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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 insured, if the motor vehicle is not specifically identified in the policy under which a claim is made, or is not a newly acquired or replacement motor vehicle covered under the terms of the policy under which the uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or both uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages are provided;

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

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

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

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

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

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
vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for carrying
loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is used
principally for agricultural purposes.

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

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

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

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

(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
a dwelling. 363
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(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
taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain,
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain,
compensation, or profit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(FF) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle that is used

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 (J) 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

(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
been suspended.

(V) "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.

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 a motorized bicycle, a
motorized scooter, and a trailer or semitrailer whose weight is
four thousand pounds or less.

As used in this chapter, "motor vehicle" does not include a

concrete pump or a concrete conveyor. 576

Sec. 4503.04. Except as provided in section 4503.042 of the 577
Revised Code for the registration of commercial cars, trailers, 578
semitrailers, and certain buses, the rates of the taxes imposed by 579
section 4503.02 of the Revised Code shall be as follows: 580

(A) For motor vehicles having three wheels or less, the 581
license tax is: 582

(1) For each motorized bicycle and motorized scooter, ten 583
dollars; 584

(2) For each motorcycle, fourteen dollars. 585

(B) For each passenger car, twenty dollars; 586

(C) For each manufactured home, each mobile home, and each 587
travel trailer, ten dollars; 588

(D) For each noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the 589
manufacturer to carry a load of no more than three-quarters of one 590
ton and for each motor home, thirty-five dollars; for each 591
noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer to carry 592
a load of more than three-quarters of one ton, but not more than 593
one ton, seventy dollars; 594

(E) For each noncommercial trailer, the license tax is: 595

(1) Eighty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part 596
thereof for the first two thousand pounds or part thereof of 597
weight of vehicle fully equipped; 598

(2) One dollar and forty cents for each one hundred pounds or 599
part thereof in excess of two thousand pounds up to and including 600
three thousand pounds. 601

(F) Notwithstanding its weight, twelve dollars for any: 602

(1) Vehicle equipped, owned, and used by a charitable or 603

nonprofit corporation exclusively for the purpose of administering 604
chest x-rays or receiving blood donations; 605

(2) Van used principally for the transportation of 606
handicapped persons that has been modified by being equipped with 607
adaptive equipment to facilitate the movement of such persons into 608
and out of the van; 609

(3) Bus used principally for the transportation of 610
handicapped persons or persons sixty-five years of age or older; 611

(G) Notwithstanding its weight, twenty dollars for any bus 612
used principally for the transportation of persons in a 613
ridesharing arrangement. 614

(H) For each transit bus having motor power the license tax 615
is twelve dollars. 616

"Transit bus" means either a motor vehicle having a seating 617
capacity of more than seven persons which is operated and used by 618
any person in the rendition of a public mass transportation 619
service primarily in a municipal corporation or municipal 620
corporations and provided at least seventy-five per cent of the 621
annual mileage of such service and use is within such municipal 622
corporation or municipal corporations or a motor vehicle having a 623
seating capacity of more than seven persons which is operated 624
solely for the transportation of persons associated with a 625
charitable or nonprofit corporation, but does not mean any motor 626
vehicle having a seating capacity of more than seven persons when 627
such vehicle is used in a ridesharing capacity or any bus 628
described by division (F)(3) of this section. 629

The application for registration of such transit bus shall be 630
accompanied by an affidavit prescribed by the registrar of motor 631
vehicles and signed by the person or an agent of the firm or 632
corporation operating such bus stating that the bus has a seating 633
capacity of more than seven persons, and that it is either to be 634

operated and used in the rendition of a public mass transportation 635
service and that at least seventy-five per cent of the annual 636
mileage of such operation and use shall be within one or more 637
municipal corporations or that it is to be operated solely for the 638
transportation of persons associated with a charitable or 639
nonprofit corporation. 640

The form of the license plate, and the manner of its 641
attachment to the vehicle, shall be prescribed by the registrar of 642
motor vehicles. 643

(I) The minimum tax for any vehicle having motor power other 644
than a farm truck, a motorized bicycle, a motorized scooter, or 645
motorcycle is ten dollars and eighty cents, and for each 646
noncommercial trailer, five dollars. 647

(J)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) of this 648
section, for each farm truck, except a noncommercial motor 649
vehicle, that is owned, controlled, or operated by one or more 650
farmers exclusively in farm use as defined in this section, and 651
not for commercial purposes, and provided that at least 652
seventy-five per cent of such farm use is by or for the one or 653
more owners, controllers, or operators of the farm in the 654
operation of which a farm truck is used, the license tax is five 655
dollars plus: 656

(a) Fifty cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof for 657
the first three thousand pounds; 658

(b) Seventy cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in 659
excess of three thousand pounds up to and including four thousand 660
pounds; 661

(c) Ninety cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in 662
excess of four thousand pounds up to and including six thousand 663
pounds; 664

(d) Two dollars for each one hundred pounds or part thereof 665
in excess of six thousand pounds up to and including ten thousand 666
pounds; 667

(e) Two dollars and twenty-five cents for each one hundred 668
pounds or part thereof in excess of ten thousand pounds; 669

(f) The minimum license tax for any farm truck shall be 670
twelve dollars. 671

(2) The owner of a farm truck may register the truck for a 672
period of one-half year by paying one-half the registration tax 673
imposed on the truck under this chapter and one-half the amount of 674
any tax imposed on the truck under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 675
Code. 676

(3) A farm bus may be registered for a period of ninety days 677
from the date of issue of the license plates for the bus, for a 678
fee of ten dollars, provided such license plates shall not be 679
issued for more than any two ninety-day periods in any calendar 680
year. Such use does not include the operation of trucks by 681
commercial processors of agricultural products. 682

(4) License plates for farm trucks and for farm buses shall 683
have some distinguishing marks, letters, colors, or other 684
characteristics to be determined by the director of public safety. 685

(5) Every person registering a farm truck or bus under this 686
section shall furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck or 687
bus licensed to that person is to be so used as to meet the 688
requirements necessary for the farm truck or farm bus 689
classification. 690

Any farmer may use a truck owned by the farmer for commercial 691
purposes by paying the difference between the commercial truck 692
registration fee and the farm truck registration fee for the 693
remaining part of the registration period for which the truck is 694

registered. Such remainder shall be calculated from the beginning 695
of the semiannual period in which application for such commercial 696
license is made. 697

Taxes at the rates provided in this section are in lieu of 698
all taxes on or with respect to the ownership of such motor 699
vehicles, except as provided in section 4503.042 and section 700
4503.06 of the Revised Code. 701

(K) Other than trucks registered under the international 702
registration plan in another jurisdiction and for which this state 703
has received an apportioned registration fee, the license tax for 704
each truck which is owned, controlled, or operated by a 705
nonresident, and licensed in another state, and which is used 706
exclusively for the transportation of nonprocessed agricultural 707
products intrastate, from the place of production to the place of 708
processing, is twenty-four dollars. 709

"Truck," as used in this division, means any pickup truck, 710
straight truck, semitrailer, or trailer other than a travel 711
trailer. Nonprocessed agricultural products, as used in this 712
division, does not include livestock or grain. 713

