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A BILL

To amend sections 3937.18, 4501.01, 4503.01, 4503.04, 1
4503.182, 4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.30, 4503.31, 2
4504.01, 4507.01, 4507.05, 4507.23, 4507.24, 3
4509.01, 4510.34, 4511.01, 4511.521, 4513.03, 4
4513.20, and 4513.24 of the Revised Code to permit 5
certain motorized scooters to be operated in the 6
same manner and in the same locations as motorized 7
bicycles. 8

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

Section 1. That sections 3937.18, 4501.01, 4503.01, 4503.04, 9
4503.182, 4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.30, 4503.31, 4504.01, 4507.01, 10
4507.05, 4507.23, 4507.24, 4509.01, 4510.34, 4511.01, 4511.521, 11
4513.03, 4513.20, and 4513.24 of the Revised Code be amended to 12
read as follows: 13

Sec. 3937.18. (A) Any policy of insurance delivered or issued 14
for delivery in this state with respect to any motor vehicle 15
registered or principally garaged in this state that insures 16
against loss resulting from liability imposed by law for bodily 17
injury or death suffered by any person arising out of the 18
ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, may, but is not 19

required to, include uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured 20
motorist coverage, or both uninsured and underinsured motorist 21
coverages. 22

Unless otherwise defined in the policy or any endorsement to 23
the policy, "motor vehicle," for purposes of the uninsured 24
motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or both 25
uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages, means a 26
self-propelled vehicle designed for use and principally used on 27
public roads, including an automobile, truck, semi-tractor, 28
motorcycle, and bus. "Motor vehicle" also includes a motor home, 29
provided the motor home is not stationary and is not being used as 30
a temporary or permanent residence or office. "Motor vehicle" does 31
not include a trolley, streetcar, trailer, railroad engine, 32
railroad car, motorized bicycle, motorized scooter, golf cart, 33
off-road recreational vehicle, snowmobile, fork lift, aircraft, 34
watercraft, construction equipment, farm tractor or other vehicle 35
designed and principally used for agricultural purposes, mobile 36
home, vehicle traveling on treads or rails, or any similar 37
vehicle. 38

(B) For purposes of any uninsured motorist coverage included 39
in a policy of insurance, an "uninsured motorist" is the owner or 40
operator of a motor vehicle if any of the following conditions 41
applies: 42

(1) There exists no bodily injury liability bond or insurance 43
policy covering the owner's or operator's liability to the 44
insured. 45

(2) The liability insurer denies coverage to the owner or 46
operator, or is or becomes the subject of insolvency proceedings 47
in any state. 48

(3) The identity of the owner or operator cannot be 49
determined, but independent corroborative evidence exists to prove 50

that the bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death of the insured 51
was proximately caused by the negligence or intentional actions of 52
the unidentified operator of the motor vehicle. For purposes of 53
division (B)(3) of this section, the testimony of any insured 54
seeking recovery from the insurer shall not constitute independent 55
corroborative evidence, unless the testimony is supported by 56
additional evidence. 57

(4) The owner or operator has diplomatic immunity. 58

(5) The owner or operator has immunity under Chapter 2744. of 59
the Revised Code. 60

An "uninsured motorist" does not include the owner or 61
operator of a motor vehicle that is self-insured within the 62
meaning of the financial responsibility law of the state in which 63
the motor vehicle is registered. 64

(C) If underinsured motorist coverage is included in a policy 65
of insurance, the underinsured motorist coverage shall provide 66
protection for insureds thereunder for bodily injury, sickness, or 67
disease, including death, suffered by any insured under the 68
policy, where the limits of coverage available for payment to the 69
insured under all bodily injury liability bonds and insurance 70
policies covering persons liable to the insured are less than the 71
limits for the underinsured motorist coverage. Underinsured 72
motorist coverage in this state is not and shall not be excess 73
coverage to other applicable liability coverages, and shall only 74
provide the insured an amount of protection not greater than that 75
which would be available under the insured's uninsured motorist 76
coverage if the person or persons liable to the insured were 77
uninsured at the time of the accident. The policy limits of the 78
underinsured motorist coverage shall be reduced by those amounts 79
available for payment under all applicable bodily injury liability 80
bonds and insurance policies covering persons liable to the 81
insured. 82

For purposes of underinsured motorist coverage, an 83
"underinsured motorist" does not include the owner or operator of 84
a motor vehicle that has applicable liability coverage in the 85
policy under which the underinsured motorist coverage is provided. 86

(D) With respect to the uninsured motorist coverage, 87
underinsured motorist coverage, or both uninsured and underinsured 88
motorist coverages included in a policy of insurance, an insured 89
shall be required to prove all elements of the insured's claim 90
that are necessary to recover from the owner or operator of the 91
uninsured or underinsured motor vehicle. 92

(E) The uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist 93
coverage, or both uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages 94
included in a policy of insurance shall not be subject to an 95
exclusion or reduction in amount because of any workers' 96
compensation benefits payable as a result of the same injury or 97
death. 98

(F) Any policy of insurance that includes uninsured motorist 99
coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or both uninsured and 100
underinsured motorist coverages may, without regard to any 101
premiums involved, include terms and conditions that preclude any 102
and all stacking of such coverages, including but not limited to: 103

(1) Interfamily stacking, which is the aggregating of the 104
limits of such coverages by the same person or two or more 105
persons, whether family members or not, who are not members of the 106
same household; 107

(2) Intrafamily stacking, which is the aggregating of the 108
limits of such coverages purchased by the same person or two or 109
more family members of the same household. 110

(G) Any policy of insurance that includes uninsured motorist 111
coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or both uninsured and 112
underinsured motorist coverages and that provides a limit of 113

coverage for payment of damages for bodily injury, including 114
death, sustained by any one person in any one automobile accident, 115
may, notwithstanding Chapter 2125. of the Revised Code, include 116
terms and conditions to the effect that all claims resulting from 117
or arising out of any one person's bodily injury, including death, 118
shall collectively be subject to the limit of the policy 119
applicable to bodily injury, including death, sustained by one 120
person, and, for the purpose of such policy limit shall constitute 121
a single claim. Any such policy limit shall be enforceable 122
regardless of the number of insureds, claims made, vehicles or 123
premiums shown in the declarations or policy, or vehicles involved 124
in the accident. 125

(H) Any policy of insurance that includes uninsured motorist 126
coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or both uninsured and 127
underinsured motorist coverages may include terms and conditions 128
requiring that, so long as the insured has not prejudiced the 129
insurer's subrogation rights, each claim or suit for uninsured 130
motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or both 131
uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages be made or brought 132
within three years after the date of the accident causing the 133
bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or within one year 134
after the liability insurer for the owner or operator of the motor 135
vehicle liable to the insured has become the subject of insolvency 136
proceedings in any state, whichever is later. 137

(I) Any policy of insurance that includes uninsured motorist 138
coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or both uninsured and 139
underinsured motorist coverages may include terms and conditions 140
that preclude coverage for bodily injury or death suffered by an 141
insured under specified circumstances, including but not limited 142
to any of the following circumstances: 143

(1) While the insured is operating or occupying a motor 144
vehicle owned by, furnished to, or available for the regular use 145

of a named insured, a spouse, or a resident relative of a named 146
insured, if the motor vehicle is not specifically identified in 147
the policy under which a claim is made, or is not a newly acquired 148
or replacement motor vehicle covered under the terms of the policy 149
under which the uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist 150
coverage, or both uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages 151
are provided; 152

(2) While the insured is operating or occupying a motor 153
vehicle without a reasonable belief that the insured is entitled 154
to do so, provided that under no circumstances will an insured 155
whose license has been suspended, revoked, or never issued, be 156
held to have a reasonable belief that the insured is entitled to 157
operate a motor vehicle; 158

(3) When the bodily injury or death is caused by a motor 159
vehicle operated by any person who is specifically excluded from 160
coverage for bodily injury liability in the policy under which the 161
uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or 162
both uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages are provided; 163

(4) While any employee, officer, director, partner, trustee, 164
member, executor, administrator, or beneficiary of the named 165
insured, or any relative of any such person, is operating or 166
occupying a motor vehicle, unless the employee, officer, director, 167
partner, trustee, member, executor, administrator, beneficiary, or 168
relative is operating or occupying a motor vehicle for which 169
uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or 170
both uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages are provided in 171
the policy; 172

(5) When the person actually suffering the bodily injury, 173
sickness, disease, or death is not an insured under the policy. 174

(J) In the event of payment to any person under the uninsured 175
motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or both 176

uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages, and subject to the 177
terms and conditions of that coverage, the insurer making such 178
payment is entitled, to the extent of the payment, to the proceeds 179
of any settlement or judgment resulting from the exercise of any 180
rights of recovery of that person against any person or 181
organization legally responsible for the bodily injury or death 182
for which the payment is made, including any amount recoverable 183
from an insurer that is or becomes the subject of insolvency 184
proceedings, through such proceedings or in any other lawful 185
manner. No insurer shall attempt to recover any amount against the 186
insured of an insurer that is or becomes the subject of insolvency 187
proceedings, to the extent of those rights against the insurer 188
that the insured assigns to the paying insurer. 189

(K) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the inclusion of 190
underinsured motorist coverage in any uninsured motorist coverage 191
included in a policy of insurance. 192

(L) The superintendent of insurance shall study the market 193
availability of, and competition for, uninsured and underinsured 194
motorist coverages in this state and shall, from time to time, 195
prepare status reports containing the superintendent's findings 196
and any recommendations. The first status report shall be prepared 197
not later than two years after ~~the effective date of this~~ 198
~~amendment~~ October 31, 2001. To assist in preparing these status 199
reports, the superintendent may require insurers and rating 200
organizations operating in this state to collect pertinent data 201
and to submit that data to the superintendent. 202

The superintendent shall submit a copy of each status report 203
to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the 204
president of the senate, and the chairpersons of the committees of 205
the general assembly having primary jurisdiction over issues 206
relating to automobile insurance. 207

Sec. 4501.01. As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 208
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of the 209
Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise provided: 210

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 211
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric personal 212
assistive mobility devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively 213
on rails or tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and 214
vehicles that belong to any police department, municipal fire 215
department, or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such 216
a department in the discharge of its functions. 217

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile homes 218
and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by power 219
other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 220
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include motorized 221
bicycles, motorized scooters, road rollers, traction engines, 222
power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used in 223
construction work and not designed for or employed in general 224
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 225
machinery, farm machinery, trailers that are used to transport 226
agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between 227
a local place of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or 228
towed on a public road or highway at a speed of twenty-five miles 229
per hour or less, threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn 230
sheller, hammermill and agricultural tractors, machinery used in 231
the production of horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable 232
products, and trailers that are designed and used exclusively to 233
transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in 234
and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a public road or 235
highway for a distance of no more than ten miles and at a speed of 236
twenty-five miles per hour or less. 237

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 238

self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing other 239
vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for carrying 240
loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is used 241
principally for agricultural purposes. 242

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division (C) 243
of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive power and 244
either is designed or used for drawing other motor vehicles, or is 245
designed or used for drawing another motor vehicle while carrying 246
a portion of the other motor vehicle or its load, or both. 247

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is designed 248
and used for carrying not more than nine persons and includes any 249
motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying not more than 250
fifteen persons in a ridesharing arrangement. 251

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 252
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 253
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 254
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 255
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially as 256
a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not as the 257
owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed collector's 258
vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an agricultural 259
tractor or traction engine, that displays current, valid license 260
tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised Code, or a 261
similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, valid license 262
tags issued under substantially equivalent provisions in the laws 263
of other states. 264

