auction;	1951
(b) Sales at an auction sponsored by a charitable,	1952
religious, or civic organization that is tax exempt under	1953
subsection 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by a	1954
public school, chartered nonpublic school, or community school,	1955
if no person in the business of organizing, arranging, or	1956
conducting an auction for compensation and no consignor of	1957
consigned items sold at the auction, except such organization or	1958
school, receives compensation from the proceeds of the auction.	1959
As used in division (B)(5)(b) of this section, "compensation"	1960
means money, a thing of value other than participation in a	1961
charitable event, or a financial benefit.	1962
(c) Sales at an auction sponsored by an organization that	1963

under it.

is tax exempt under subsection 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue	1964
Code and that is a part of a national, regional, or state	1965
convention or conference that advances or promotes the auction	1966
profession in this state when the property to be sold is donated	1967
to or is the property of the organization and the proceeds	1968
remain within the organization or are donated to a charitable	1969
organization that is tax exempt under subsection 501(c)(3) of	1970
the Internal Revenue Code.	1971
(6) A person licensed as a livestock dealer under Chapter	1972
943. of the Revised Code who exclusively sells livestock and	1973
uses an auctioneer who is licensed under this chapter to conduct	1974
the auction;	1975
(7) A person licensed as a motor vehicle auction owner	1976
under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code who exclusively sells	1977
motor vehicles to a person licensed under Chapter 4517. of the	1978
Revised Code and who uses an auctioneer who is licensed under	1979
this chapter to conduct the auction;	1980
(8) A bid calling contest that is approved by the	1981
commission and that is conducted for the purposes of the	1982
advancement or promotion of the auction profession in this	1983
state;	1984
(9) An auction at which the champion of a national or	1985
international bid calling contest appears, provided that both of	1986
the following apply:	1987
(a) The champion is not paid a commission.	1988
(b) The auction is conducted under the direct supervision	1989
of an auctioneer licensed under this chapter in order to ensure	1990
that the champion complies with this chapter and rules adopted	1991

(10) A person who, in any calendar year, sells not more	1993
than ten thousand dollars of personal property via an auction	1994
mediation company if both of the following apply:	1995
(a) The auction mediation company specifically provides a	1996
fraud protection or money-back quarantee to the buyer of the	1997
property being sold;	1998
property being sora,	1990
(b) The person is either selling the property of another	1999
and does not receive any compensation for such sale, or the	2000
person is selling the person's own personal property.	2001
(C)(1) No person shall advertise or hold oneself out as an	2002
auction firm or auctioneer without a license issued by the	2003
department of agriculture.	2004
(2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not apply to an	2005
individual who is the subject of an advertisement regarding an	2006
auction conducted under division (B)(5)(b) of this section.	2007
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(D) The department shall not refuse to issue a license to	2008
an applicant because of a criminal conviction unless the refusal	2009
is in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.	2010
Sec. 4928.01. (A) As used in this chapter:	2011
(1) "Ancillary service" means any function necessary to	2012
the provision of electric transmission or distribution service	2013
to a retail customer and includes, but is not limited to,	2014
scheduling, system control, and dispatch services; reactive	2015
supply from generation resources and voltage control service;	2016
reactive supply from transmission resources service; regulation	2017
service; frequency response service; energy imbalance service;	2018
operating reserve-spinning reserve service; operating reserve-	2019
supplemental reserve service; load following; back-up supply	2020
service; real-power loss replacement service; dynamic	2021