A license issued under this division shall be issued for a 714
period of one hundred thirty days in the same manner in which all 715
other licenses are issued under this section, provided that no 716
truck shall be so licensed for more than one 717
one-hundred-thirty-day period during any calendar year. 718

The license issued pursuant to this division shall consist of 719
a windshield decal to be designed by the director of public 720
safety. 721

Every person registering a truck under this division shall 722
furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck licensed to the 723
person is to be used exclusively for the purposes specified in 724
this division. 725

(L) Every person registering a motor vehicle as a 726
noncommercial motor vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the 727
Revised Code, or registering a trailer as a noncommercial trailer 728
as defined in that section, shall furnish an affidavit certifying 729
that the motor vehicle or trailer so licensed to the person is to 730
be so used as to meet the requirements necessary for the 731
noncommercial vehicle classification. 732

(M) Every person registering a van or bus as provided in 733
divisions (F)(2) and (3) of this section shall furnish a notarized 734
statement certifying that the van or bus licensed to the person is 735
to be used for the purposes specified in those divisions. The form 736
of the license plate issued for such motor vehicles shall be 737
prescribed by the registrar. 738

(N) Every person registering as a passenger car a motor 739
vehicle designed and used for carrying more than nine but not more 740
than fifteen passengers, and every person registering a bus as 741
provided in division (G) of this section, shall furnish an 742
affidavit certifying that the vehicle so licensed to the person is 743
to be used in a ridesharing arrangement and that the person will 744
have in effect whenever the vehicle is used in a ridesharing 745
arrangement a policy of liability insurance with respect to the 746
motor vehicle in amounts and coverages no less than those required 747
by section 4509.79 of the Revised Code. The form of the license 748
plate issued for such a motor vehicle shall be prescribed by the 749
registrar. 750

(O) As used in this section: 751

(1) "Van" means any motor vehicle having a single rear axle 752
and an enclosed body without a second seat. 753

(2) "Handicapped person" means any person who has lost the 754
use of one or both legs, or one or both arms, or is blind, deaf, 755
or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without the 756

aid of crutches or a wheelchair. 757

(3) "Farm truck" means a truck used in the transportation 758
from the farm of products of the farm, including livestock and its 759
products, poultry and its products, floricultural and 760
horticultural products, and in the transportation to the farm of 761
supplies for the farm, including tile, fence, and every other 762
thing or commodity used in agricultural, floricultural, 763
horticultural, livestock, and poultry production and livestock, 764
poultry, and other animals and things used for breeding, feeding, 765
or other purposes connected with the operation of the farm. 766

(4) "Farm bus" means a bus used only for the transportation 767
of agricultural employees and used only in the transportation of 768
such employees as are necessary in the operation of the farm. 769

(5) "Farm supplies" includes fuel used exclusively in the 770
operation of a farm, including one or more homes located on and 771
used in the operation of one or more farms, and furniture and 772
other things used in and around such homes. 773

Sec. 4503.182. (A) A purchaser of a motor vehicle, upon 774
application and proof of purchase of the vehicle, may be issued a 775
temporary license placard or windshield sticker for the motor 776
vehicle. 777

The purchaser of a vehicle applying for a temporary license 778
placard or windshield sticker under this section shall execute an 779
affidavit stating that the purchaser has not been issued 780
previously during the current registration year a license plate 781
that could legally be transferred to the vehicle. 782

Placards or windshield stickers shall be issued only for the 783
applicant's use of the vehicle to enable the applicant to legally 784
operate the motor vehicle while proper title, license plates, and 785
a certificate of registration are being obtained, and shall be 786

displayed on no other motor vehicle. 787

Placards or windshield stickers issued under this section are 788
valid for a period of thirty days from date of issuance and are 789
not transferable or renewable. 790

The fee for the placards or windshield stickers issued under 791
this section is two dollars plus a service fee of two dollars and 792
seventy-five cents commencing on July 1, 2001, three dollars and 793
twenty-five cents commencing on January 1, 2003, and three dollars 794
and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 2004. 795

(B)(1) The registrar of motor vehicles may issue to a 796
motorized bicycle dealer, motorized scooter dealer, or a licensed 797
motor vehicle dealer temporary license placards to be issued to 798
purchasers for use on vehicles sold by the dealer, in accordance 799
with rules prescribed by the registrar. The dealer shall notify 800
the registrar, within forty-eight hours, of the issuance of a 801
placard by electronic means via computer equipment purchased and 802
maintained by the dealer or in any other manner prescribed by the 803
registrar. 804

(2) The fee for each placard issued by the registrar to a 805
dealer is seven dollars, of which five dollars shall be deposited 806
and used in accordance with division (D) of this section. The 807
registrar shall charge an additional three dollars and fifty cents 808
for each placard issued to a dealer who notifies the registrar of 809
the issuance of the placards in a manner other than by approved 810
electronic means. 811

(3) When a dealer issues a temporary license placard to a 812
purchaser, the dealer shall collect and retain the fees 813
established under divisions (A) and (D) of this section. 814

(C) The registrar of motor vehicles, at the registrar's 815
discretion, may issue a temporary license placard. Such a placard 816
may be issued in the case of extreme hardship encountered by a 817

citizen from this state or another state who has attempted to 818
comply with all registration laws, but for extreme circumstances 819
is unable to properly register the citizen's vehicle. 820

(D) In addition to the fees charged under divisions (A) and 821
(B) of this section, commencing on October 1, 2003, the registrar 822
and each deputy registrar shall collect a fee of five dollars for 823
each temporary license placard issued. The additional fee is for 824
the purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 825
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 826
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 827
transmit the fees collected under this division in the same manner 828
as provided for transmission of fees collected under division (A) 829
of this section. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received 830
under this division into the state highway safety fund established 831
in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 832

(E) The registrar shall adopt rules, in accordance with 833
division (B) of section 111.15 of the Revised Code, to specify the 834
procedures for reporting the information from applications for 835
temporary license placards and windshield stickers and for 836
providing the information from these applications to law 837
enforcement agencies. 838

(F) Temporary license placards issued under this section 839
shall bear a distinctive combination of seven letters, numerals, 840
or letters and numerals, and shall incorporate a security feature 841
that, to the greatest degree possible, prevents tampering with any 842
of the information that is entered upon a placard when it is 843
issued. 844

(G) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty 845
of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Whoever violates division 846
(B) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first 847
degree. 848

(H) As used in this section, ~~"motorized:~~ 849

(1) "Motorized bicycle dealer" means any person engaged in 850
the business of selling at retail, displaying, offering for sale, 851
or dealing in motorized bicycles who is not subject to section 852
4503.09 of the Revised Code. 853

(2) "Motorized scooter dealer" means any person engaged in 854
the business of selling at retail, displaying, offering for sale, 855
or dealing in motorized scooters who is not subject to section 856
4503.09 of the Revised Code. 857