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle that 265
is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a collector's 266
item and for participation in club activities, exhibitions, tours, 267
parades, and similar uses, but that in no event is used for 268
general transportation. 269

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 270
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 271
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a load 272
of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for purposes other 273
than engaging in business for profit. 274

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and is 275
designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, except 276
any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying not more 277
than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 278

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle that 279
has motor power and is designed and used for carrying merchandise 280
or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 281

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a tricycle that 282
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 283
propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, 284
and that has either two tandem wheels, or one wheel in front and 285
two wheels in the rear, any of which is more than fourteen inches 286
in diameter. 287

(L) "Motorized bicycle" means any vehicle that either has two 288
tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the 289
rear, that is capable of being pedaled, and that is equipped with 290
a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters piston 291
displacement that produces no more than one brake horsepower and 292
is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of no greater than 293
twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 294

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that is 295
designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on its 296
own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes 297
any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a combination of 298
a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type such as that 299
commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used to transport 300

agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between 301
a local place of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or 302
towed on a public road or highway at a speed greater than 303
twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is designed and 304
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 305
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a 306
public road or highway for a distance of more than ten miles or at 307
a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour. "Trailer" does 308
not include a manufactured home or travel trailer. 309

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 310
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 311
described in division (B) of this section, but, where applicable, 312
includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat as described 313
in division (M) of this section, that has a gross weight of no 314
more than three thousand pounds, and that is used exclusively for 315
purposes other than engaging in business for a profit. 316

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of closed 317
construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, is more 318
than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on site, is 319
three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a permanent 320
chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and does not 321
qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division (C)(4) of 322
section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an industrialized unit 323
as defined in division (C)(3) of section 3781.06 of the Revised 324
Code. 325

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type that 326
does not have motive power and is so designed or used with another 327
and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of its own 328
weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by 329
the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for propelling 330
itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, and includes, 331
for the purpose only of registration and taxation under those 332

chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a trailer dolly, 333
that is designed or used for the conversion of a semitrailer into 334
a trailer. 335

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 336
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 337

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 338
travel. 339

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 340
for profit. 341

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in intrastate 342
commerce. 343

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined in 344
49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 345

(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission 346
pursuant to Chapter 4919., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code. 347

(6) It is classed as one of the following: 348

(a) "Travel trailer" means a nonself-propelled recreational 349
vehicle that does not exceed an overall length of thirty-five 350
feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or coupling, and contains 351
less than three hundred twenty square feet of space when erected 352
on site. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping 353
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 354

(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational vehicle 355
that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with permanently 356
installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and consuming of 357
food, and for sleeping. 358

(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational 359
vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed to 360
be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck camper" 361
does not include truck covers that consist of walls and a roof, 362

but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to be used as 363
a dwelling. 364

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such 365
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway permit, 366
that has a gross trailer area of four hundred square feet or less, 367
that is constructed with a raised forward section that allows a 368
bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed by a vehicle 369
equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily installed in the bed 370
of a truck. 371

(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known as 372
a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American national 373
standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park trailers, is 374
built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area of four 375
hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for seasonal 376
or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to utilities 377
necessary for the operation of installed features and appliances. 378

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 379
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 380

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 381
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 382
the load. 383

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is equipped 384
with two or more solid tires. 385

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 386
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, and 387
includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural produce 388
or agricultural production materials between a local place of 389
storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a public 390
road or highway at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 391

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 392
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, except 393

that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, "owner" 394
includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 395

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and firms 396
that are regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, 397
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 398
vehicles, at an established place of business that is used 399
exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, displaying, 400
offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles. A place of 401
business that is used for manufacturing, selling, displaying, 402
offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles shall be deemed to 403
be used exclusively for those purposes even though snowmobiles or 404
all-purpose vehicles are sold or displayed for sale thereat, even 405
though farm machinery is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or 406
even though repair, accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, 407
service, or paint departments are maintained thereat, or, in any 408
county having a population of less than seventy-five thousand at 409
the last federal census, even though a department in a place of 410
business is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles 411
by means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 412
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 413
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing 414
in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in a place of 415
business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 416
means of using used parts are not considered as being maintained 417
for the purpose of assisting or furthering the manufacturing, 418
selling, displaying, and offering for sale or dealing in motor 419
vehicles. 420

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates a 421
motor vehicle upon the public highways. 422

(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor 423
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any 424
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 425

taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, 426
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by 427
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily 428
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an 429
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, 430
compensation, or profit. 431

(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts of 432
the United States, and the provinces of Canada. 433

(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all 434
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts. 435

(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's 436
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the 437
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle. 438

(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original number 439
that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor of the 440
vehicle. 441

(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a 442
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to 443
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of business 444
that is used exclusively for the purpose of distributing new motor 445
vehicles to licensed motor vehicle dealers, except when the 446
distributor also is a new motor vehicle dealer, in which case the 447
distributor may distribute at the location of the distributor's 448
licensed dealership. 449

(EE) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 450
persons in a motor vehicle where the transportation is incidental 451
to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes ridesharing 452
arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and buspools. 453

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is used 454
or intended for use in two or more international registration plan 455
member jurisdictions that allocate or proportionally register 456

vehicles, that is used for the transportation of persons for hire 457
or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation 458
of property, and that meets any of the following qualifications: 459

(1) Is a power unit having a gross vehicle weight in excess 460
of twenty-six thousand pounds; 461

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles, regardless of 462
the gross vehicle weight; 463

(3) Is a combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in 464
excess of twenty-six thousand pounds. 465

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 466
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up and 467
delivery vehicles, buses used for the transportation of chartered 468
parties, or vehicles owned and operated by the United States, this 469
state, or any political subdivisions thereof. 470

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who contract 471
as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger-carrying 472
motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in accordance with 473
the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the United States 474
department of transportation, for the purpose of group travel to a 475
specified destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed 476
upon in advance or modified by the chartered group after having 477
left the place of origin. 478

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 479
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the American 480
association of motor vehicle administrators, and that promotes and 481
encourages the fullest possible use of the highway system by 482
authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of vehicles and 483
recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in member 484
jurisdictions. 485

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 486
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 487

includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (K) 488
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 489

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 490
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 491
established under section 4503.042 of the Revised Code, means the 492
unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped plus the maximum 493
weight of the load to be carried on the vehicle. 494

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 495
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that is 496
taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 of the 497
Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of the combination of 498
vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum weight of the load to be 499
carried on that combination of vehicles. 500

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 501
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 502
hire on an hourly basis pursuant to a prearranged contract for the 503
transportation of passengers on public roads and highways along a 504
route under the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not 505
over a defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 506
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide transportation 507
from a specific location in a chauffeured limousine at a fixed 508
rate per hour or trip. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include 509
any vehicle that is used exclusively in the business of funeral 510
directing. 511

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in division 512
(C)(4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 513

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home or 514
a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 515
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 516
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the inventory 517
of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a manufacturer, 518

remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or mobile homes. 519

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 520
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 521
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 522

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 523
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 524
an information system or for transmission from one information 525
system to another. 526

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in electronic 527
form attached to or logically associated with an electronic 528
record. 529

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning as 530
in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 531

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor vehicle 532
dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code whom the 533
registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the criteria 534
designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for electronic 535
motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic motor 536
vehicle dealer under that section. 537

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 538
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 539
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of an 540
average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a paved 541
level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred seventy pounds 542
has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per hour. 543

~~(TT)~~(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 544
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 4510.021 545
of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or commercial 546
driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege has 547
been suspended. 548

(VV) "Motorized scooter" means every motor vehicle, other than a tractor, that has all of the following characteristics: 549 550

(1) It is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground. 551 552

(2) It has no pedals and is not capable of being pedaled. 553

(3) It has an engine or motor that is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed not greater than twenty-five miles per hour on a level surface. 554 555 556

(4) It is designed or intended by its manufacturer to be utilized primarily as a recreational or pleasure vehicle or a vehicle for traveling short distances. 557 558 559

(5) It is neither designed nor intended by its manufacturer to be utilized primarily as an assistive device to increase, maintain, or improve the mobility of an individual with a disability or other physical condition that limits or impairs the individual's ability to walk. 560 561 562 563 564

"Motorized scooter" does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device. 565 566

Sec. 4503.01. "Motor vehicle" as defined in section 4505.01 of the Revised Code applies to sections 4503.02 to 4503.10, and 4503.12 to 4503.18 of the Revised Code. For the purposes of sections 4503.02 to 4503.04, 4503.10 to 4503.12, 4503.182, 4503.19, 4503.21, 4503.22, and 4503.25 of the Revised Code, the term "motor vehicle" also includes motorized bicycle and motorized scooter. 567 568 569 570 571 572 573

Sec. 4503.04. Until the rates established under section 4503.042 of the Revised Code for the registration of commercial cars, trailers, semitrailers, and buses other than transit buses become operative, the rates of the taxes imposed by section 574 575 576 577

4503.02 of the Revised Code shall be as follows:	578
(A) For motor vehicles having three wheels or less, the license tax is:	579
(1) For each motorized bicycle <u>and motorized scooter</u> , ten dollars;	580
(2) For each motorcycle, fourteen dollars.	581
(B) For each passenger car, twenty dollars;	582
(C) For each manufactured home, each mobile home, and each travel trailer, ten dollars;	583
(D) For each noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer to carry a load of no more than three-quarters of one ton and for each motor home, thirty-five dollars; for each noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer to carry a load of more than three-quarters of one ton, but not more than one ton, seventy dollars;	584
(E) For each commercial car and for each trailer or semitrailer, except a manufactured or mobile home or noncommercial trailer, which shall not be taxed by this division, the license tax is fifteen dollars plus:	585
(1) Eighty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part thereof for the first two thousand pounds or part thereof of weight of vehicle fully equipped;	586
(2) One dollar and forty cents for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of two thousand pounds up to and including three thousand pounds;	587
(3) One dollar and ninety cents for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of three thousand pounds up to and including four thousand pounds;	588
(4) Two dollars and twenty cents for each one hundred pounds	589
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or part thereof in excess of four thousand pounds up to and 607
including five thousand pounds; 608

(5) Two dollars and forty cents for each one hundred pounds 609
or part thereof in excess of five thousand pounds up to and 610
including six thousand pounds; 611

(6) Two dollars and eighty cents for each one hundred pounds 612
or part thereof in excess of six thousand pounds up to and 613
including ten thousand pounds; 614

(7) Three dollars for each one hundred pounds or part thereof 615
in excess of ten thousand pounds up to and including twelve 616
thousand pounds; 617

(8) Three dollars and twenty-five cents for each one hundred 618
pounds or part thereof in excess of twelve thousand pounds. 619

(F) For each noncommercial trailer, the license tax is: 620

(1) Eighty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part 621
thereof for the first two thousand pounds or part thereof of 622
weight of vehicle fully equipped; 623

(2) One dollar and forty cents for each one hundred pounds or 624
part thereof in excess of two thousand pounds up to and including 625
three thousand pounds. 626

(G) Notwithstanding its weight, twelve dollars for any: 627

(1) Vehicle equipped, owned, and used by a charitable or 628
nonprofit corporation exclusively for the purpose of administering 629
chest x-rays or receiving blood donations; 630

(2) Van used principally for the transportation of 631
handicapped persons that has been modified by being equipped with 632
adaptive equipment to facilitate the movement of such persons into 633
and out of the van. 634