scheduling; system black start capability; and network stability	2022
service.	2023
(2) "Billing and collection agent" means a fully	2024
independent agent, not affiliated with or otherwise controlled	2025
by an electric utility, electric services company, electric	2026
cooperative, or governmental aggregator subject to certification	2027
under section 4928.08 of the Revised Code, to the extent that	2028
the agent is under contract with such utility, company,	2029
cooperative, or aggregator solely to provide billing and	2030
collection for retail electric service on behalf of the utility	2031
company, cooperative, or aggregator.	2032
(3) "Certified territory" means the certified territory	2033
established for an electric supplier under sections 4933.81 to	2034
4933.90 of the Revised Code.	2035
(4) "Competitive retail electric service" means a	2036
component of retail electric service that is competitive as	2037
provided under division (B) of this section.	2038
(5) "Electric cooperative" means a not-for-profit electric	2039
light company that both is or has been financed in whole or in	2040
part under the "Rural Electrification Act of 1936," 49 Stat.	2041
1363, 7 U.S.C. 901, and owns or operates facilities in this	2042
state to generate, transmit, or distribute electricity, or a	2043
not-for-profit successor of such company.	2044
(6) "Electric distribution utility" means an electric	2045
utility that supplies at least retail electric distribution	2046
service.	2047
(7) "Electric light company" has the same meaning as in	2048
section 4905.03 of the Revised Code and includes an electric	2049
services company, but excludes any self-generator to the extent	2050

that it consumes electricity it so produces, sells that	2051
electricity for resale, or obtains electricity from a generating	2052
facility it hosts on its premises.	2053
(8) "Electric load center" has the same meaning as in	2054
section 4933.81 of the Revised Code.	2055
(9) "Electric services company" means an electric light	2056
company that is engaged on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis	2057
in the business of supplying or arranging for the supply of only	2058
a competitive retail electric service in this state. "Electric	2059
services company" includes a power marketer, power broker,	2060
aggregator, or independent power producer but excludes an	2061
electric cooperative, municipal electric utility, governmental	2062
aggregator, or billing and collection agent.	2063
(10) "Electric supplier" has the same meaning as in	2064
section 4933.81 of the Revised Code.	2065
(11) "Electric utility" means an electric light company	2066
that has a certified territory and is engaged on a for-profit	2067
basis either in the business of supplying a noncompetitive	2068
retail electric service in this state or in the businesses of	2069
supplying both a noncompetitive and a competitive retail	2070
electric service in this state. "Electric utility" excludes a	2071
municipal electric utility or a billing and collection agent.	2072
(12) "Firm electric service" means electric service other	2073
than nonfirm electric service.	2074
(13) "Governmental aggregator" means a legislative	2075
authority of a municipal corporation, a board of township	2076
trustees, or a board of county commissioners acting as an	2077
aggregator for the provision of a competitive retail electric	2078
service under authority conferred under section 4928.20 of the	2079

Revised Code. 2080 (14) A person acts "knowingly," regardless of the person's 2081 purpose, when the person is aware that the person's conduct will 2082 probably cause a certain result or will probably be of a certain 2083 nature. A person has knowledge of circumstances when the person 2084 is aware that such circumstances probably exist. 2085 (15) "Level of funding for low-income customer energy 2086 efficiency programs provided through electric utility rates" 2087 means the level of funds specifically included in an electric 2088 utility's rates on October 5, 1999, pursuant to an order of the 2089 public utilities commission issued under Chapter 4905. or 4909. 2090 of the Revised Code and in effect on October 4, 1999, for the 2091 purpose of improving the energy efficiency of housing for the 2092 utility's low-income customers. The term excludes the level of 2093 any such funds committed to a specific nonprofit organization or 2094 organizations pursuant to a stipulation or contract. 2095 (16) "Low-income customer assistance programs" means the 2096 percentage of income payment plan program, the home energy 2097 assistance program, the home weatherization assistance program, 2098 and the targeted energy efficiency and weatherization program. 2099

- (17) "Market development period" for an electric utility 2100 means the period of time beginning on the starting date of 2101 competitive retail electric service and ending on the applicable 2102 date for that utility as specified in section 4928.40 of the 2103 Revised Code, irrespective of whether the utility applies to 2104 receive transition revenues under this chapter. 2105
- (18) "Market power" means the ability to impose on 2106 customers a sustained price for a product or service above the 2107 price that would prevail in a competitive market. 2108