Sec. 4503.21. (A) No person who is the owner or operator of a 858
motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the front and 859
rear of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration 860
mark, including any county identification sticker and any 861
validation sticker issued under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of 862
the Revised Code, furnished by the director of public safety, 863
except that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, 864
the holder of an in transit permit, and the owner or operator of a 865
motorcycle, motorized bicycle, motorized scooter, manufactured 866
home, mobile home, trailer, or semitrailer shall display on the 867
rear only. A motor vehicle that is issued two license plates shall 868
display the validation sticker only on the rear license plate, 869
except that a commercial tractor that does not receive an 870
apportioned license plate under the international registration 871
plan shall display the validation sticker on the front of the 872
commercial tractor. An apportioned vehicle receiving an 873
apportioned license plate under the international registration 874
plan shall display the license plate only on the front of a 875
commercial tractor and on the rear of all other vehicles. All 876
license plates shall be securely fastened so as not to swing, and 877
shall not be covered by any material that obstructs their 878
visibility. 879

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

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

Sec. 4503.22. The identification license plate shall consist of a placard upon the face of which shall appear the distinctive number assigned to the motor vehicle as provided in section 4503.19 of the Revised Code, in Arabic numerals or letters, or both. The dimensions of the numerals or letters and of each stroke shall be determined by the director of public safety. The license placard also shall contain the name of this state and the slogan "BIRTHPLACE OF AVIATION." The placard shall be made of steel and the background shall be treated with a reflective material that shall provide effective and dependable reflective brightness during the service period required of the placard. Specifications for the reflective and other materials and the design of the placard, the county identification stickers as provided by section 4503.19 of the Revised Code, and validation stickers as provided by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, shall be adopted by the director as rules under sections 119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code. The identification license plate of motorized bicycles and motorized scooters and of motor vehicles of the type commonly called "motorcycles" shall consist of a single placard, the size

of which shall be prescribed by the director. The identification 911
plate of a vehicle registered in accordance with the international 912
registration plan shall contain the word "apportioned." The 913
director may prescribe the type of placard, or means of fastening 914
the placard, or both; the placard or means of fastening may be so 915
designed and constructed as to render difficult the removal of the 916
placard after it has been fastened to a motor vehicle. 917

Sec. 4503.30. Any placards issued by the registrar of motor 918
vehicles and bearing the distinctive number assigned to a 919
manufacturer, dealer, or distributor pursuant to section 4503.27 920
of the Revised Code may be displayed on any motor vehicle, other 921
than commercial cars, or on any motorized bicycle or motorized 922
scooter owned by the manufacturer, dealer, or distributor, or 923
lawfully in the possession or control of the manufacturer, or the 924
agent or employee of the manufacturer, the dealer, or the agent or 925
employee of the dealer, the distributor, or the agent or employee 926
of the distributor, and shall be displayed on no other motor 927
vehicle or motorized bicycle or motorized scooter. A placard may 928
be displayed on a motor vehicle, other than a commercial car, 929
owned by a dealer when the vehicle is in transit from a dealer to 930
a purchaser, when the vehicle is being demonstrated for sale or 931
lease, or when the vehicle otherwise is being utilized by the 932
dealer. A vehicle bearing a placard issued to a dealer under 933
section 4503.27 of the Revised Code may be operated by the dealer, 934
an agent or employee of the dealer, a prospective purchaser, or a 935
third party operating the vehicle with the permission of the 936
dealer. 937

Such placards may be displayed on commercial cars only when 938
the cars are in transit from a manufacturer to a dealer, from a 939
distributor to a dealer or distributor, or from a dealer to a 940
purchaser, or when the cars are being demonstrated for sale or 941
lease, and shall not be displayed when the cars are being used for 942

delivery, hauling, transporting, or other commercial purpose.

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

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

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Upon the filing of the application and the payment of the fee and postage prescribed by this section, the registrar shall issue to each applicant a certificate of registration and assign a distinctive number and furnish one placard with the number thereon. With each of the certified copies of the registration provided for in this section the registrar shall furnish one placard with the same numbering assigned in the original registration certificate and shall add thereto such special designation as necessary to distinguish one set of placards from another. All placards furnished by the registrar pursuant to this section shall be so marked as to be distinguishable from placards

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issued dealers, manufacturers, or distributors. Placards issued 974
pursuant to this section may be used only on motor vehicles ~~or~~, 975
motorized bicycles, or motorized scooters owned and being used in 976
testing or being demonstrated for purposes of sale or lease; or on 977
motor vehicles subject to the rights and remedies of a secured 978
party being exercised under Chapter 1309. of the Revised Code; or 979
on motor vehicles being held or transported by any insurance 980
company for purposes of salvage disposition; or on motor vehicles 981
being transported by any persons regularly engaged in salvage 982
operations or scrap metal processing from the point of acquisition 983
to their established place of business; or on motor vehicles owned 984
by or in the lawful possession of an Ohio nonprofit corporation 985
while being used in the testing of those motor vehicles. 986

Placards issued pursuant to this section also may be used by 987
persons regularly engaged in the business of rustproofing, 988
reconditioning, or installing equipment or trim on motor vehicles 989
for motor vehicle dealers and shall be used exclusively when such 990
motor vehicles are being transported to or from the motor vehicle 991
dealer's place of business; and by persons engaged in 992
manufacturing articles for attachment to motor vehicles when such 993
motor vehicles are being transported to or from places where 994
mechanical equipment is attached to the chassis of such new motor 995
vehicles; or on motor vehicles being towed by any persons 996
regularly and primarily engaged in the business of towing motor 997
vehicles while such vehicle is being towed to a point of storage. 998

Placards issued pursuant to this section also may be used on 999
trailers being transported by persons engaged in the business of 1000
selling tangible personal property other than motor vehicles. 1001

No person required to register an apportionable vehicle under 1002
the international registration plan shall apply for or receive a 1003
placard for that vehicle under this section. 1004

The fees collected by the registrar pursuant to this section 1005
shall be paid into the state bureau of motor vehicles fund 1006
established in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code and used for 1007
the purposes described in that section. 1008

Sec. 4504.01. As used in this chapter: 1009

(A) "Motor vehicle" means all vehicles included within the 1010
definition of motor vehicle in sections 4501.01 and 4505.01 of the 1011
Revised Code and also includes motorized bicycles and motorized 1012
scooters. "Motor vehicle" does not include a concrete pump or a 1013
concrete conveyor. 1014

(B) "County motor vehicle license tax" means a tax imposed by 1015
a county pursuant to this chapter. 1016

(C) "Township motor vehicle license tax" means a tax imposed 1017
by a township pursuant to this chapter. 1018

(D) "Municipal motor vehicle license tax" means a tax imposed 1019
by a municipal corporation pursuant to this chapter. 1020

(E) "Registrar" means the registrar of motor vehicles as 1021
provided in section 4501.02 of the Revised Code. 1022

(F) "Deputy registrar" means any deputy appointed by the 1023
registrar of motor vehicles pursuant to sections 4501.02 and 1024
4503.03 of the Revised Code. 1025

Sec. 4507.01. (A) As used in this chapter, "motor vehicle," 1026
"motorized bicycle," "motorized scooter," "state," "owner," 1027
"operator," "chauffeur," and "highways" have the same meanings as 1028
in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 1029

"Driver's license" means a class D license issued to any 1030
person to operate a motor vehicle or motor-driven cycle, other 1031
than a commercial motor vehicle, and includes "probationary 1032
license," "restricted license," and any operator's or chauffeur's 1033