(H) For each bus, except a transit bus, having motor power 635
the license tax is: 636

(1) Eighty-five cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof 637
for the first two thousand pounds or part thereof of weight of 638
vehicle fully equipped; 639

(2) One dollar and thirty cents for each one hundred pounds 640
or part thereof in excess of two thousand pounds up to and 641
including three thousand pounds; 642

(3) One dollar and eighty cents for each one hundred pounds 643
or part thereof in excess of three thousand pounds up to and 644
including four thousand pounds; 645

(4) Two dollars and ten cents for each one hundred pounds or 646
part thereof in excess of four thousand pounds up to and including 647
six thousand pounds; 648

(5) Two dollars and forty cents for each one hundred pounds 649
or part thereof in excess of six thousand pounds up to and 650
including ten thousand pounds; 651

(6) Two dollars and seventy cents for each one hundred pounds 652
or part thereof in excess of ten thousand pounds; 653

(7) Notwithstanding its weight, twelve dollars for any bus 654
used principally for the transportation of handicapped persons or 655
persons sixty-five years of age or older; 656

(8) Notwithstanding its weight, twenty dollars for any bus 657
used principally for the transportation of persons in a 658
ridesharing arrangement. 659

(I) For each transit bus having motor power the license tax 660
is twelve dollars. 661

"Transit bus" means either a motor vehicle having a seating 662
capacity of more than seven persons which is operated and used by 663
any person in the rendition of a public mass transportation 664
service primarily in a municipal corporation or municipal 665
corporations and provided at least seventy-five per cent of the 666

annual mileage of such service and use is within such municipal 667
corporation or municipal corporations or a motor vehicle having a 668
seating capacity of more than seven persons which is operated 669
solely for the transportation of persons associated with a 670
charitable or nonprofit corporation, but does not mean any motor 671
vehicle having a seating capacity of more than seven persons when 672
such vehicle is used in a ridesharing capacity. 673

The application for registration of such transit bus shall be 674
accompanied by an affidavit prescribed by the registrar of motor 675
vehicles and signed by the person or an agent of the firm or 676
corporation operating such bus stating that the bus has a seating 677
capacity of more than seven persons, and that it is either to be 678
operated and used in the rendition of a public mass transportation 679
service and that at least seventy-five per cent of the annual 680
mileage of such operation and use shall be within one or more 681
municipal corporations or that it is to be operated solely for the 682
transportation of persons associated with a charitable or 683
nonprofit corporation. 684

The form of the license plate, and the manner of its 685
attachment to the vehicle, shall be prescribed by the registrar of 686
motor vehicles. 687

(J) The minimum tax for any vehicle having motor power other 688
than a farm truck, a motorized bicycle, a motorized scooter, or 689
motorcycle is ten dollars and eighty cents, and for each 690
noncommercial trailer, five dollars. 691

(K)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (K) of this 692
section, for each farm truck, except a noncommercial motor 693
vehicle, that is owned, controlled, or operated by one or more 694
farmers exclusively in farm use as defined in this section, and 695
not for commercial purposes, and provided that at least 696
seventy-five per cent of such farm use is by or for the one or 697
more owners, controllers, or operators of the farm in the 698

operation of which a farm truck is used, the license tax is five 699
dollars plus: 700

(a) Fifty cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof for 701
the first three thousand pounds; 702

(b) Seventy cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in 703
excess of three thousand pounds up to and including four thousand 704
pounds; 705

(c) Ninety cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in 706
excess of four thousand pounds up to and including six thousand 707
pounds; 708

(d) Two dollars for each one hundred pounds or part thereof 709
in excess of six thousand pounds up to and including ten thousand 710
pounds; 711

(e) Two dollars and twenty-five cents for each one hundred 712
pounds or part thereof in excess of ten thousand pounds; 713

(f) The minimum license tax for any farm truck shall be 714
twelve dollars. 715

(2) The owner of a farm truck may register the truck for a 716
period of one-half year by paying one-half the registration tax 717
imposed on the truck under this chapter and one-half the amount of 718
any tax imposed on the truck under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 719
Code. 720

(3) A farm bus may be registered for a period of ninety days 721
from the date of issue of the license plates for the bus, for a 722
fee of ten dollars, provided such license plates shall not be 723
issued for more than any two ninety-day periods in any calendar 724
year. Such use does not include the operation of trucks by 725
commercial processors of agricultural products. 726

(4) License plates for farm trucks and for farm buses shall 727
have some distinguishing marks, letters, colors, or other 728

characteristics to be determined by the director of public safety. 729

(5) Every person registering a farm truck or bus under this 730
section shall furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck or 731
bus licensed to that person is to be so used as to meet the 732
requirements necessary for the farm truck or farm bus 733
classification. 734

Any farmer may use a truck owned by the farmer for commercial 735
purposes by paying the difference between the commercial truck 736
registration fee and the farm truck registration fee for the 737
remaining part of the registration period for which the truck is 738
registered. Such remainder shall be calculated from the beginning 739
of the semiannual period in which application for such commercial 740
license is made. 741

Taxes at the rates provided in this section are in lieu of 742
all taxes on or with respect to the ownership of such motor 743
vehicles, except as provided in section 4503.042 and section 744
4503.06 of the Revised Code. 745

(L) Other than trucks registered under the international 746
registration plan in another jurisdiction and for which this state 747
has received an apportioned registration fee, the license tax for 748
each truck which is owned, controlled, or operated by a 749
nonresident, and licensed in another state, and which is used 750
exclusively for the transportation of nonprocessed agricultural 751
products intrastate, from the place of production to the place of 752
processing, is twenty-four dollars. 753

"Truck," as used in this division, means any pickup truck, 754
straight truck, semitrailer, or trailer other than a travel 755
trailer. Nonprocessed agricultural products, as used in this 756
division, does not include livestock or grain. 757

A license issued under this division shall be issued for a 758
period of one hundred thirty days in the same manner in which all 759

other licenses are issued under this section, provided that no 760
truck shall be so licensed for more than one one hundred 761
thirty-day period during any calendar year. 762

The license issued pursuant to this division shall consist of 763
a windshield decal to be designed by the director of public 764
safety. 765

Every person registering a truck under this division shall 766
furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck licensed to the 767
person is to be used exclusively for the purposes specified in 768
this division. 769

(M) Every person registering a motor vehicle as a 770
noncommercial motor vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the 771
Revised Code, or registering a trailer as a noncommercial trailer 772
as defined in that section, shall furnish an affidavit certifying 773
that the motor vehicle or trailer so licensed to the person is to 774
be so used as to meet the requirements necessary for the 775
noncommercial vehicle classification. 776

(N) Every person registering a van or bus as provided in 777
divisions (G)(2) and (H)(7) of this section shall furnish a 778
notarized statement certifying that the van or bus licensed to the 779
person is to be used for the purposes specified in those 780
divisions. The form of the license plate issued for such motor 781
vehicles shall be prescribed by the registrar. 782

(O) Every person registering as a passenger car a motor 783
vehicle designed and used for carrying more than nine but not more 784
than fifteen passengers, and every person registering a bus as 785
provided in division (H)(8) of this section, shall furnish an 786
affidavit certifying that the vehicle so licensed to the person is 787
to be used in a ridesharing arrangement and that the person will 788
have in effect whenever the vehicle is used in a ridesharing 789
arrangement a policy of liability insurance with respect to the 790

motor vehicle in amounts and coverages no less than those required 791
by section 4509.79 of the Revised Code. The form of the license 792
plate issued for such a motor vehicle shall be prescribed by the 793
registrar. 794

(P) As used in this section: 795

(1) "Van" means any motor vehicle having a single rear axle 796
and an enclosed body without a second seat. 797

(2) "Handicapped person" means any person who has lost the 798
use of one or both legs, or one or both arms, or is blind, deaf, 799
or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without the 800
aid of crutches or a wheelchair. 801

(3) "Farm truck" means a truck used in the transportation 802
from the farm of products of the farm, including livestock and its 803
products, poultry and its products, floricultural and 804
horticultural products, and in the transportation to the farm of 805
supplies for the farm, including tile, fence, and every other 806
thing or commodity used in agricultural, floricultural, 807
horticultural, livestock, and poultry production and livestock, 808
poultry, and other animals and things used for breeding, feeding, 809
or other purposes connected with the operation of the farm. 810

(4) "Farm bus" means a bus used only for the transportation 811
of agricultural employees and used only in the transportation of 812
such employees as are necessary in the operation of the farm. 813

(5) "Farm supplies" includes fuel used exclusively in the 814
operation of a farm, including one or more homes located on and 815
used in the operation of one or more farms, and furniture and 816
other things used in and around such homes. 817

Sec. 4503.182. (A) A purchaser of a motor vehicle, upon 818
application and proof of purchase of the vehicle, may be issued a 819
temporary license placard or windshield sticker for the motor 820

vehicle. 821

The purchaser of a vehicle applying for a temporary license 822
placard or windshield sticker under this section shall execute an 823
affidavit stating that the purchaser has not been issued 824
previously during the current registration year a license plate 825
that could legally be transferred to the vehicle. 826

Placards or windshield stickers shall be issued only for the 827
applicant's use of the vehicle to enable the applicant to legally 828
operate the motor vehicle while proper title, license plates, and 829
a certificate of registration are being obtained, and shall be 830
displayed on no other motor vehicle. 831

Placards or windshield stickers issued under this section are 832
valid for a period of thirty days from date of issuance and are 833
not transferable or renewable. 834

The fee for the placards or windshield stickers is two 835
dollars plus a deputy registrar service fee of two dollars and 836
seventy-five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three dollars and 837
twenty-five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and three dollars 838
and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004, for each placard 839
issued by a deputy registrar. 840

(B) The registrar of motor vehicles may issue to a motorized 841
bicycle dealer, motorized scooter dealer, or a licensed motor 842
vehicle dealer temporary license placards to be issued to 843
purchasers for use on vehicles sold by the dealer, in accordance 844
with rules prescribed by the registrar. The dealer shall notify 845
the registrar, within forty-eight hours, of the issuance of a 846
placard by electronic means via computer equipment purchased and 847
maintained by the dealer or in any other manner prescribed by the 848
registrar. 849

The fee for each placard issued by the registrar to a 850

licensed motor vehicle dealer is two dollars plus a fee of two 851
dollars and seventy-five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three 852
dollars and twenty-five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and 853
three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004. 854

(C) The registrar of motor vehicles, at the registrar's 855
discretion, may issue a temporary license placard. Such a placard 856
may be issued in the case of extreme hardship encountered by a 857
citizen from this state or another state who has attempted to 858
comply with all registration laws, but for extreme circumstances 859
is unable to properly register the citizen's vehicle. 860

(D) In addition to the fees charged under divisions (A) and 861
(B) of this section, commencing on October 1, 2003, the registrar 862
and each deputy registrar shall collect a fee of five dollars for 863
each temporary license placard issued. The additional fee is for 864
the purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 865
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 866
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 867
transmit the fees collected under this division in the same manner 868
as provided for transmission of fees collected under division (A) 869
of this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received 870
under this division into the state highway safety fund established 871
in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 872

(E) The registrar shall adopt rules, in accordance with 873
division (B) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, to specify the 874
procedures for reporting the information from applications for 875
temporary license placards and windshield stickers and for 876
providing the information from these applications to law 877
enforcement agencies. 878

(F) Temporary license placards issued under this section 879
shall bear a distinctive combination of seven letters, numerals, 880
or letters and numerals, and shall incorporate a security feature 881
that, to the greatest degree possible, prevents tampering with any 882

of the information that is entered upon a placard when it is 883
issued. 884

(G) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty 885
of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Whoever violates division 886
(B) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first 887
degree. 888