(19) "Mercantile customer" means a commercial or	2109
industrial customer if the electricity consumed is for	2110
nonresidential use and the customer consumes more than seven	2111
hundred thousand kilowatt hours per year or is part of a	2112
national account involving multiple facilities in one or more	2113
states.	2114
(20) "Municipal electric utility" means a municipal	2115
corporation that owns or operates facilities to generate,	2116
transmit, or distribute electricity.	2117
(21) "Noncompetitive retail electric service" means a	2118
component of retail electric service that is noncompetitive as	2119
provided under division (B) of this section.	2120
(22) "Nonfirm electric service" means electric service	2121
provided pursuant to a schedule filed under section 4905.30 of	2122
the Revised Code or pursuant to an arrangement under section	2123
4905.31 of the Revised Code, which schedule or arrangement	2124
includes conditions that may require the customer to curtail or	2125
interrupt electric usage during nonemergency circumstances upon	2126
notification by an electric utility.	2127
(23) "Percentage of income payment plan arrears" means	2128
funds eligible for collection through the percentage of income	2129
payment plan rider, but uncollected as of July 1, 2000.	2130
(24) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of	2131
the Revised Code.	2132
(25) "Advanced energy project" means any technologies,	2133
products, activities, or management practices or strategies that	2134
facilitate the generation or use of electricity or energy and	2135
that reduce or support the reduction of energy consumption or	2136
support the production of clean, renewable energy for	2137

industrial, distribution, commercial, institutional,	2138
governmental, research, not-for-profit, or residential energy	2139
users, including, but not limited to, advanced energy resources	2140
and renewable energy resources. "Advanced energy project" also	2141
includes any project described in division (A), (B), or (C) of	2142
section 4928.621 of the Revised Code.	2143

- (26) "Regulatory assets" means the unamortized net 2144 regulatory assets that are capitalized or deferred on the 2145 regulatory books of the electric utility, pursuant to an order 2146 or practice of the public utilities commission or pursuant to 2147 generally accepted accounting principles as a result of a prior 2148 commission rate-making decision, and that would otherwise have 2149 been charged to expense as incurred or would not have been 2150 capitalized or otherwise deferred for future regulatory 2151 consideration absent commission action. "Regulatory assets" 2152 includes, but is not limited to, all deferred demand-side 2153 management costs; all deferred percentage of income payment plan 2154 arrears; post-in-service capitalized charges and assets 2155 recognized in connection with statement of financial accounting 2156 standards no. 109 (receivables from customers for income taxes); 2157 future nuclear decommissioning costs and fuel disposal costs as 2158 those costs have been determined by the commission in the 2159 electric utility's most recent rate or accounting application 2160 proceeding addressing such costs; the undepreciated costs of 2161 safety and radiation control equipment on nuclear generating 2162 plants owned or leased by an electric utility; and fuel costs 2163 currently deferred pursuant to the terms of one or more 2164 settlement agreements approved by the commission. 2165
- (27) "Retail electric service" means any service involved 2166 in supplying or arranging for the supply of electricity to 2167 ultimate consumers in this state, from the point of generation 2168

to the point of consumption. For the purposes of this chapter,	2103
retail electric service includes one or more of the following	2170
"service components": generation service, aggregation service,	2171
power marketing service, power brokerage service, transmission	2172
service, distribution service, ancillary service, metering	2173
service, and billing and collection service.	2174
(28) "Starting date of competitive retail electric	2175
service" means January 1, 2001.	2176
(29) "Customer-generator" means a user of a net metering	2177
system.	2178
(30) "Net metering" means measuring the difference in an	2179
applicable billing period between the electricity supplied by an	2180
electric service provider and the electricity generated by a	2181
customer-generator that is fed back to the electric service	2182
provider.	2183
(31) "Net metering system" means a facility for the	2184
production of electrical energy that does all of the following:	2185
(a) Uses as its fuel either solar, wind, biomass, landfill	2186
gas, or hydropower, or uses a microturbine or a fuel cell;	2187
(b) Is located on a customer-generator's premises;	2188
(c) Operates in parallel with the electric utility's	2189
transmission and distribution facilities;	2190
(d) Is intended primarily to offset part or all of the	2191
customer-generator's requirements for electricity. For an	2192
industrial customer-generator with a net metering system that	2193
has a capacity of less than twenty megawatts and uses wind as	2194
energy, this means the net metering system was sized so as to	2195
not exceed one hundred per cent of the customer-generator's	2196