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| license issued before January 1, 1990. | 1034 |
| "Probationary license" means the license issued to any person | 1035 |
| between sixteen and eighteen years of age to operate a motor | 1036 |
| vehicle. | 1037 |
| "Restricted license" means the license issued to any person | 1038 |
| to operate a motor vehicle subject to conditions or restrictions | 1039 |
| imposed by the registrar of motor vehicles. | 1040 |
| "Commercial driver's license" means the license issued to a | 1041 |
| person under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code to operate a | 1042 |
| commercial motor vehicle. | 1043 |
| "Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section | 1044 |
| 4506.01 of the Revised Code. | 1045 |
| "Motorized bicycle license" means the license issued under | 1046 |
| section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a | 1047 |
| motorized bicycle including a "probationary motorized bicycle | 1048 |
| license." | 1049 |
| "Probationary motorized bicycle license" means the license | 1050 |
| issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person | 1051 |
| between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized | 1052 |
| bicycle. | 1053 |
| <u>"Motorized scooter license" means the license issued under</u> | 1054 |
| <u>section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person to operate a</u> | 1055 |
| <u>motorized scooter including a "probationary motorized scooter</u> | 1056 |
| <u>license."</u> | 1057 |
| <u>"Probationary motorized scooter license" means the license</u> | 1058 |
| <u>issued under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code to any person</u> | 1059 |
| <u>between fourteen and sixteen years of age to operate a motorized</u> | 1060 |
| <u>scooter.</u> | 1061 |
| "Identification card" means a card issued under sections | 1062 |
| 4507.50 and 4507.51 of the Revised Code. | 1063 |

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

"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.

(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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4507.05. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles, or a deputy registrar, upon receiving an application for a temporary instruction permit and a temporary instruction permit identification card for a driver's license from any person who is at least fifteen years and six months of age, may issue such a permit and identification card entitling the applicant to drive a

motor vehicle, other than a commercial motor vehicle, upon the 1126
highways under the following conditions: 1127

(1) If the permit is issued to a person who is at least 1128
fifteen years and six months of age, but less than sixteen years 1129
of age: 1130

(a) The permit and identification card are in the holder's 1131
immediate possession; 1132

(b) The holder is accompanied by an eligible adult who 1133
actually occupies the seat beside the permit holder and does not 1134
have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, 1135
blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in division 1136
(A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code; 1137

(c) The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not 1138
exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally 1139
installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each 1140
occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements 1141
of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device. 1142

(2) If the permit is issued to a person who is at least 1143
sixteen years of age: 1144

(a) The permit and identification card are in the holder's 1145
immediate possession; 1146

(b) The holder is accompanied by a licensed operator who is 1147
at least twenty-one years of age, is actually occupying a seat 1148
beside the driver, and does not have a prohibited concentration of 1149
alcohol in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or 1150
urine as provided in division (A) of section 4511.19 of the 1151
Revised Code; 1152

(c) The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not 1153
exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally 1154
installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each 1155

occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements 1156
of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device. 1157

(B) The registrar or a deputy registrar, upon receiving from 1158
any person an application for a temporary instruction permit and 1159
temporary instruction permit identification card to operate a 1160
motorcycle ~~or~~, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter, may issue 1161
such a permit and identification card entitling the applicant, 1162
while having the permit and identification card in the applicant's 1163
immediate possession, to drive a motorcycle ~~or~~, motorized bicycle, 1164
or motorized scooter, under restrictions determined by the 1165
registrar. A temporary instruction permit and temporary 1166
instruction permit identification card to operate a motorized 1167
bicycle or motorized scooter may be issued to a person fourteen or 1168
fifteen years old. 1169

(C) Any permit and identification card issued under this 1170
section shall be issued in the same manner as a driver's license, 1171
upon a form to be furnished by the registrar. A temporary 1172
instruction permit to drive a motor vehicle other than a 1173
commercial motor vehicle shall be valid for a period of one year. 1174

(D) Any person having in the person's possession a valid and 1175
current driver's license or motorcycle operator's license or 1176
endorsement issued to the person by another jurisdiction 1177
recognized by this state is exempt from obtaining a temporary 1178
instruction permit for a driver's license, but shall submit to the 1179
regular examination in obtaining a driver's license or motorcycle 1180
operator's endorsement in this state. 1181

(E) The registrar may adopt rules governing the use of 1182
temporary instruction permits and temporary instruction permit 1183
identification cards. 1184

(F)(1) No holder of a permit issued under division (A) of 1185
this section shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any 1186

public or private property used by the public for purposes of 1187
vehicular travel or parking in violation of the conditions 1188
established under division (A) of this section. 1189

(2) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, no 1190
holder of a permit that is issued under division (A) of this 1191
section and that is issued on or after July 1, 1998, and who has 1192
not attained the age of seventeen years, shall operate a motor 1193
vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by 1194
the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the 1195
hours of one a.m. and five a.m. 1196

The holder of a permit issued under division (A) of this 1197
section on or after July 1, 1998, who has not attained the age of 1198
seventeen years, may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any 1199
public or private property used by the public for purposes of 1200
vehicular travel or parking between the hours of one a.m. and five 1201
a.m. if, at the time of such operation, the holder is accompanied 1202
by the holder's parent, guardian, or custodian, and the parent, 1203
guardian, or custodian holds a current valid driver's or 1204
commercial driver's license issued by this state, is actually 1205
occupying a seat beside the permit holder, and does not have a 1206
prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood 1207
serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in division (A) of 1208
section 4511.19 of the Revised Code. 1209

(G)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 1210
contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a 1211
motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the 1212
motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether each 1213
occupant of the motor vehicle is wearing all of the available 1214
elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device as 1215
required by division (A) of this section, or for the sole purpose 1216
of issuing a ticket, citation, or summons if the requirement in 1217
that division has been or is being violated, or for causing the 1218

arrest of or commencing a prosecution of a person for a violation 1219
of that requirement. 1220

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 1221
contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a 1222
motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the 1223
motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether a 1224
violation of division (F)(2) of this section has been or is being 1225
committed or for the sole purpose of issuing a ticket, citation, 1226
or summons for such a violation or for causing the arrest of or 1227
commencing a prosecution of a person for such violation. 1228

(H) As used in this section: 1229

(1) "Eligible adult" means any of the following: 1230

(a) An instructor of a driver training course approved by the 1231
department of public safety; 1232

(b) Any of the following persons who holds a current valid 1233
driver's or commercial driver's license issued by this state: 1234

(i) A parent, guardian, or custodian of the permit holder; 1235

(ii) A person twenty-one years of age or older who acts in 1236
loco parentis of the permit holder. 1237

(2) "Occupant restraining device" has the same meaning as in 1238
section 4513.263 of the Revised Code. 1239

(I) Whoever violates division (F)(1) or (2) of this section 1240
is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 1241

Sec. 4507.23. (A) Except as provided in division (I) of this 1242
section, each application for a temporary instruction permit and 1243
examination shall be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. 1244

(B) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, each 1245
application for a driver's license made by a person who previously 1246
held such a license and whose license has expired not more than 1247

two years prior to the date of application, and who is required 1248
under this chapter to give an actual demonstration of the person's 1249
ability to drive, shall be accompanied by a fee of three dollars 1250
in addition to any other fees. 1251