(H) As used in this section, ~~"motorized:~~ 889

(1) "Motorized bicycle dealer" means any person engaged in 890
the business of selling at retail, displaying, offering for sale, 891
or dealing in motorized bicycles who is not subject to section 892
4503.09 of the Revised Code. 893

(2) "Motorized scooter dealer" means any person engaged in 894
the business of selling at retail, displaying, offering for sale, 895
or dealing in motorized scooters who is not subject to section 896
4503.09 of the Revised Code. 897

Sec. 4503.21. (A) No person who is the owner or operator of a 898
motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the front and 899
rear of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration 900
mark, including any county identification sticker and any 901
validation sticker issued under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of 902
the Revised Code, furnished by the director of public safety, 903
except that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, 904
the holder of an in transit permit, and the owner or operator of a 905
motorcycle, motorized bicycle, motorized scooter, manufactured 906
home, mobile home, trailer, or semitrailer shall display on the 907
rear only. A motor vehicle that is issued two license plates shall 908
display the validation sticker only on the rear license plate, 909
except that a commercial tractor that does not receive an 910
apportioned license plate under the international registration 911
plan shall display the validation sticker on the front of the 912
commercial tractor. An apportioned vehicle receiving an 913

apportioned license plate under the international registration 914
plan shall display the license plate only on the front of a 915
commercial tractor and on the rear of all other vehicles. All 916
license plates shall be securely fastened so as not to swing, and 917
shall not be covered by any material that obstructs their 918
visibility. 919

No person to whom a temporary license placard or windshield 920
sticker has been issued for the use of a motor vehicle under 921
section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, and no operator of that 922
motor vehicle, shall fail to display the temporary license placard 923
in plain view from the rear of the vehicle either in the rear 924
window or on an external rear surface of the motor vehicle, or 925
fail to display the windshield sticker in plain view on the rear 926
window of the motor vehicle. No temporary license placard or 927
windshield sticker shall be covered by any material that obstructs 928
its visibility. 929

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 930
misdemeanor. 931

Sec. 4503.22. The identification license plate shall consist 932
of a placard upon the face of which shall appear the distinctive 933
number assigned to the motor vehicle as provided in section 934
4503.19 of the Revised Code, in Arabic numerals or letters, or 935
both. The dimensions of the numerals or letters and of each stroke 936
shall be determined by the director of public safety. The license 937
placard also shall contain the name of this state and the slogan 938
"BIRTHPLACE OF AVIATION." The placard shall be made of steel and 939
the background shall be treated with a reflective material that 940
shall provide effective and dependable reflective brightness 941
during the service period required of the placard. Specifications 942
for the reflective and other materials and the design of the 943
placard, the county identification stickers as provided by section 944

4503.19 of the Revised Code, and validation stickers as provided 945
by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, shall be adopted by the 946
director as rules under sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised 947
Code. The identification license plate of motorized bicycles and 948
motorized scooters and of motor vehicles of the type commonly 949
called "motorcycles" shall consist of a single placard, the size 950
of which shall be prescribed by the director. The identification 951
plate of a vehicle registered in accordance with the international 952
registration plan shall contain the word "apportioned." The 953
director may prescribe the type of placard, or means of fastening 954
the placard, or both; the placard or means of fastening may be so 955
designed and constructed as to render difficult the removal of the 956
placard after it has been fastened to a motor vehicle. 957

Sec. 4503.30. Any placards issued by the registrar of motor 958
vehicles and bearing the distinctive number assigned to a 959
manufacturer, dealer, or distributor pursuant to section 4503.27 960
of the Revised Code may be displayed on any motor vehicle, other 961
than commercial cars, or on any motorized bicycle or motorized 962
scooter owned by the manufacturer, dealer, or distributor, or 963
lawfully in the possession or control of the manufacturer, or the 964
agent or employee of the manufacturer, the dealer, or the agent or 965
employee of the dealer, the distributor, or the agent or employee 966
of the distributor, and shall be displayed on no other motor 967
vehicle or motorized bicycle or motorized scooter. A placard may 968
be displayed on a motor vehicle, other than a commercial car, 969
owned by a dealer when the vehicle is in transit from a dealer to 970
a purchaser, when the vehicle is being demonstrated for sale or 971
lease, or when the vehicle otherwise is being utilized by the 972
dealer. A vehicle bearing a placard issued to a dealer under 973
section 4503.27 of the Revised Code may be operated by the dealer, 974
an agent or employee of the dealer, a prospective purchaser, or a 975

third party operating the vehicle with the permission of the 976
dealer. 977

Such placards may be displayed on commercial cars only when 978
the cars are in transit from a manufacturer to a dealer, from a 979
distributor to a dealer or distributor, or from a dealer to a 980
purchaser, or when the cars are being demonstrated for sale or 981
lease, and shall not be displayed when the cars are being used for 982
delivery, hauling, transporting, or other commercial purpose. 983

Sec. 4503.31. As used in this section, "person" includes, but 984
is not limited to, any person engaged in the business of 985
manufacturing or distributing, or selling at retail, displaying, 986
offering for sale, or dealing in, motorized bicycles or motorized 987
scooters who is not subject to section 4503.09 of the Revised 988
Code, or an Ohio nonprofit corporation engaged in the business of 989
testing of motor vehicles. 990

Persons other than manufacturers, dealers, or distributors 991
may register annually with the registrar of motor vehicles and 992
obtain placards to be displayed on motor vehicles as provided by 993
this section. Applications for annual registration shall be made 994
at the time provided for payment of the tax and postage imposed on 995
manufacturers, dealers, or distributors and shall be in the manner 996
to be prescribed by the registrar. The fee for such registration 997
shall be twenty-five dollars and shall not be reduced when the 998
registration is for a part of a year. Applicants may procure a 999
reasonable number of certified copies of such registration upon 1000
the payment of a fee of five dollars and appropriate postage as 1001
required by the registrar for each copy. 1002

Upon the filing of the application and the payment of the fee 1003
and postage prescribed by this section, the registrar shall issue 1004
to each applicant a certificate of registration and assign a 1005

distinctive number and furnish one placard with the number 1006
thereon. With each of the certified copies of the registration 1007
provided for in this section the registrar shall furnish one 1008
placard with the same numbering assigned in the original 1009
registration certificate and shall add thereto such special 1010
designation as necessary to distinguish one set of placards from 1011
another. All placards furnished by the registrar pursuant to this 1012
section shall be so marked as to be distinguishable from placards 1013
issued dealers, manufacturers, or distributors. Placards issued 1014
pursuant to this section may be used only on motor vehicles ~~or~~ 1015
motorized bicycles, or motorized scooters owned and being used in 1016
testing or being demonstrated for purposes of sale or lease; or on 1017
motor vehicles subject to the rights and remedies of a secured 1018
party being exercised under Chapter 1309. of the Revised Code; or 1019
on motor vehicles being held or transported by any insurance 1020
company for purposes of salvage disposition; or on motor vehicles 1021
being transported by any persons regularly engaged in salvage 1022
operations or scrap metal processing from the point of acquisition 1023
to their established place of business; or on motor vehicles owned 1024
by or in the lawful possession of an Ohio nonprofit corporation 1025
while being used in the testing of those motor vehicles. 1026

Placards issued pursuant to this section also may be used by 1027
persons regularly engaged in the business of rustproofing, 1028
reconditioning, or installing equipment or trim on motor vehicles 1029
for motor vehicle dealers and shall be used exclusively when such 1030
motor vehicles are being transported to or from the motor vehicle 1031
dealer's place of business; and by persons engaged in 1032
manufacturing articles for attachment to motor vehicles when such 1033
motor vehicles are being transported to or from places where 1034
mechanical equipment is attached to the chassis of such new motor 1035
vehicles; or on motor vehicles being towed by any persons 1036
regularly and primarily engaged in the business of towing motor 1037
vehicles while such vehicle is being towed to a point of storage. 1038

Placards issued pursuant to this section also may be used on 1039
trailers being transported by persons engaged in the business of 1040
selling tangible personal property other than motor vehicles. 1041

No person required to register an apportionable vehicle under 1042
the international registration plan shall apply for or receive a 1043
placard for that vehicle under this section. 1044

The fees collected by the registrar pursuant to this section 1045
shall be paid into the state bureau of motor vehicles fund 1046
established in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code and used for 1047
the purposes described in that section. 1048

Sec. 4504.01. As used in this chapter: 1049

(A) "Motor vehicle" means all vehicles included within the 1050
definition of motor vehicle in sections 4501.01 and 4505.01 of the 1051
Revised Code and also includes motorized bicycles and motorized 1052
scooters. 1053

(B) "County motor vehicle license tax" means a tax imposed by 1054
a county pursuant to this chapter. 1055

(C) "Township motor vehicle license tax" means a tax imposed 1056
by a township pursuant to this chapter. 1057

(D) "Municipal motor vehicle license tax" means a tax imposed 1058
by a municipal corporation pursuant to this chapter. 1059

(E) "Registrar" means the registrar of motor vehicles as 1060
provided in section 4501.02 of the Revised Code. 1061

(F) "Deputy registrar" means any deputy appointed by the 1062
registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to sections 4501.02 and 1063
4503.03 of the Revised Code. 1064

Sec. 4507.01. (A) As used in this chapter, "motor vehicle," 1065
"motorized bicycle," "motorized scooter," "state," "owner," 1066

"operator," "chauffeur," and "highways" have the same meanings as 1067
in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 1068

"Driver's license" means a class D license issued to any 1069
person to operate a motor vehicle or motor-driven cycle, other 1070
than a commercial motor vehicle, and includes "probationary 1071
license," "restricted license," and any operator's or chauffeur's 1072
license issued before January 1, 1990. 1073

"Probationary license" means the license issued to any person 1074
between sixteen and eighteen years of age to operate a motor 1075
vehicle. 1076

"Restricted license" means the license issued to any person 1077
to operate a motor vehicle subject to conditions or restrictions 1078
imposed by the registrar of motor vehicles. 1079

"Commercial driver's license" means the license issued to a 1080
person under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code to operate a 1081
commercial motor vehicle. 1082

"Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 1083
4506.01 of the Revised Code. 1084

"Motorized bicycle license" means the license issued under 1085
section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a 1086
motorized bicycle including a "probationary motorized bicycle 1087
license." 1088

"Probationary motorized bicycle license" means the license 1089
issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person 1090
between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized 1091
bicycle. 1092

"Motorized scooter license" means the license issued under 1093
section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a 1094
motorized scooter including a "probationary motorized scooter 1095
license." 1096

"Probationary motorized scooter license" means the license issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized scooter.

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"Identification card" means a card issued under sections 4507.50 and 4507.51 of the Revised Code.

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"Resident" means a person who, in accordance with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, resides in this state on a permanent basis.

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"Temporary resident" means a person who, in accordance with standards prescribed in rules adopted by the registrar, resides in this state on a temporary basis.

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(B) In the administration of this chapter and Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code, the registrar has the same authority as is conferred on the registrar by section 4501.02 of the Revised Code. Any act of an authorized deputy registrar of motor vehicles under direction of the registrar is deemed the act of the registrar.

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To carry out this chapter, the registrar shall appoint such deputy registrars in each county as are necessary.

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The registrar also shall provide at each place where an application for a driver's or commercial driver's license or identification card may be made the necessary equipment to take a color photograph of the applicant for such license or card as required under section 4506.11 or 4507.06 of the Revised Code, and to conduct the vision screenings required by section 4507.12 of the Revised Code, and equipment to laminate licenses, motorized bicycle licenses, motorized scooter licenses, and identification cards as required by sections 4507.13, 4507.52, and 4511.521 of the Revised Code.