annual requirements for electric energy at the time of	2197
interconnection.	2198
(32) "Self-generator" means an entity in this state that	2199
owns or hosts on its premises an electric generation facility	2200
that produces electricity primarily for the owner's consumption	2201
and that may provide any such excess electricity to another	2202
entity, whether the facility is installed or operated by the	2203
owner or by an agent under a contract.	2204
(33) "Rate plan" means the standard service offer in	2205
effect on the effective date of the amendment of this section by	2206
S.B. 221 of the 127th general assembly, July 31, 2008.	2207
(34) "Advanced energy resource" means any of the	2208
following:	2209
(a) Any method or any modification or replacement of any	2210
property, process, device, structure, or equipment that	2211
increases the generation output of an electric generating	2212
facility to the extent such efficiency is achieved without	2213
additional carbon dioxide emissions by that facility;	2214
(b) Any distributed generation system consisting of	2215
customer cogeneration technology;	2216
(c) Clean coal technology that includes a carbon-based	2217
product that is chemically altered before combustion to	2218
demonstrate a reduction, as expressed as ash, in emissions of	2219
nitrous oxide, mercury, arsenic, chlorine, sulfur dioxide, or	2220
sulfur trioxide in accordance with the American society of	2221
testing and materials standard D1757A or a reduction of metal	2222
oxide emissions in accordance with standard D5142 of that	2223
society, or clean coal technology that includes the design	2224
canability to control or prevent the emission of carbon dioxide	2225

which design capability the commission shall adopt by rule and	2226
shall be based on economically feasible best available	2227
technology or, in the absence of a determined best available	2228
technology, shall be of the highest level of economically	2229
feasible design capability for which there exists generally	2230
accepted scientific opinion;	2231
(d) Advanced nuclear energy technology consisting of	2232
generation III technology as defined by the nuclear regulatory	2233
commission; other, later technology; or significant improvements	2234
to existing facilities;	2235
(e) Any fuel cell used in the generation of electricity,	2236
including, but not limited to, a proton exchange membrane fuel	2237
cell, phosphoric acid fuel cell, molten carbonate fuel cell, or	2238
solid oxide fuel cell;	2239
(f) Advanced solid waste or construction and demolition	2240
debris conversion technology, including, but not limited to,	2241
advanced stoker technology, and advanced fluidized bed	2242
gasification technology, that results in measurable greenhouse	2243
gas emissions reductions as calculated pursuant to the United	2244
States environmental protection agency's waste reduction model	2245
(WARM);	2246
(g) Demand-side management and any energy efficiency	2247
<pre>improvement;</pre>	2248
(h) Any new, retrofitted, refueled, or repowered	2249
generating facility located in Ohio, including a simple or	2250
combined-cycle natural gas generating facility or a generating	2251
facility that uses biomass, coal, modular nuclear, or any other	2252
fuel as its input;	2253
(i) Any uprated capacity of an existing electric	2254