(C) Except as provided in divisions (E) and (I) of this 1252
section, each application for a driver's license, or motorcycle 1253
operator's endorsement, or renewal of a driver's license shall be 1254
accompanied by a fee of six dollars. Except as provided in 1255
division (I) of this section, each application for a duplicate 1256
driver's license shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars and 1257
fifty cents. The duplicate driver's licenses issued under this 1258
section shall be distributed by the deputy registrar in accordance 1259
with rules adopted by the registrar of motor vehicles. 1260

(D) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, each 1261
application for a motorized bicycle license or motorized scooter 1262
license or duplicate thereof shall be accompanied by a fee of two 1263
dollars and fifty cents. 1264

(E) Except as provided in division (I) of this section, each 1265
application for a driver's license or renewal of a driver's 1266
license that will be issued to a person who is less than 1267
twenty-one years of age shall be accompanied by whichever of the 1268
following fees is applicable: 1269

(1) If the person is sixteen years of age or older, but less 1270
than seventeen years of age, a fee of seven dollars and 1271
twenty-five cents; 1272

(2) If the person is seventeen years of age or older, but 1273
less than eighteen years of age, a fee of six dollars; 1274

(3) If the person is eighteen years of age or older, but less 1275
than nineteen years of age, a fee of four dollars and seventy-five 1276
cents; 1277

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

(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 1309
of the Revised Code, the deputy registrar shall transmit the fees 1310
collected under divisions (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E), those 1311
portions of the fees specified in and collected under division 1312
(F), and the additional fee under division (G) of this section to 1313
the registrar. The registrar shall pay two dollars and fifty cents 1314
of each fee collected under divisions (A), (B), (C), (D), and 1315
(E)(1) to (4) of this section, and the entire fee collected under 1316
division (E)(5) of this section, into the state highway safety 1317
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code, and such 1318
fees shall be used for the sole purpose of supporting driver 1319
licensing activities. The registrar also shall pay the entire fee 1320
collected under division (G) of this section into the state 1321
highway safety fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised 1322
Code. The remaining fees collected by the registrar under this 1323
section shall be paid into the state bureau of motor vehicles fund 1324
established in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1325

(I) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability 1326
rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration may 1327
apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance to 1328
that veteran, without the payment of any fee prescribed in this 1329
section, of any of the following items: 1330

(1) A temporary instruction permit and examination; 1331

(2) A new, renewal, or duplicate driver's or commercial 1332
driver's license; 1333

(3) A motorcycle operator's endorsement; 1334

(4) A motorized bicycle license or motorized scooter license 1335
or duplicate thereof; 1336

(5) Lamination of a driver's license, motorized bicycle 1337
license, motorized scooter license, or temporary instruction 1338
permit identification card as provided in division (F) of this 1339

section, if the circumstances specified in division (I)(5) of this 1340
section are met. 1341

If the driver's license, motorized bicycle license, or 1342
temporary instruction permit identification card of a disabled 1343
veteran described in division (I) of this section is laminated by 1344
a deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy registrar pursuant to 1345
a contract with the registrar that is in effect on October 14, 1346
1997, the disabled veteran shall be required to pay the deputy 1347
registrar the lamination fee provided in division (F) of this 1348
section. If the driver's license, motorized bicycle license, 1349
motorized scooter license, or temporary instruction permit 1350
identification card of such a disabled veteran is laminated by a 1351
deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy registrar pursuant to a 1352
contract with the registrar that is executed after October 14, 1353
1997, the disabled veteran is not required to pay the deputy 1354
registrar the lamination fee provided in division (F) of this 1355
section. 1356

A disabled veteran whose driver's license, motorized bicycle 1357
license, motorized scooter license, or temporary instruction 1358
permit identification card is laminated by the registrar is not 1359
required to pay the registrar any lamination fee. 1360

An application made under division (I) of this section shall 1361
be accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability as the 1362
registrar may require by rule. 1363

Sec. 4507.24. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this 1364
section, each deputy registrar may collect a fee not to exceed the 1365
following: 1366

(1) Three dollars and seventy-five cents commencing on July 1367
1, 2001, four dollars and twenty-five cents commencing on January 1368
1, 2003, and four dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 1369
2004, for each application for renewal of a driver's license 1370

received by the deputy registrar, when the applicant is required 1371
to submit to a screening of the applicant's vision under section 1372
4507.12 of the Revised Code; 1373

(2) Two dollars and seventy-five cents commencing on July 1, 1374
2001, three dollars and twenty-five cents commencing on January 1, 1375
2003, and three dollars and fifty cents commencing on January 1, 1376
2004, for each application for a driver's license, ~~or~~ motorized 1377
bicycle license, or motorized scooter licence, or for renewal of 1378
such a license, received by the deputy registrar, when the 1379
applicant is not required to submit to a screening of the 1380
applicant's vision under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code. 1381

(B) The fees prescribed by division (A) of this section shall 1382
be in addition to the fee for a temporary instruction permit and 1383
examination, a driver's license, a motorized bicycle license, a 1384
motorized scooter license, or duplicates thereof, and shall 1385
compensate the deputy registrar for the deputy registrar's 1386
services, for office and rental expense, and for costs as provided 1387
in division (C) of this section, as are necessary for the proper 1388
discharge of the deputy registrar's duties under sections 4507.01 1389
to 4507.39 of the Revised Code. 1390

A disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability 1391
rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' administration is 1392
required to pay the applicable fee prescribed in division (A) of 1393
this section if the disabled veteran submits an application for a 1394
driver's license ~~or~~, motorized bicycle license, or motorized 1395
scooter license, or a renewal of ~~either~~ any of these licenses to a 1396
deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy registrar pursuant to a 1397
contract with the registrar that is in effect on ~~the effective~~ 1398
~~date of this amendment~~ October 14, 1997. The disabled veteran also 1399
is required to submit with the disabled veteran's application such 1400
documentary evidence of disability as the registrar may require by 1401
rule. 1402

A disabled veteran who submits an application described in 1403
this division is not required to pay either of the fees prescribed 1404
in division (A) of this section if the disabled veteran submits 1405
the application to a deputy registrar who is acting as a deputy 1406
registrar pursuant to a contract with the registrar that is 1407
executed after ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ October 14, 1408
1997. The disabled veteran still is required to submit with the 1409
disabled veteran's application such documentary evidence of 1410
disability as the registrar may require by rule. 1411

A disabled veteran who submits an application described in 1412
this division directly to the registrar is not required to pay 1413
either of the fees prescribed in division (A) of this section if 1414
the disabled veteran submits with the disabled veteran's 1415
application such documentary evidence of disability as the 1416
registrar may require by rule. 1417

(C) Each deputy registrar shall transmit to the registrar of 1418
motor vehicles, at such time and in such manner as the registrar 1419
shall require by rule, an amount of each fee collected under 1420
division (A)(1) of this section as shall be determined by the 1421
registrar. The registrar shall pay all such moneys so received 1422
into the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 1423
4501.25 of the Revised Code. 1424

Sec. 4509.01. As used in sections 4509.01 to 4509.78 of the 1425
Revised Code: 1426

(A) "Person" includes every natural person, firm, 1427
partnership, association, or corporation. 1428

(B) "Driver" means every person who drives or is in actual 1429
physical control of a motor vehicle. 1430