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The registrar shall assign one or more deputy registrars to

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any driver's license examining station operated under the 1127
supervision of the state highway patrol, whenever the registrar 1128
considers such assignment possible. Space shall be provided in the 1129
driver's license examining station for any such deputy registrar 1130
so assigned. The deputy registrars shall not exercise the powers 1131
conferred by such sections upon the registrar, unless they are 1132
specifically authorized to exercise such powers by such sections. 1133

(C) No agent for any insurance company, writing automobile 1134
insurance, shall be appointed deputy registrar, and any such 1135
appointment is void. No deputy registrar shall in any manner 1136
solicit any form of automobile insurance, nor in any manner 1137
advise, suggest, or influence any licensee or applicant for 1138
license for or against any kind or type of automobile insurance, 1139
insurance company, or agent, nor have the deputy registrar's 1140
office directly connected with the office of any automobile 1141
insurance agent, nor impart any information furnished by any 1142
applicant for a license or identification card to any person, 1143
except the registrar. This division shall not apply to any 1144
nonprofit corporation appointed deputy registrar. 1145

(D) The registrar shall immediately remove a deputy registrar 1146
who violates the requirements of this chapter. 1147

(E) The registrar shall periodically solicit bids and enter 1148
into a contract for the provision of laminating equipment and 1149
laminating materials to the registrar and all deputy registrars. 1150
The registrar shall not consider any bid that does not provide for 1151
the supplying of both laminating equipment and laminating 1152
materials. The laminating materials selected shall contain a 1153
security feature so that any tampering with the laminating 1154
material covering a license or identification card is readily 1155
apparent. In soliciting bids and entering into a contract for the 1156
provision of laminating equipment and laminating materials, the 1157
registrar shall observe all procedures required by law. 1158

Sec. 4507.05. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles, or a 1159
deputy registrar, upon receiving an application for a temporary 1160
instruction permit and a temporary instruction permit 1161
identification card for a driver's license from any person who is 1162
at least fifteen years and six months of age, may issue such a 1163
permit and identification card entitling the applicant to drive a 1164
motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle, upon the 1165
highways under the following conditions: 1166

(1) If the permit is issued to a person who is at least 1167
fifteen years and six months of age, but less than sixteen years 1168
of age: 1169

(a) The permit and identification card are in the holder's 1170
immediate possession; 1171

(b) The holder is accompanied by an eligible adult who 1172
actually occupies the seat beside the permit holder; 1173

(c) The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not 1174
exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally 1175
installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each 1176
occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements 1177
of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device. 1178

(2) If the permit is issued to a person who is at least 1179
sixteen years of age: 1180

(a) The permit and identification card are in the holder's 1181
immediate possession; 1182

(b) The holder is accompanied by a licensed operator who is 1183
at least twenty-one years of age and is actually occupying a seat 1184
beside the driver; 1185

(c) The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not 1186
exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally 1187
installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each 1188

occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements 1189
of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device. 1190

(B) The registrar or a deputy registrar, upon receiving from 1191
any person an application for a temporary instruction permit and 1192
temporary instruction permit identification card to operate a 1193
motorcycle ~~or~~, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter, may issue 1194
such a permit and identification card entitling the applicant, 1195
while having the permit and identification card in the applicant's 1196
immediate possession, to drive a motorcycle ~~or~~, motorized bicycle, 1197
or motorized scooter, under restrictions determined by the 1198
registrar. A temporary instruction permit and temporary 1199
instruction permit identification card to operate a motorized 1200
bicycle or motorized scooter may be issued to a person fourteen or 1201
fifteen years old. 1202

(C) Any permit and identification card issued under this 1203
section shall be issued in the same manner as a driver's license, 1204
upon a form to be furnished by the registrar. A temporary 1205
instruction permit to drive a motor vehicle other than a 1206
commercial motor vehicle shall be valid for a period of one year. 1207

(D) Any person having in the person's possession a valid and 1208
current driver's license or motorcycle operator's license or 1209
endorsement issued to the person by another jurisdiction 1210
recognized by this state is exempt from obtaining a temporary 1211
instruction permit for a driver's license, but shall submit to the 1212
regular examination in obtaining a driver's license or motorcycle 1213
operator's endorsement in this state. 1214

(E) The registrar may adopt rules governing the use of 1215
temporary instruction permits and temporary instruction permit 1216
identification cards. 1217

(F)(1) No holder of a permit issued under division (A) of 1218
this section shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any 1219

public or private property used by the public for purposes of 1220
vehicular travel or parking in violation of the conditions 1221
established under division (A) of this section. 1222

(2) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, no 1223
holder of a permit that is issued under division (A) of this 1224
section and that is issued on or after ~~the effective date of this~~ 1225
~~amendment~~ July 1, 1998, and who has not attained the age of 1226
seventeen years, shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or 1227
any public or private property used by the public for purposes of 1228
vehicular travel or parking between the hours of one a.m. and five 1229
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The holder of a permit issued under division (A) of this 1231
section on or after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ July 1, 1232
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a motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property 1234
used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking 1235
between the hours of one a.m. and five a.m. if, at the time of 1236
such operation, the holder is accompanied by the holder's parent, 1237
guardian, or custodian, and the parent, guardian, or custodian 1238
holds a current valid driver's or commercial driver's license 1239
issued by this state and is actually occupying a seat beside the 1240
permit holder. 1241

(G)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 1242
contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a 1243
motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the 1244
motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether each 1245
occupant of the motor vehicle is wearing all of the available 1246
elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device as 1247
required by division (A) of this section, or for the sole purpose 1248
of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons if the requirement in 1249
that division has been or is being violated, or for causing the 1250
arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation 1251

of that requirement. 1252

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 1253
contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a 1254
motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the 1255
motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether a 1256
violation of division (F)(2) of this section has been or is being 1257
committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, 1258
or summons for such a violation or for causing the arrest of or 1259
commencing a prosecution of a person for such violation. 1260

(H) As used in this section: 1261

(1) "Eligible adult" means any of the following: 1262

(a) An instructor of a driver training course approved by the 1263
department of public safety; 1264

(b) Any of the following persons who holds a current valid 1265
driver's or commercial driver's license issued by this state: 1266

(i) A parent, guardian, or custodian of the permit holder; 1267

(ii) A person twenty-one years of age or older who acts in 1268
loco parentis of the permit holder. 1269

(2) "Occupant restraining device" has the same meaning as in 1270
section 4513.263 of the Revised Code. 1271

(I) Whoever violates division (F)(1) or (2) of this section 1272
is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 1273

Sec. 4507.23. (A) Except as provided in division (I) of this 1274
section, each application for a temporary instruction permit and 1275
examination shall be accompanied by a fee of four dollars. 1276

(B) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, each 1277
application for a driver's license made by a person who previously 1278
held such a license and whose license has expired not more than 1279
two years prior to the date of application, and who is required 1280

under this chapter to give an actual demonstration of the person's 1281
ability to drive, shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars 1282
in addition to any other fees. 1283

(C) Except as provided in divisions (E) and (I) of this 1284
section, each application for a driver's license, or motorcycle 1285
operator's endorsement, or renewal of a driver's license shall be 1286
accompanied by a fee of six dollars. Except as provided in 1287
division (I) of this section, each application for a duplicate 1288
driver's license shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars and 1289
fifty cents. The duplicate driver's licenses issued under this 1290
section shall be distributed by the deputy registrar in accordance 1291
with rules adopted by the registrar of motor vehicles. 1292

(D) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, each 1293
application for a motorized bicycle license or motorized scooter 1294
license or duplicate thereof shall be accompanied by a fee of two 1295
dollars and fifty cents. 1296

(E) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, each 1297
application for a driver's license or renewal of a driver's 1298
license that will be issued to a person who is less than 1299
twenty-one years of age shall be accompanied by whichever of the 1300
following fees is applicable: 1301

(1) If the person is sixteen years of age or older, but less 1302
than seventeen years of age, a fee of seven dollars and 1303
twenty-five cents; 1304

(2) If the person is seventeen years of age or older, but 1305
less than eighteen years of age, a fee of six dollars; 1306

(3) If the person is eighteen years of age or older, but less 1307
than nineteen years of age, a fee of four dollars and seventy-five 1308
cents; 1309

(4) If the person is nineteen years of age or older, but less 1310
than twenty years of age, a fee of three dollars and fifty cents; 1311

(5) If the person is twenty years of age or older, but less than twenty-one years of age, a fee of two dollars and twenty-five cents.

(F) Neither the registrar nor any deputy registrar shall charge a fee in excess of one dollar and fifty cents for laminating a driver's license, motorized bicycle license, motorized scooter license, or temporary instruction permit identification cards as required by sections 4507.13 and 4511.521 of the Revised Code. A deputy registrar laminating a driver's license, motorized bicycle license, motorized scooter license, or temporary instruction permit identification ~~cards~~ card shall retain the entire amount of the fee charged for lamination, less the actual cost to the registrar of the laminating materials used for that lamination, as specified in the contract executed by the bureau for the laminating materials and laminating equipment. The deputy registrar shall forward the amount of the cost of the laminating materials to the registrar for deposit as provided in this section.

(G) Except as provided in division (I) of this section and except for the renewal of a driver's license, commencing on October 1, 2003, each transaction described in divisions (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) of this section shall be accompanied by an additional fee of twelve dollars. A transaction involving the renewal of a driver's license with an expiration date on or after that date shall be accompanied by an additional fee of twelve dollars. The additional fee is for the purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio.

(H) At the time and in the manner provided by section 4503.10 of the Revised Code, the deputy registrar shall transmit the fees collected under divisions (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E), those

portions of the fees specified in and collected under division 1344
(F), and the additional fee under division (G) of this section to 1345
the registrar. The registrar shall pay two dollars and fifty cents 1346
of each fee collected under divisions (A), (B), (C), (D), and 1347
(E)(1) to (4) of this section, and the entire fee collected under 1348
division (E)(5) of this section, into the state highway safety 1349
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code, and such 1350
fees shall be used for the sole purpose of supporting driver 1351
licensing activities. The registrar also shall pay the entire fee 1352
collected under division (G) of this section into the state 1353
highway safety fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised 1354
Code. The remaining fees collected by the registrar under this 1355
section shall be paid into the state bureau of motor vehicles fund 1356
established in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1357

(I) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability 1358
rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration may 1359
apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance to 1360
that veteran, without the payment of any fee prescribed in this 1361
section, of any of the following items: 1362

(1) A temporary instruction permit and examination; 1363

(2) A new, renewal, or duplicate driver's or commercial 1364
driver's license; 1365

(3) A motorcycle operator's endorsement; 1366

(4) A motorized bicycle license or motorized scooter license 1367
or duplicate thereof; 1368

(5) Lamination of a driver's license, motorized bicycle 1369
license, motorized scooter license or temporary instruction permit 1370
identification card as provided in division (F) of this section, 1371
if the circumstances specified in division (I)(5) of this section 1372
are met. 1373