generating facility if the uprated capacity results from the	2255
deployment of advanced technology.	2256
"Advanced energy resource" does not include a waste energy	2257
recovery system that is, or has been, included in an energy	2258
efficiency program of an electric distribution utility pursuant	2259
to requirements under section 4928.66 of the Revised Code.	2260
(35) "Air contaminant source" has the same meaning as in	2261
section 3704.01 of the Revised Code.	2262
(36) "Cogeneration technology" means technology that	2263
produces electricity and useful thermal output simultaneously.	2264
(37)(a) "Renewable energy resource" means any of the	2265
following:	2266
(i) Solar photovoltaic or solar thermal energy;	2267
(ii) Wind energy;	2268
(iii) Power produced by a hydroelectric facility;	2269
(iv) Power produced by a small hydroelectric facility,	2270
which is a facility that operates, or is rated to operate, at an	2271
aggregate capacity of less than six megawatts;	2272
(v) Power produced by a run-of-the-river hydroelectric	2273
facility placed in service on or after January 1, 1980, that is	2274
located within this state, relies upon the Ohio river, and	2275
operates, or is rated to operate, at an aggregate capacity of	2276
forty or more megawatts;	2277
(vi) Geothermal energy;	2278
(vii) Fuel derived from solid wastes, as defined in	2279
section 3734.01 of the Revised Code, through fractionation,	2280
biological decomposition, or other process that does not	2281

principally involve combustion;	2282
(viii) Biomass energy;	2283
(ix) Energy produced by cogeneration technology that is	2284
placed into service on or before December 31, 2015, and for	2285
which more than ninety per cent of the total annual energy input	2286
is from combustion of a waste or byproduct gas from an air	2287
contaminant source in this state, which source has been in	2288
operation since on or before January 1, 1985, provided that the	2289
cogeneration technology is a part of a facility located in a	2290
county having a population of more than three hundred sixty-five	2291
thousand but less than three hundred seventy thousand according	2292
to the most recent federal decennial census;	2293
(x) Biologically derived methane gas;	2294
(xi) Heat captured from a generator of electricity,	2295
boiler, or heat exchanger fueled by biologically derived methane	2296
gas;	2297
(xii) Energy derived from nontreated by-products of the	2298
pulping process or wood manufacturing process, including bark,	2299
wood chips, sawdust, and lignin in spent pulping liquors.	2300
"Renewable energy resource" includes, but is not limited	2301
to, any fuel cell used in the generation of electricity,	2302
including, but not limited to, a proton exchange membrane fuel	2303
cell, phosphoric acid fuel cell, molten carbonate fuel cell, or	2304
solid oxide fuel cell; wind turbine located in the state's	2305
territorial waters of Lake Erie; methane gas emitted from an	2306
abandoned coal mine; waste energy recovery system placed into	2307
service or retrofitted on or after the effective date of the	2308
amendment of this section by S.B. 315 of the 129th general	2309
assembly, September 10, 2012, except that a waste energy	2310

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recovery system described in division (A)(38)(b) of this section	2311
may be included only if it was placed into service between	2312
January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2004; storage facility that	2313
will promote the better utilization of a renewable energy	2314
resource; or distributed generation system used by a customer to	2315
generate electricity from any such energy.	2316
"Renewable energy resource" does not include a waste	2317
energy recovery system that is, or was, on or after January 1,	2318
2012, included in an energy efficiency program of an electric	2319
distribution utility pursuant to requirements under section	2320
4928.66 of the Revised Code.	2321
(b) As used in division (A)(37) of this section,	2322
"hydroelectric facility" means a hydroelectric generating	2323
facility that is located at a dam on a river, or on any water	2324
discharged to a river, that is within or bordering this state or	2325
within or bordering an adjoining state and meets all of the	2326
following standards:	2327
(i) The facility provides for river flows that are not	2328
detrimental for fish, wildlife, and water quality, including	2329
seasonal flow fluctuations as defined by the applicable	2330
licensing agency for the facility.	2331
(ii) The facility demonstrates that it complies with the	2332
water quality standards of this state, which compliance may	2333
consist of certification under Section 401 of the "Clean Water	2334
Act of 1977," 91 Stat. 1598, 1599, 33 U.S.C. 1341, and	2335
demonstrates that it has not contributed to a finding by this	2336
state that the river has impaired water quality under Section	2337
303(d) of the "Clean Water Act of 1977," 114 Stat. 870, 33	2338