(C) "License" includes any license, permit, or privilege to 1431
operate a motor vehicle issued under the laws of this state 1432

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| including: | 1433 |
| (1) Any temporary instruction permit or examiner's driving permit; | 1434 1435 |
| (2) The privilege of any person to drive a motor vehicle whether or not such person holds a valid license; | 1436 1437 |
| (3) Any nonresident's operating privilege. | 1438 |
| (D) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a motor vehicle. If a motor vehicle is the subject of a lease with an immediate right of possession vested in the lessee, the lessee is the owner. A person listed as the owner on a certificate of title on which there is a notation of a security interest is the owner. A buyer or other transferee of a motor vehicle who receives the certificate of title from the seller or transferor listing the seller or transferor thereon as the owner with an assignment of title to the buyer or transferee nonetheless is the owner even though a subsequent certificate of title has not been issued listing the buyer or transferee as the owner. | 1439 1440 1441 1442 1443 1444 1445 1446 1447 1448 1449 |
| (E) "Registration" means registration certificates and registration plates issued under the laws of this state pertaining to the registration of motor vehicles. | 1450 1451 1452 |
| (F) "Nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of this state. | 1453 1454 |
| (G) "Nonresident's operating privilege" means the privilege conferred upon a nonresident by the laws of this state pertaining to the operation by such person of a motor vehicle, or the use of a motor vehicle owned by such person, in this state. | 1455 1456 1457 1458 |
| (H) "Vehicle" means every device by which any person or property may be transported upon a highway, except electric personal assistive mobility devices, devices moved by power collected from overhead electric trolley wires, or used | 1459 1460 1461 1462 |

exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and except devices 1463
other than bicycles moved by human power. 1464

(I) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled by power 1465
other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 1466
electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, motorized 1467
scooters, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power 1468
cranes and other equipment used in construction work and not 1469
designed for or employed in general highway transportation, 1470
hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 1471
machinery, farm machinery, threshing machinery, hay baling 1472
machinery, and agricultural tractors and machinery used in the 1473
production of horticultural, floricultural, agricultural, and 1474
vegetable products. 1475

(J) "Accident" or "motor vehicle accident" means any accident 1476
involving a motor vehicle which results in bodily injury to or 1477
death of any person, or damage to the property of any person in 1478
excess of four hundred dollars. 1479

(K) "Proof of financial responsibility" means proof of 1480
ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of 1481
accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of such 1482
proof, arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a 1483
motor vehicle in the amount of twelve thousand five hundred 1484
dollars because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any 1485
one accident, in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars 1486
because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any 1487
one accident, and in the amount of seven thousand five hundred 1488
dollars because of injury to property of others in any one 1489
accident. 1490

(L) "Motor-vehicle liability policy" means an "owner's 1491
policy" or an "operator's policy" of liability insurance, 1492
certified as provided in section 4509.46 or 4509.47 of the Revised 1493

Code as proof of financial responsibility, and issued, except as
provided in section 4509.47 of the Revised Code, by an insurance
carrier authorized to do business in this state, to or for the
benefit of the person named therein as insured.

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4511.01. As used in this chapter and in Chapter 4513. of 1524
the Revised Code: 1525

(A) "Vehicle" means every device, including a motorized 1526
bicycle or a motorized scooter, in, upon, or by which any person 1527
or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except 1528
that "vehicle" does not include any motorized wheelchair, any 1529
electric personal assistive mobility device, any device that is 1530
moved by power collected from overhead electric trolley wires or 1531
that is used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, or any 1532
device, other than a bicycle, that is moved by human power. 1533

(B) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled or drawn by 1534
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 1535
electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, motorized 1536
scooters, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power 1537
cranes, and other equipment used in construction work and not 1538
designed for or employed in general highway transportation, 1539
hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 1540
machinery, farm machinery, trailers used to transport agricultural 1541
produce or agricultural production materials between a local place 1542
of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a street 1543
or highway at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less, 1544
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, agricultural tractors 1545
and machinery used in the production of horticultural, 1546
floricultural, agricultural, and vegetable products, and trailers 1547
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place 1548
of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or 1549
towed on a street or highway for a distance of no more than ten 1550
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 1551

(C) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, other than a 1552
tractor, having a saddle for the use of the operator and designed 1553
to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the 1554

ground, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles known as 1555
"motor-driven cycle," "motor scooter," or "motorcycle" without 1556
regard to weight or brake horsepower. 1557

"Motorcycle" does not include a motorized scooter as defined 1558
in this section. 1559

(D) "Emergency vehicle" means emergency vehicles of 1560
municipal, township, or county departments or public utility 1561
corporations when identified as such as required by law, the 1562
director of public safety, or local authorities, and motor 1563
vehicles when commandeered by a police officer. 1564

(E) "Public safety vehicle" means any of the following: 1565

(1) Ambulances, including private ambulance companies under 1566
contract to a municipal corporation, township, or county, and 1567
private ambulances and nontransport vehicles bearing license 1568
plates issued under section 4503.49 of the Revised Code; 1569

(2) Motor vehicles used by public law enforcement officers or 1570
other persons sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of 1571
the state; 1572

(3) Any motor vehicle when properly identified as required by 1573
the director of public safety, when used in response to fire 1574
emergency calls or to provide emergency medical service to ill or 1575
injured persons, and when operated by a duly qualified person who 1576
is a member of a volunteer rescue service or a volunteer fire 1577
department, and who is on duty pursuant to the rules or directives 1578
of that service. The state fire marshal shall be designated by the 1579
director of public safety as the certifying agency for all public 1580
safety vehicles described in division (E)(3) of this section. 1581

(4) Vehicles used by fire departments, including motor 1582
vehicles when used by volunteer fire fighters responding to 1583
emergency calls in the fire department service when identified as 1584

required by the director of public safety. 1585

Any vehicle used to transport or provide emergency medical 1586
service to an ill or injured person, when certified as a public 1587
safety vehicle, shall be considered a public safety vehicle when 1588
transporting an ill or injured person to a hospital regardless of 1589
whether such vehicle has already passed a hospital. 1590

(5) Vehicles used by the motor carrier enforcement unit for 1591
the enforcement of orders and rules of the public utilities 1592
commission as specified in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code. 1593

(F) "School bus" means every bus designed for carrying more 1594
than nine passengers that is owned by a public, private, or 1595
governmental agency or institution of learning and operated for 1596
the transportation of children to or from a school session or a 1597
school function, or owned by a private person and operated for 1598
compensation for the transportation of children to or from a 1599
school session or a school function, provided "school bus" does 1600
not include a bus operated by a municipally owned transportation 1601
system, a mass transit company operating exclusively within the 1602
territorial limits of a municipal corporation, or within such 1603
limits and the territorial limits of municipal corporations 1604
immediately contiguous to such municipal corporation, nor a common 1605
passenger carrier certified by the public utilities commission 1606
unless such bus is devoted exclusively to the transportation of 1607
children to and from a school session or a school function, and 1608
"school bus" does not include a van or bus used by a licensed 1609
child day-care center or type A family day-care home to transport 1610
children from the child day-care center or type A family day-care 1611
home to a school if the van or bus does not have more than fifteen 1612
children in the van or bus at any time. 1613

(G) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a tricycle 1614
designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, propelled 1615

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
displacement that produces no more than one brake horsepower and
is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of no greater than
twenty miles per hour on a level surface.