If the driver's license, motorized bicycle license, or 1374

temporary instruction permit identification card of a disabled 1375
veteran described in division (I) of this section is laminated by 1376
a deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy registrar pursuant to 1377
a contract with the registrar that is in effect on October 14, 1378
1997, the disabled veteran shall be required to pay the deputy 1379
registrar the lamination fee provided in division (F) of this 1380
section. If the driver's license, motorized bicycle license, 1381
motorized scooter license, or temporary instruction permit 1382
identification card of such a disabled veteran is laminated by a 1383
deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy registrar pursuant to a 1384
contract with the registrar that is executed after October 14, 1385
1997, the disabled veteran is not required to pay the deputy 1386
registrar the lamination fee provided in division (F) of this 1387
section. 1388

A disabled veteran whose driver's license, motorized bicycle 1389
license, motorized scooter license, or temporary instruction 1390
permit identification card is laminated by the registrar is not 1391
required to pay the registrar any lamination fee. 1392

An application made under division (I) of this section shall 1393
be accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability as the 1394
registrar may require by rule. 1395

Sec. 4507.24. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this 1396
section, each deputy registrar may collect a fee not to exceed the 1397
following: 1398

(1) Three dollars and seventy-five cents commencing on July 1399
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1, 2003, and four dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 1401
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received by the deputy registrar, when the applicant is required 1403
to submit to a screening of the applicant's vision under section 1404
4507.12 of the Revised Code; 1405

(2) Two dollars and seventy-five cents commencing on July 1, 1406
2001, three dollars and twenty-five cents commencing on January 1, 1407
2003, and three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 1408
2004, for each application for a driver's license, ~~or~~ motorized 1409
bicycle license, or motorized scooter licence, or for renewal of 1410
such a license, received by the deputy registrar, when the 1411
applicant is not required to submit to a screening of the 1412
applicant's vision under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code. 1413

(B) The fees prescribed by division (A) of this section shall 1414
be in addition to the fee for a temporary instruction permit and 1415
examination, a driver's license, a motorized bicycle license, a 1416
motorized scooter license, or duplicates thereof, and shall 1417
compensate the deputy registrar for the deputy registrar's 1418
services, for office and rental expense, and for costs as provided 1419
in division (C) of this section, as are necessary for the proper 1420
discharge of the deputy registrar's duties under sections 4507.01 1421
to 4507.39 of the Revised Code. 1422

A disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability 1423
rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration is 1424
required to pay the applicable fee prescribed in division (A) of 1425
this section if the disabled veteran submits an application for a 1426
driver's license ~~or~~, motorized bicycle license, or motorized 1427
scooter license, or a renewal of ~~either~~ any of these licenses to a 1428
deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy registrar pursuant to a 1429
contract with the registrar that is in effect on ~~the effective~~ 1430
~~date of this amendment~~ October 14, 1997. The disabled veteran also 1431
is required to submit with the disabled veteran's application such 1432
documentary evidence of disability as the registrar may require by 1433
rule. 1434

A disabled veteran who submits an application described in 1435
this division is not required to pay either of the fees prescribed 1436
in division (A) of this section if the disabled veteran submits 1437

the application to a deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy 1438
registrar pursuant to a contract with the registrar that is 1439
executed after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ October 14, 1440
1997. The disabled veteran still is required to submit with the 1441
disabled veteran's application such documentary evidence of 1442
disability as the registrar may require by rule. 1443

A disabled veteran who submits an application described in 1444
this division directly to the registrar is not required to pay 1445
either of the fees prescribed in division (A) of this section if 1446
the disabled veteran submits with the disabled veteran's 1447
application such documentary evidence of disability as the 1448
registrar may require by rule. 1449

(C) Each deputy registrar shall transmit to the registrar of 1450
motor vehicles, at such time and in such manner as the registrar 1451
shall require by rule, an amount of each fee collected under 1452
division (A)(1) of this section as shall be determined by the 1453
registrar. The registrar shall pay all such moneys so received 1454
into the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 1455
4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1456

Sec. 4509.01. As used in sections 4509.01 to 4509.78 of the 1457
Revised Code: 1458

(A) "Person" includes every natural person, firm, 1459
partnership, association, or corporation. 1460

(B) "Driver" means every person who drives or is in actual 1461
physical control of a motor vehicle. 1462

(C) "License" includes any license, permit, or privilege to 1463
operate a motor vehicle issued under the laws of this state 1464
including: 1465

(1) Any temporary instruction permit or examiner's driving 1466
permit; 1467

(2) The privilege of any person to drive a motor vehicle	1468
whether or not such person holds a valid license;	1469
(3) Any nonresident's operating privilege.	1470
(D) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a	1471
motor vehicle. If a motor vehicle is the subject of a lease with	1472
an immediate right of possession vested in the lessee, the lessee	1473
is the owner. A person listed as the owner on a certificate of	1474
title on which there is a notation of a security interest is the	1475
owner. A buyer or other transferee of a motor vehicle who receives	1476
the certificate of title from the seller or transferor listing the	1477
seller or transferor thereon as the owner with an assignment of	1478
title to the buyer or transferee nonetheless is the owner even	1479
though a subsequent certificate of title has not been issued	1480
listing the buyer or transferee as the owner.	1481
(E) "Registration" means registration certificates and	1482
registration plates issued under the laws of this state pertaining	1483
to the registration of motor vehicles.	1484
(F) "Nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of	1485
this state.	1486
(G) "Nonresident's operating privilege" means the privilege	1487
conferred upon a nonresident by the laws of this state pertaining	1488
to the operation by such person of a motor vehicle, or the use of	1489
a motor vehicle owned by such person, in this state.	1490
(H) "Vehicle" means every device by which any person or	1491
property may be transported upon a highway, except electric	1492
personal assistive mobility devices, devices moved by power	1493
collected from overhead electric trolley wires, or used	1494
exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and except devices	1495
other than bicycles moved by human power.	1496
(I) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled by power	1497

other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 1498
electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, motorized 1499
scooters, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power 1500
cranes and other equipment used in construction work and not 1501
designed for or employed in general highway transportation, 1502
hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 1503
machinery, farm machinery, threshing machinery, hay baling 1504
machinery, and agricultural tractors and machinery used in the 1505
production of horticultural, floricultural, agricultural, and 1506
vegetable products. 1507

(J) "Accident" or "motor vehicle accident" means any accident 1508
involving a motor vehicle which results in bodily injury to or 1509
death of any person, or damage to the property of any person in 1510
excess of four hundred dollars. 1511

(K) "Proof of financial responsibility" means proof of 1512
ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of 1513
accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of such 1514
proof, arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a 1515
motor vehicle in the amount of twelve thousand five hundred 1516
dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any 1517
one accident, in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars 1518
because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any 1519
one accident, and in the amount of seven thousand five hundred 1520
dollars because of injury to property of others in any one 1521
accident. 1522

(L) "Motor-vehicle liability policy" means an "owner's 1523
policy" or an "operator's policy" of liability insurance, 1524
certified as provided in section 4509.46 or 4509.47 of the Revised 1525
Code as proof of financial responsibility, and issued, except as 1526
provided in section 4509.47 of the Revised Code, by an insurance 1527
carrier authorized to do business in this state, to or for the 1528
benefit of the person named therein as insured. 1529

Sec. 4510.34. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 1530
impose a class F suspension for the period of time specified in 1531
division (B)(6) of section 4510.02 of the Revised Code of the 1532
probationary motorized bicycle license or probationary motorized 1533
scooter license issued to any person when the person has been 1534
convicted of or has been adjudicated in juvenile court of having 1535
committed, a violation of division (A) or (D) of section 4511.521 1536
of the Revised Code, or of any other section of the Revised Code 1537
or similar municipal ordinance for which points are chargeable 1538
under section 4510.036 of the Revised Code. 1539

(B) Any person whose license is suspended under this section 1540
shall mail or deliver the person's probationary motorized bicycle 1541
license or probationary motorized scooter license to the registrar 1542
within fourteen days of notification of the suspension. The 1543
registrar shall retain the license during the period of 1544
suspension. 1545

(C)(1) No application for a motorized bicycle license or 1546
probationary motorized bicycle license ~~shall be received~~ from any 1547
person whose probationary motorized bicycle license has been 1548
suspended under this section shall be processed until the person 1549
reaches sixteen years of age. 1550

(2) No application for a motorized scooter license or 1551
probationary motorized scooter license from any person whose 1552
probationary motorized scooter license has been suspended under 1553
this section shall be processed until the person reaches sixteen 1554
years of age. 1555

Sec. 4511.01. As used in this chapter and in Chapter 4513. of 1556
the Revised Code: 1557

(A) "Vehicle" means every device, including a motorized 1558
bicycle or a motorized scooter, in, upon, or by which any person 1559

or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except 1560
that "vehicle" does not include any motorized wheelchair, any 1561
electric personal assistive mobility ~~devices~~ device, any device 1562
that is moved by power collected from overhead electric trolley 1563
wires or that is used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, 1564
or any device, other than a bicycle, that is moved by human power. 1565

(B) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled or drawn by 1566
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 1567
electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, motorized 1568
scooters, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power 1569
cranes, and other equipment used in construction work and not 1570
designed for or employed in general highway transportation, 1571
hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 1572
machinery, farm machinery, trailers used to transport agricultural 1573
produce or agricultural production materials between a local place 1574
of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a street 1575
or highway at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less, 1576
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, agricultural tractors 1577
and machinery used in the production of horticultural, 1578
floricultural, agricultural, and vegetable products, and trailers 1579
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place 1580
of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or 1581
towed on a street or highway for a distance of no more than ten 1582
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 1583

(C) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, other than a 1584
tractor, having a saddle for the use of the operator and designed 1585
to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the 1586
ground, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles known as 1587
"motor-driven cycle," "motor scooter," or "motorcycle" without 1588
regard to weight or brake horsepower. 1589

"Motorcycle" does not include a motorized scooter as defined 1590
in this section. 1591

(D) "Emergency vehicle" means emergency vehicles of 1592
municipal, township, or county departments or public utility 1593
corporations when identified as such as required by law, the 1594
director of public safety, or local authorities, and motor 1595
vehicles when commandeered by a police officer. 1596

(E) "Public safety vehicle" means any of the following: 1597

(1) Ambulances, including private ambulance companies under 1598
contract to a municipal corporation, township, or county, and 1599
private ambulances and nontransport vehicles bearing license 1600
plates issued under section 4503.49 of the Revised Code; 1601

(2) Motor vehicles used by public law enforcement officers or 1602
other persons sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of 1603
the state; 1604

(3) Any motor vehicle when properly identified as required by 1605
the director of public safety, when used in response to fire 1606
emergency calls or to provide emergency medical service to ill or 1607
injured persons, and when operated by a duly qualified person who 1608
is a member of a volunteer rescue service or a volunteer fire 1609
department, and who is on duty pursuant to the rules or directives 1610
of that service. The state fire marshal shall be designated by the 1611
director of public safety as the certifying agency for all public 1612
safety vehicles described in division (E)(3) of this section. 1613

(4) Vehicles used by fire departments, including motor 1614
vehicles when used by volunteer fire fighters responding to 1615
emergency calls in the fire department service when identified as 1616
required by the director of public safety. 1617

Any vehicle used to transport or provide emergency medical 1618
service to an ill or injured person, when certified as a public 1619
safety vehicle, shall be considered a public safety vehicle when 1620
transporting an ill or injured person to a hospital regardless of 1621
whether such vehicle has already passed a hospital. 1622

(5) Vehicles used by the commercial motor vehicle safety enforcement unit for the enforcement of orders and rules of the public utilities commission as specified in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code.