(iii) The facility complies with mandatory prescriptions	2340
regarding fish passage as required by the federal energy	2341
regulatory commission license issued for the project, regarding	2342
fish protection for riverine, anadromous, and catadromous fish.	2343
(iv) The facility complies with the recommendations of the	2344
Ohio environmental protection agency and with the terms of its	2345
federal energy regulatory commission license regarding watershed	2346
protection, mitigation, or enhancement, to the extent of each	2347
agency's respective jurisdiction over the facility.	2348
(v) The facility complies with provisions of the	2349
"Endangered Species Act of 1973," 87 Stat. 884, 16 U.S.C. 1531	2350
to 1544, as amended.	2351
(vi) The facility does not harm cultural resources of the	2352
area. This can be shown through compliance with the terms of its	2353
federal energy regulatory commission license or, if the facility	2354
is not regulated by that commission, through development of a	2355
plan approved by the Ohio historic preservation office, to the	2356
extent it has jurisdiction over the facility.	2357
(vii) The facility complies with the terms of its federal	2358
energy regulatory commission license or exemption that are	2359
related to recreational access, accommodation, and facilities	2360
or, if the facility is not regulated by that commission, the	2361
facility complies with similar requirements as are recommended	2362
by resource agencies, to the extent they have jurisdiction over	2363
the facility; and the facility provides access to water to the	2364
public without fee or charge.	2365
(viii) The facility is not recommended for removal by any	2366
federal agency or agency of any state, to the extent the	2367
particular agency has jurisdiction over the facility.	2368

(c) The standards in divisions (A)(37)(b)(i) to (viii) of	2369
this section do not apply to a small hydroelectric facility	2370
under division (A)(37)(a)(iv) of this section.	2371
(38) "Waste energy recovery system" means either of the	2372
following:	2373
(a) A facility that generates electricity through the	2374
conversion of energy from either of the following:	2375
(i) Exhaust heat from engines or manufacturing,	2376
industrial, commercial, or institutional sites, except for	2377
exhaust heat from a facility whose primary purpose is the	2378
generation of electricity;	2379
(ii) Reduction of pressure in gas pipelines before gas is	2380
distributed through the pipeline, provided that the conversion	2381
of energy to electricity is achieved without using additional	2382
fossil fuels.	2383
(b) A facility at a state institution of higher education	2384
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code that recovers	2385
waste heat from electricity-producing engines or combustion	2386
turbines and that simultaneously uses the recovered heat to	2387
produce steam, provided that the facility was placed into	2388
service between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2004.	2389
(39) "Smart grid" means capital improvements to an	2390
electric distribution utility's distribution infrastructure that	2391
improve reliability, efficiency, resiliency, or reduce energy	2392
demand or use, including, but not limited to, advanced metering	2393
and automation of system functions.	2394
(40) "Combined heat and power system" means the	2395
coproduction of electricity and useful thermal energy from the	2396
same fuel source designed to achieve thermal-efficiency levels	2397