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

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

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

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

(M) "Trailer" means every vehicle designed or used for
carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure and for
being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any such vehicle when

formed by or operated as a combination of a "semitrailer" and a
vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly known as a
"trailer dolly," a vehicle used to transport agricultural produce
or agricultural production materials between a local place of
storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a street or
highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a
vehicle designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between
a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when
drawn or towed on a street or highway for a distance of more than
ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(T) "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical mixture that is intended for the purpose of producing an explosion that contains any oxidizing and combustible units or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities, or packing that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or by a detonator of any part of the compound or mixture may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on contiguous objects, or of destroying life or limb. Manufactured articles shall not be held to be explosives when the individual units contain explosives in such limited quantities, of such nature, or in such packing, that it is impossible to procure a simultaneous or a destructive explosion of such units, to the injury of life, limb, or property by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or by a detonator, such as fixed ammunition for small arms, firecrackers, or safety fuse matches.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| (AA) "Local authorities" means every county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt police regulations under the constitution and laws of this state. | 1708 1709 1710 |
| (BB) "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as a thoroughfare for purposes of vehicular travel. | 1711 1712 1713 |
| (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. | 1714 1715 1716 1717 1718 1719 |
| (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. | 1720 1721 1722 1723 |
| (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. | 1724 1725 1726 1727 1728 |
| (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. | 1729 1730 1731 |
| (GG) "Laned highway" means a highway the roadway of which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic. | 1732 1733 1734 |
| (HH) "Through highway" means every street or highway as provided in section 4511.65 of the Revised Code. | 1735 1736 |
| (II) "State highway" means a highway under the jurisdiction | 1737 |

of the department of transportation, outside the limits of 1738
municipal corporations, provided that the authority conferred upon 1739
the director of transportation in section 5511.01 of the Revised 1740
Code to erect state highway route markers and signs directing 1741
traffic shall not be modified by sections 4511.01 to 4511.79 and 1742
4511.99 of the Revised Code. 1743

(JJ) "State route" means every highway that is designated 1744
with an official state route number and so marked. 1745

(KK) "Intersection" means: 1746

(1) The area embraced within the prolongation or connection 1747
of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary 1748
lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at, 1749
or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which 1750
vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other 1751
angle may come in conflict. 1752

(2) Where a highway includes two roadways thirty feet or more 1753
apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway 1754
by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate 1755
intersection. If an intersecting highway also includes two 1756
roadways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of two 1757
roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate 1758
intersection. 1759

(3) The junction of an alley with a street or highway, or 1760
with another alley, shall not constitute an intersection. 1761

(LL) "Crosswalk" means: 1762

(1) That part of a roadway at intersections ordinarily 1763
included within the real or projected prolongation of property 1764
lines and curb lines or, in the absence of curbs, the edges of the 1765
traversable roadway; 1766

(2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere, 1767

distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other
markings on the surface; 1768
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(3) Notwithstanding divisions (LL)(1) and (2) of this 1770
section, there shall not be a crosswalk where local authorities 1771
have placed signs indicating no crossing. 1772

(MM) "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set 1773
apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and 1774
protected or marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be 1775
plainly visible at all times. 1776

(NN) "Business district" means the territory fronting upon a 1777
street or highway, including the street or highway, between 1778
successive intersections within municipal corporations where fifty 1779
per cent or more of the frontage between such successive 1780
intersections is occupied by buildings in use for business, or 1781
within or outside municipal corporations where fifty per cent or 1782
more of the frontage for a distance of three hundred feet or more 1783
is occupied by buildings in use for business, and the character of 1784
such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices. 1785

(OO) "Residence district" means the territory, not comprising 1786
a business district, fronting on a street or highway, including 1787
the street or highway, where, for a distance of three hundred feet 1788
or more, the frontage is improved with residences or residences 1789
and buildings in use for business. 1790

(PP) "Urban district" means the territory contiguous to and 1791
including any street or highway which is built up with structures 1792
devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses situated at 1793
intervals of less than one hundred feet for a distance of a 1794
quarter of a mile or more, and the character of such territory is 1795
indicated by official traffic control devices. 1796

(QQ) "Traffic control devices" means all flaggers, signs, 1797
signals, markings, and devices placed or erected by authority of a 1798

public body or official having jurisdiction, for the purpose of 1799
regulating, warning, or guiding traffic, including signs denoting 1800
names of streets and highways. 1801

(RR) "Traffic control signal" means any device, whether 1802
manually, electrically, or mechanically operated, by which traffic 1803
is alternately directed to stop, to proceed, to change direction, 1804
or not to change direction. 1805

(SS) "Railroad sign or signal" means any sign, signal, or 1806
device erected by authority of a public body or official or by a 1807
railroad and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad 1808
tracks or the approach of a railroad train. 1809

(TT) "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, 1810
vehicles, streetcars, trackless trolleys, and other devices, 1811
either singly or together, while using any highway for purposes of 1812
travel. 1813

(UU) "Right-of-way" means either of the following, as the 1814
context requires: 1815

(1) The right of a vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, or 1816
pedestrian to proceed uninterruptedly in a lawful manner in the 1817
direction in which it or the individual is moving in preference to 1818
another vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, or pedestrian 1819
approaching from a different direction into its or the 1820
individual's path; 1821

(2) A general term denoting land, property, or the interest 1822
therein, usually in the configuration of a strip, acquired for or 1823
devoted to transportation purposes. When used in this context, 1824
right-of-way includes the roadway, shoulders or berm, ditch, and 1825
slopes extending to the right-of-way limits under the control of 1826
the state or local authority. 1827

(VV) "Rural mail delivery vehicle" means every vehicle used 1828

to deliver United States mail on a rural mail delivery route. 1829

(WW) "Funeral escort vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 1830
including a funeral hearse, while used to facilitate the movement 1831
of a funeral procession. 1832

(XX) "Alley" means a street or highway intended to provide 1833
access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban districts 1834
and not intended for the purpose of through vehicular traffic, and 1835
includes any street or highway that has been declared an "alley" 1836
by the legislative authority of the municipal corporation in which 1837
such street or highway is located. 1838

(YY) "Freeway" means a divided multi-lane highway for through 1839
traffic with all crossroads separated in grade and with full 1840
control of access. 1841

(ZZ) "Expressway" means a divided arterial highway for 1842
through traffic with full or partial control of access with an 1843
excess of fifty per cent of all crossroads separated in grade. 1844

(AAA) "Thruway" means a through highway whose entire roadway 1845
is reserved for through traffic and on which roadway parking is 1846
prohibited. 1847

(BBB) "Stop intersection" means any intersection at one or 1848
more entrances of which stop signs are erected. 1849

(CCC) "Arterial street" means any United States or state 1850
numbered route, controlled access highway, or other major radial 1851
or circumferential street or highway designated by local 1852
authorities within their respective jurisdictions as part of a 1853
major arterial system of streets or highways. 1854

(DDD) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 1855
persons in a motor vehicle where such transportation is incidental 1856
to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes ridesharing 1857
arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and buspools. 1858

(EEE) "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled vehicle 1859
designed for, and used by, a handicapped person and that is 1860
incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per hour. 1861