(F) "School bus" means every bus designed for carrying more than nine passengers that is owned by a public, private, or governmental agency or institution of learning and operated for the transportation of children to or from a school session or a school function, or owned by a private person and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from a school session or a school function, provided "school bus" does not include a bus operated by a municipally owned transportation system, a mass transit company operating exclusively within the territorial limits of a municipal corporation, or within such limits and the territorial limits of municipal corporations immediately contiguous to such municipal corporation, nor a common passenger carrier certified by the public utilities commission unless such bus is devoted exclusively to the transportation of children to and from a school session or a school function, and "school bus" does not include a van or bus used by a licensed child day-care center or type A family day-care home to transport children from the child day-care center or type A family day-care home to a school if the van or bus does not have more than fifteen children in the van or bus at any time.

(G) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a tricycle designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride having either two tandem wheels, or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, any of which is more than fourteen inches in diameter.

(H) "Motorized bicycle" means any vehicle having either two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, that is capable of being pedaled and is equipped with a

helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters piston 1655
displacement that produces no more than one brake horsepower and 1656
is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of no greater than 1657
twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 1658

(I) "Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having 1659
motive power designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not 1660
so constructed as to carry any load thereon, or designed or used 1661
for drawing other vehicles while carrying a portion of such other 1662
vehicles, or load thereon, or both. 1663

(J) "Agricultural tractor" means every self-propelling 1664
vehicle designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled 1665
machinery but having no provision for carrying loads independently 1666
of such other vehicles, and used principally for agricultural 1667
purposes. 1668

(K) "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and 1669
semitrailers, designed and used to carry property. 1670

(L) "Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying 1671
more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of 1672
persons other than in a ridesharing arrangement, and every motor 1673
vehicle, automobile for hire, or funeral car, other than a taxicab 1674
or motor vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement, designed and 1675
used for the transportation of persons for compensation. 1676

(M) "Trailer" means every vehicle designed or used for 1677
carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure and for 1678
being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any such vehicle when 1679
formed by or operated as a combination of a "semitrailer" and a 1680
vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly known as a 1681
"trailer dolly," a vehicle used to transport agricultural produce 1682
or agricultural production materials between a local place of 1683
storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a street or 1684
highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a 1685

vehicle designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between 1686
a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 1687
drawn or towed on a street or highway for a distance of more than 1688
ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour. 1689

(N) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle designed or used for 1690
carrying persons or property with another and separate motor 1691
vehicle so that in operation a part of its own weight or that of 1692
its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by another vehicle. 1693

(O) "Pole trailer" means every trailer or semitrailer 1694
attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach, pole, or by 1695
being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and 1696
ordinarily used for transporting long or irregular shaped loads 1697
such as poles, pipes, or structural members capable, generally, of 1698
sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting connections. 1699

(P) "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property 1700
operating upon rails placed principally on a private right-of-way. 1701

(Q) "Railroad train" means a steam engine or an electric or 1702
other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated by a 1703
railroad. 1704

(R) "Streetcar" means a car, other than a railroad train, for 1705
transporting persons or property, operated upon rails principally 1706
within a street or highway. 1707

(S) "Trackless trolley" means every car that collects its 1708
power from overhead electric trolley wires and that is not 1709
operated upon rails or tracks. 1710

(T) "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical 1711
mixture that is intended for the purpose of producing an explosion 1712
that contains any oxidizing and combustible units or other 1713
ingredients in such proportions, quantities, or packing that an 1714
ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or by 1715
a detonator of any part of the compound or mixture may cause such 1716

a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant 1717
gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on 1718
contiguous objects, or of destroying life or limb. Manufactured 1719
articles shall not be held to be explosives when the individual 1720
units contain explosives in such limited quantities, of such 1721
nature, or in such packing, that it is impossible to procure a 1722
simultaneous or a destructive explosion of such units, to the 1723
injury of life, limb, or property by fire, by friction, by 1724
concussion, by percussion, or by a detonator, such as fixed 1725
ammunition for small arms, firecrackers, or safety fuse matches. 1726

(U) "Flammable liquid" means any liquid that has a flash 1727
point of seventy degrees Fahrenheit, or less, as determined by a 1728
tagliabue or equivalent closed cup test device. 1729

(V) "Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle plus the 1730
weight of any load thereon. 1731

(W) "Person" means every natural person, firm, 1732
co-partnership, association, or corporation. 1733

(X) "Pedestrian" means any natural person afoot. 1734

(Y) "Driver or operator" means every person who drives or is 1735
in actual physical control of a vehicle, trackless trolley, or 1736
streetcar. 1737

(Z) "Police officer" means every officer authorized to direct 1738
or regulate traffic, or to make arrests for violations of traffic 1739
regulations. 1740

(AA) "Local authorities" means every county, municipal, and 1741
other local board or body having authority to adopt police 1742
regulations under the constitution and laws of this state. 1743

(BB) "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the 1744
boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as a 1745
thoroughfare for purposes of vehicular travel. 1746

(CC) "Controlled-access highway" means every street or highway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same except at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such street or highway.

(DD) "Private road or driveway" means every way or place in private ownership used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner but not by other persons.

(EE) "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, except the berm or shoulder. If a highway includes two or more separate roadways the term "roadway" means any such roadway separately but not all such roadways collectively.

(FF) "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians.

(GG) "Laned highway" means a highway the roadway of which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

(HH) "Through highway" means every street or highway as provided in section 4511.65 of the Revised Code.

(II) "State highway" means a highway under the jurisdiction of the department of transportation, outside the limits of municipal corporations, provided that the authority conferred upon the director of transportation in section 5511.01 of the Revised Code to erect state highway route markers and signs directing traffic shall not be modified by sections 4511.01 to 4511.79 and 4511.99 of the Revised Code.

(JJ) "State route" means every highway that is designated	1777
with an official state route number and so marked.	1778
(KK) "Intersection" means:	1779
(1) The area embraced within the prolongation or connection	1780
of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary	1781
lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at,	1782
or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which	1783
vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other	1784
angle may come in conflict.	1785
(2) Where a highway includes two roadways thirty feet or more	1786
apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway	1787
by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate	1788
intersection. If an intersecting highway also includes two	1789
roadways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of two	1790
roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate	1791
intersection.	1792
(3) The junction of an alley with a street or highway, or	1793
with another alley, shall not constitute an intersection.	1794
(LL) "Crosswalk" means:	1795
(1) That part of a roadway at intersections ordinarily	1796
included within the real or projected prolongation of property	1797
lines and curb lines or, in the absence of curbs, the edges of the	1798
traversable roadway;	1799
(2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere,	1800
distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other	1801
markings on the surface;	1802
(3) Notwithstanding divisions (LL)(1) and (2) of this	1803
section, there shall not be a crosswalk where local authorities	1804
have placed signs indicating no crossing.	1805
(MM) "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set	1806

apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and 1807
protected or marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be 1808
plainly visible at all times. 1809

(NN) "Business district" means the territory fronting upon a 1810
street or highway, including the street or highway, between 1811
successive intersections within municipal corporations where fifty 1812
per cent or more of the frontage between such successive 1813
intersections is occupied by buildings in use for business, or 1814
within or outside municipal corporations where fifty per cent or 1815
more of the frontage for a distance of three hundred feet or more 1816
is occupied by buildings in use for business, and the character of 1817
such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices. 1818

(OO) "Residence district" means the territory, not comprising 1819
a business district, fronting on a street or highway, including 1820
the street or highway, where, for a distance of three hundred feet 1821
or more, the frontage is improved with residences or residences 1822
and buildings in use for business. 1823

(PP) "Urban district" means the territory contiguous to and 1824
including any street or highway which is built up with structures 1825
devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses situated at 1826
intervals of less than one hundred feet for a distance of a 1827
quarter of a mile or more, and the character of such territory is 1828
indicated by official traffic control devices. 1829

(QQ) "Traffic control devices" means all flaggers, signs, 1830
signals, markings, and devices placed or erected by authority of a 1831
public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of 1832
regulating, warning, or guiding traffic, including signs denoting 1833
names of streets and highways. 1834

(RR) "Traffic control signal" means any device, whether 1835
manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic 1836
is alternately directed to stop, to proceed, to change direction, 1837

or not to change direction. 1838

(SS) "Railroad sign or signal" means any sign, signal, or 1839
device erected by authority of a public body or official or by a 1840
railroad and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad 1841
tracks or the approach of a railroad train. 1842

(TT) "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, 1843
vehicles, streetcars, trackless trolleys, and other devices, 1844
either singly or together, while using any highway for purposes of 1845
travel. 1846

(UU) "Right-of-way" means either of the following, as the 1847
context requires: 1848

(1) The right of a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, or 1849
pedestrian to proceed uninterruptedly in a lawful manner in the 1850
direction in which it or the individual is moving in preference to 1851
another vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, or pedestrian 1852
approaching from a different direction into its or the 1853
individual's path; 1854

(2) A general term denoting land, property, or the interest 1855
therein, usually in the configuration of a strip, acquired for or 1856
devoted to transportation purposes. When used in this context, 1857
right-of-way includes the roadway, shoulders or berm, ditch, and 1858
slopes extending to the right-of-way limits under the control of 1859
the state or local authority. 1860

(VV) "Rural mail delivery vehicle" means every vehicle used 1861
to deliver United States mail on a rural mail delivery route. 1862

(WW) "Funeral escort vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 1863
including a funeral hearse, while used to facilitate the movement 1864
of a funeral procession. 1865

(XX) "Alley" means a street or highway intended to provide 1866
access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban districts 1867

and not intended for the purpose of through vehicular traffic, and 1868
includes any street or highway that has been declared an "alley" 1869
by the legislative authority of the municipal corporation in which 1870
such street or highway is located. 1871

(YY) "Freeway" means a divided multi-lane highway for through 1872
traffic with all crossroads separated in grade and with full 1873
control of access. 1874

(ZZ) "Expressway" means a divided arterial highway for 1875
through traffic with full or partial control of access with an 1876
excess of fifty per cent of all crossroads separated in grade. 1877

(AAA) "Thruway" means a through highway whose entire roadway 1878
is reserved for through traffic and on which roadway parking is 1879
prohibited. 1880

(BBB) "Stop intersection" means any intersection at one or 1881
more entrances of which stop signs are erected. 1882

(CCC) "Arterial street" means any United States or state 1883
numbered route, controlled access highway, or other major radial 1884
or circumferential street or highway designated by local 1885
authorities within their respective jurisdictions as part of a 1886
major arterial system of streets or highways. 1887

(DDD) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 1888
persons in a motor vehicle where such transportation is incidental 1889
to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes ridesharing 1890
arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and buspools. 1891

(EEE) "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled vehicle 1892
designed for, and used by, a handicapped person and that is 1893
incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per hour. 1894

(FFF) "Child day-care center" and "type A family day-care 1895
home" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the Revised 1896
Code. 1897

(GGG) "Multi-wheel agricultural tractor" means a type of agricultural tractor that has two or more wheels or tires on each side of one axle at the rear of the tractor, is designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery, has no provision for carrying loads independently of the drawn vehicles or machinery, and is used principally for agricultural purposes.

(HHH) "Operate" means to cause or have caused movement of a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley on any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.

(III) "Motorized scooter" means every motor vehicle, other than a tractor, that has all of the following characteristics:

(1) It is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.

(2) It has no pedals and is not capable of being pedaled.

(3) It has an engine or motor that is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed not greater than twenty-five miles per hour on a level surface.

(4) It is designed or intended by its manufacturer to be utilized primarily as a recreational or pleasure vehicle or a vehicle for traveling short distances.

(5) It is neither designed nor intended by its manufacturer to be utilized primarily as an assistive device to increase, maintain, or improve the mobility of an individual with a disability or other physical condition that limits or impairs the individual's ability to walk.