of at least sixty per cent, with at least twenty per cent of the	2398
system's total useful energy in the form of thermal energy.	2399
(41) "Legacy generation resource" means all generating	2400
facilities owned directly or indirectly by a corporation that	2401
was formed prior to 1960 by investor-owned utilities for the	2402
original purpose of providing power to the federal government	2403
for use in the nation's defense or in furtherance of national	2404
interests, including the Ohio valley electric corporation.	2405
(42) "Prudently incurred costs related to a legacy	2406
generation resource" means costs, including deferred costs,	2407
allocated pursuant to a power agreement approved by the federal	2408
energy regulatory commission that relates to a legacy generation	2409
resource, less any revenues realized from offering the	2410
contractual commitment for the power agreement into the	2411
wholesale markets, provided that where the net revenues exceed	2412
net costs, those excess revenues shall be credited to customers.	2413
Such costs shall exclude any return on investment in common	2414
equity and, in the event of a premature retirement of a legacy	2415
generation resource, shall exclude any recovery of remaining	2416
debt. Such costs shall include any incremental costs resulting	2417
from the bankruptcy of a current or former sponsor under such	2418
power agreement or co-owner of the legacy generation resource if	2419
not otherwise recovered through a utility rate cost recovery	2420
mechanism.	2421
(43) "Green energy" means any energy generated by using an	2422
<pre>energy resource that does one or more of the following:</pre>	2423
(a) Releases reduced air pollutants, thereby reducing	2424
<pre>cumulative air emissions;</pre>	2425
(b) Is more sustainable and reliable relative to some	2426

fossil fuels.	2427
"Green energy" includes energy generated by using natural_	2428
gas as a resource.	2429
(B) For the purposes of this chapter, a retail electric	2430
service component shall be deemed a competitive retail electric	2431
service if the service component is competitive pursuant to a	2432
declaration by a provision of the Revised Code or pursuant to an	2433
order of the public utilities commission authorized under	2434
division (A) of section 4928.04 of the Revised Code. Otherwise,	2435
the service component shall be deemed a noncompetitive retail	2436
electric service.	2437
Sec. 4928.645. (A) An electric distribution utility or	2438
electric services company may use, for the purpose of complying	2439
with the requirements under divisions (B)(1) and (2) of section	2440
4928.64 of the Revised Code, renewable energy credits any time	2441
in the five calendar years following the date of their purchase	2442
or acquisition from any entity, including, but not limited to,	2443
the following:	2444
(1) A mercantile customer;	2445
(2) An owner or operator of a hydroelectric generating	2446
facility that is located at a dam on a river, or on any water	2447
discharged to a river, that is within or bordering this state or	2448
within or bordering an adjoining state, or that produces power	2449
that can be shown to be deliverable into this state;	2450
(3) A seller of compressed natural gas that has been	2451
produced from biologically derived methane gas, provided that	2452
the seller may only provide renewable energy credits for metered	2453
amounts of gas.	2454
(B)(1) The public utilities commission shall adopt rules	2455

specifying that one unit of credit shall equal one megawatt hour	2456
of electricity derived from renewable energy resources, except	2457
that, for a generating facility of seventy-five megawatts or	2458
greater that is situated within this state and has committed by	2459
December 31, 2009, to modify or retrofit its generating unit or	2460
units to enable the facility to generate principally from	2461
biomass energy by June 30, 2013, each megawatt hour of	2462
electricity generated principally from that biomass energy shall	2463
equal, in units of credit, the product obtained by multiplying	2464
the actual percentage of biomass feedstock heat input used to	2465
generate such megawatt hour by the quotient obtained by dividing	2466
the then existing unit dollar amount used to determine a	2467
renewable energy compliance payment as provided under division	2468
(C)(2)(b) of section 4928.64 of the Revised Code by the then	2469
existing market value of one renewable energy credit, but such	2470
megawatt hour shall not equal less than one unit of credit.	2471
Renewable energy resources do not have to be converted to	2472
electricity in order to be eligible to receive renewable energy	2473
credits. The rules shall specify that, for purposes of	2474
converting the quantity of energy derived from biologically	2475
derived methane gas to an electricity equivalent, one megawatt	2476
hour equals 3,412,142 British thermal units.	2477

(2) The rules also shall provide for this state a system 2478 of registering renewable energy credits by specifying which of 2479 any generally available registries shall be used for that 2480 purpose and not by creating a registry. That selected system of 2481 registering renewable energy credits shall allow a hydroelectric 2482 generating facility to be eligible for obtaining renewable 2483 energy credits and shall allow customer-sited projects or 2484 actions the broadest opportunities to be eligible for obtaining 2485 renewable energy credits. 2486

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