"Motorized scooter" does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device.

(JJJ) "Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense" means any of the following:

(1) A violation of section 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 1928
4511.132, 4511.16, 4511.20, 4511.201, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213, 1929
4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 1930
4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36, 1931
4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 1932
4511.431, 4511.432, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.452, 1933
4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.48, 4511.481, 4511.49, 4511.50, 4511.511, 1934
4511.53, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.56, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 1935
4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.66, 4511.661, 4511.68, 4511.70, 1936
4511.701, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, 4511.73, 1937
4511.763, 4511.771, 4511.78, or 4511.84 of the Revised Code; 1938

(2) A violation of division (A)(2) of section 4511.17, 1939
divisions (A) to (D) of section 4511.51, or division (A) of 1940
section 4511.74 of the Revised Code; 1941

(3) A violation of any provision of sections 4511.01 to 1942
4511.76 of the Revised Code for which no penalty otherwise is 1943
provided in the section that contains the provision violated; 1944

(4) A violation of a municipal ordinance that is 1945
substantially similar to any section or provision set forth or 1946
described in division ~~(III)~~(JJJ)(1), (2), or (3) of this section. 1947

Sec. 4511.521. (A) No person shall operate a motorized 1948
bicycle or motorized scooter upon a highway or any public or 1949
private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular 1950
travel or parking, unless all of the following conditions are met: 1951

(1) The person is fourteen or fifteen years of age and holds 1952
a valid probationary motorized bicycle license or valid 1953
probationary motorized scooter license issued after the person has 1954
passed the test provided for in this section, or the person is 1955
sixteen years of age or older and holds either a valid commercial 1956
driver's license issued under Chapter 4506. or a driver's license 1957

issued under Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code or a valid 1958
motorized bicycle license or valid motorized scooter license 1959
issued after the person has passed the test provided for in this 1960
section, except that if a person is sixteen years of age, has a 1961
valid probationary motorized bicycle license or valid probationary 1962
motorized scooter license and desires a motorized bicycle license 1963
or motorized scooter license, the person is not required to comply 1964
with the testing requirements provided for in this section; 1965

(2) The motorized bicycle or motorized scooter is equipped in 1966
accordance with the rules adopted under division (B) of this 1967
section and is in proper working order; 1968

(3) The person, if under eighteen years of age, is wearing a 1969
protective helmet on the person's head with the chin strap 1970
properly fastened and the motorized bicycle for motorized scooter 1971
is equipped with a rear-view mirror. 1972

(4) The person operates the motorized bicycle or motorized 1973
scooter when practicable within three feet of the right edge of 1974
the roadway obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles. 1975

(B) The director of public safety, subject to sections 119.01 1976
to 119.13 of the Revised Code, shall adopt and promulgate rules 1977
concerning protective helmets, the equipment of motorized bicycles 1978
and motorized scooters, and the testing and qualifications of 1979
persons who do not hold a valid driver's or commercial driver's 1980
license. The test shall be as near as practicable to the 1981
examination required for a motorcycle operator's endorsement under 1982
section 4507.11 of the Revised Code. The test shall also require 1983
the operator to give an actual demonstration of the operator's 1984
ability to operate and control a motorized bicycle or motorized 1985
scooter by driving one under the supervision of an examining 1986
officer. 1987

(C) Every motorized bicycle license and motorized scooter 1988

license expires on the birthday of the applicant in the fourth 1989
year after the date it is issued, but in no event shall any 1990
motorized bicycle license or motorized scooter license be issued 1991
for a period longer than four years. 1992

(D) No person operating a motorized bicycle or motorized 1993
scooter shall carry another person upon the motorized bicycle or 1994
motorized scooter. 1995

(E) The protective helmet and rear-view mirror required by 1996
division (A)(3) of this section shall, on and after January 1, 1997
1985, conform with rules adopted by the director under division 1998
(B) of this section. 1999

(F) Each probationary motorized bicycle license ~~or~~, motorized 2000
bicycle license, probationary motorized scooter license, and 2001
motorized scooter license shall be laminated with a transparent 2002
plastic material. 2003

(G) Whoever violates division (A), (D), or (E) of this 2004
section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 2005

Sec. 4513.03. (A) Every vehicle upon a street or highway 2006
within this state during the time from sunset to sunrise, and at 2007
any other time when there are unfavorable atmospheric conditions 2008
or when there is not sufficient natural light to render 2009
discernible persons, vehicles, and substantial objects on the 2010
highway at a distance of one thousand feet ahead, shall display 2011
lighted lights and illuminating devices as required by sections 2012
4513.04 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, for different classes of 2013
vehicles; except that every motorized bicycle and motorized 2014
scooter shall display at such times lighted lights meeting the 2015
rules adopted by the director of public safety under section 2016
4511.521 of the Revised Code. No motor vehicle, during such times, 2017
shall be operated upon a street or highway within this state using 2018
only parking lights as illumination. 2019

Whenever in such sections a requirement is declared as to the distance from which certain lamps and devices shall render objects visible, or within which such lamps or devices shall be visible, such distance shall be measured upon a straight level unlighted highway under normal atmospheric conditions unless a different condition is expressly stated.

Whenever in such sections a requirement is declared as to the mounted height of lights or devices, it shall mean from the center of such light or device to the level ground upon which the vehicle stands.

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be punished as provided in section 4513.99 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4513.20. (A) The following requirements govern as to brake equipment on vehicles:

(1) Every trackless trolley and motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter, when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold such trackless trolley or motor vehicle, including two separate means of applying the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes to at least two wheels. If these two separate means of applying the brakes are connected in any way, then on such trackless trolleys or motor vehicles manufactured or assembled after January 1, 1942, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part of the operating mechanism shall not leave the trackless trolley or motor vehicle without brakes on at least two wheels.

(2) Every motorcycle, when operated upon a highway shall be equipped with at least one adequate brake, which may be operated by hand or by foot.

(3) Every motorized bicycle and motorized scooter shall be

equipped with brakes meeting the rules adopted by the director of public safety under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code.

(4) When operated upon the highways of this state, the following vehicles shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop and to hold the vehicle, designed to be applied by the driver of the towing motor vehicle from its cab, and also designed and connected so that, in case of a breakaway of the towed vehicle, the brakes shall be automatically applied:

(a) Every trailer or semitrailer, except a pole trailer, with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or more, manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 1942;

(b) Every manufactured home or travel trailer with an empty weight of two thousand pounds or more, manufactured or assembled on or after January 1, 2001.

(5) In any combination of motor-drawn trailers or semitrailers equipped with brakes, means shall be provided for applying the rearmost brakes in approximate synchronism with the brakes on the towing vehicle, and developing the required braking effort on the rearmost wheels at the fastest rate; or means shall be provided for applying braking effort first on the rearmost brakes; or both of the above means, capable of being used alternatively, may be employed.

(6) Every vehicle and combination of vehicles, except motorcycles ~~and~~, motorized bicycles, and motorized scooters, and except trailers and semitrailers of a gross weight of less than two thousand pounds, and pole trailers, shall be equipped with parking brakes adequate to hold the vehicle on any grade on which it is operated, under all conditions of loading, on a surface free from snow, ice, or loose material. The parking brakes shall be capable of being applied in conformance with the foregoing

requirements by the driver's muscular effort or by spring action 2081
or by equivalent means. Their operation may be assisted by the 2082
service brakes or other source of power provided that failure of 2083
the service brake actuation system or other power assisting 2084
mechanism will not prevent the parking brakes from being applied 2085
in conformance with the foregoing requirements. The parking brakes 2086
shall be so designed that when once applied they shall remain 2087
applied with the required effectiveness despite exhaustion of any 2088
source of energy or leakage of any kind. 2089

(7) The same brake drums, brake shoes and lining assemblies, 2090
brake shoe anchors, and mechanical brake shoe actuation mechanism 2091
normally associated with the wheel brake assemblies may be used 2092
for both the service brakes and the parking brakes. If the means 2093
of applying the parking brakes and the service brakes are 2094
connected in any way, they shall be so constructed that failure of 2095
any one part shall not leave the vehicle without operative brakes. 2096

(8) Every trackless trolley, motor vehicle, or combination of 2097
motor-drawn vehicles shall be capable at all times and under all 2098
conditions of loading of being stopped on a dry, smooth, level 2099
road free from loose material, upon application of the service or 2100
foot brake, within the following specified distances, or shall be 2101
capable of being decelerated at a sustained rate corresponding to 2102
these distances: 2103

(a) Trackless trolleys, vehicles, or combinations of vehicles 2104
having brakes on all wheels shall come to a stop in thirty feet or 2105
less from a speed of twenty miles per hour. 2106

(b) Vehicles or combinations of vehicles not having brakes on 2107
all wheels shall come to a stop in forty feet or less from a speed 2108
of twenty miles per hour. 2109

(9) All brakes shall be maintained in good working order and 2110
shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally as practicable with 2111

respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the trackless trolley 2112
or vehicle. 2113

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be punished as 2114
provided in section 4513.99 of the Revised Code. 2115

Sec. 4513.24. (A) No person shall drive any motor vehicle on 2116
a street or highway in this state, other than a motorcycle ~~or~~ 2117
motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter, that is not equipped with 2118
a windshield. 2119

(B) No person shall drive any motor vehicle, other than a 2120
bus, with any sign, poster, or other nontransparent material upon 2121
the front windshield, sidewings, side, or rear windows of such 2122
vehicle other than a certificate or other paper required to be 2123
displayed by law, except that there may be in the lower left-hand 2124
or right-hand corner of the windshield a sign, poster, or decal 2125
not to exceed four inches in height by six inches in width. No 2126
sign, poster, or decal shall be displayed in the front windshield 2127
in such a manner as to conceal the vehicle identification number 2128
for the motor vehicle when, in accordance with federal law, that 2129
number is located inside the vehicle passenger compartment and so 2130
placed as to be readable through the vehicle glazing without 2131
moving any part of the vehicle. 2132

(C) The windshield on every motor vehicle, streetcar, and 2133
trackless trolley shall be equipped with a device for cleaning 2134
rain, snow, or other moisture from the windshield. The device 2135
shall be maintained in good working order and so constructed as to 2136
be controlled or operated by the operator of the vehicle, 2137
streetcar, or trackless trolley. 2138

(D) Whoever violates this section shall be punished as 2139
provided in section 4513.99 of the Revised Code. 2140

Section 2. That existing sections 3937.18, 4501.01, 4503.01, 2141

4503.04, 4503.182, 4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.30, 4503.31, 4504.01, 2142
4507.01, 4507.05, 4507.23, 4507.24, 4509.01, 4510.34, 4511.01, 2143
4511.521, 4513.03, 4513.20, and 4513.24 of the Revised Code are 2144
hereby repealed. 2145

Section 3. Section 4501.01 of the Revised Code is presented 2146
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. 2147
Sub. S.B. 123 and Am. Sub. S.B. 231 of the 124th General Assembly. 2148
Section 4507.05 of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a 2149
composite of the section as amended by both Am. Sub. H.B. 407 and 2150
Am. Sub. S.B. 123 of the 124th General Assembly. Section 4511.01 2151
of the Revised Code is presented in this act as a composite of the 2152
section as amended by both Am. Sub. S.B. 123 and Am. Sub. S.B. 231 2153
of the 124th General Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the 2154
principle stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised 2155
Code that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of 2156
simultaneous operation, finds that the composites are the 2157
resulting versions of the sections in effect prior to the 2158
effective date of the sections as presented in this act. 2159