(FFF) "Child day-care center" and "type A family day-care 1862
home" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the Revised 1863
Code. 1864

(GGG) "Multi-wheel agricultural tractor" means a type of 1865
agricultural tractor that has two or more wheels or tires on each 1866
side of one axle at the rear of the tractor, is designed or used 1867
for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery, has no provision 1868
for carrying loads independently of the drawn vehicles or 1869
machinery, and is used principally for agricultural purposes. 1870

(HHH) "Operate" means to cause or have caused movement of a 1871
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley. 1872

(III) "Motorized scooter" means every motor vehicle, other 1873
than a tractor, that has all of the following characteristics: 1874

(1) It is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 1875
contact with the ground. 1876

(2) It has no pedals and is not capable of being pedaled. 1877

(3) It has an engine or motor that is capable of propelling 1878
the vehicle at a speed not greater than twenty-five miles per hour 1879
on a level surface. 1880

(4) It is designed or intended by its manufacturer to be 1881
utilized primarily as a recreational or pleasure vehicle or a 1882
vehicle for traveling short distances. 1883

(5) It is neither designed nor intended by its manufacturer 1884
to be utilized primarily as an assistive device to increase, 1885
maintain, or improve the mobility of an individual with a 1886
disability or other physical condition that limits or impairs the 1887
individual's ability to walk. 1888

"Motorized scooter" does not include an electric personal 1889
assistive mobility device. 1890

(JJJ) "Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense" means any 1891
of the following: 1892

(1) A violation of section 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 1893
4511.132, 4511.16, 4511.20, 4511.201, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213, 1894
4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 1895
4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36, 1896
4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 1897
4511.431, 4511.432, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.452, 1898
4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.48, 4511.481, 4511.49, 4511.50, 4511.511, 1899
4511.53, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.56, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 1900
4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.66, 4511.661, 4511.68, 4511.70, 1901
4511.701, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, 4511.73, 1902
4511.763, 4511.771, 4511.78, or 4511.84 of the Revised Code; 1903

(2) A violation of division (A)(2) of section 4511.17, 1904
divisions (A) to (D) of section 4511.51, or division (A) of 1905
section 4511.74 of the Revised Code; 1906

(3) A violation of any provision of sections 4511.01 to 1907
4511.76 of the Revised Code for which no penalty otherwise is 1908
provided in the section that contains the provision violated; 1909

(4) A violation of a municipal ordinance that is 1910
substantially similar to any section or provision set forth or 1911
described in division ~~(III)~~(JJJ)(1), (2), or (3) of this section. 1912

Sec. 4511.521. (A) No person shall operate a motorized 1913
bicycle or motorized scooter upon a highway or any public or 1914
private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular 1915
travel or parking, unless all of the following conditions are met: 1916

(1) The person is fourteen or fifteen years of age and holds 1917
a valid probationary motorized bicycle license or valid 1918

probationary motorized scooter license issued after the person has 1919
passed the test provided for in this section, or the person is 1920
sixteen years of age or older and holds either a valid commercial 1921
driver's license issued under Chapter 4506. or a driver's license 1922
issued under Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code or a valid 1923
motorized bicycle license or valid motorized scooter license 1924
issued after the person has passed the test provided for in this 1925
section, except that if a person is sixteen years of age, has a 1926
valid probationary motorized bicycle license or valid probationary 1927
motorized scooter license and desires a motorized bicycle license 1928
or motorized scooter license, the person is not required to comply 1929
with the testing requirements provided for in this section; 1930

(2) The motorized bicycle or motorized scooter is equipped in 1931
accordance with the rules adopted under division (B) of this 1932
section and is in proper working order; 1933

(3) The person, if under eighteen years of age, is wearing a 1934
protective helmet on the person's head with the chin strap 1935
properly fastened and the motorized bicycle or motorized scooter 1936
is equipped with a rear-view mirror. 1937

(4) The person operates the motorized bicycle or motorized 1938
scooter when practicable within three feet of the right edge of 1939
the roadway obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles. 1940

(B) The director of public safety, subject to sections 119.01 1941
to 119.13 of the Revised Code, shall adopt and promulgate rules 1942
concerning protective helmets, the equipment of motorized bicycles 1943
and motorized scooters, and the testing and qualifications of 1944
persons who do not hold a valid driver's or commercial driver's 1945
license. The test shall be as near as practicable to the 1946
examination required for a motorcycle operator's endorsement under 1947
section 4507.11 of the Revised Code. The test shall also require 1948
the operator to give an actual demonstration of the operator's 1949
ability to operate and control a motorized bicycle or motorized 1950

scooter by driving one under the supervision of an examining officer. 1951
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(C) Every motorized bicycle license and motorized scooter license expires on the birthday of the applicant in the fourth year after the date it is issued, but in no event shall any motorized bicycle license or motorized scooter license be issued for a period longer than four years. 1953
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(D) No person operating a motorized bicycle or motorized scooter shall carry another person upon the motorized bicycle or motorized scooter. 1958
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(E) The protective helmet and rear-view mirror required by division (A)(3) of this section shall, on and after January 1, 1985, conform with rules adopted by the director under division (B) of this section. 1961
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(F) Each probationary motorized bicycle license ~~or~~, motorized bicycle license, probationary motorized scooter license, and motorized scooter license shall be laminated with a transparent plastic material. 1965
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(G) Whoever violates division (A), (D), or (E) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 1969
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Sec. 4513.03. (A) Every vehicle upon a street or highway within this state during the time from sunset to sunrise, and at any other time when there are unfavorable atmospheric conditions or when there is not sufficient natural light to render discernible persons, vehicles, and substantial objects on the highway at a distance of one thousand feet ahead, shall display lighted lights and illuminating devices as required by sections 4513.04 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code, for different classes of vehicles; except that every motorized bicycle and motorized scooter shall display at such times lighted lights meeting the 1971
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rules adopted by the director of public safety under section 1981
4511.521 of the Revised Code. No motor vehicle, during such times, 1982
shall be operated upon a street or highway within this state using 1983
only parking lights as illumination. 1984

Whenever in such sections a requirement is declared as to the 1985
distance from which certain lamps and devices shall render objects 1986
visible, or within which such lamps or devices shall be visible, 1987
such distance shall be measured upon a straight level unlighted 1988
highway under normal atmospheric conditions unless a different 1989
condition is expressly stated. 1990

Whenever in such sections a requirement is declared as to the 1991
mounted height of lights or devices, it shall mean from the center 1992
of such light or device to the level ground upon which the vehicle 1993
stands. 1994

(B) Whoever violates this section shall be punished as 1995
provided in section 4513.99 of the Revised Code. 1996

Sec. 4513.20. (A) The following requirements govern as to 1997
brake equipment on vehicles: 1998

(1) Every trackless trolley and motor vehicle, other than a 1999
motorcycle, motorized bicycle, or motorized scooter, when operated 2000
upon a highway shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control 2001
the movement of and to stop and hold such trackless trolley or 2002
motor vehicle, including two separate means of applying the 2003
brakes, each of which means shall be effective to apply the brakes 2004
to at least two wheels. If these two separate means of applying 2005
the brakes are connected in any way, then on such trackless 2006
trolleys or motor vehicles manufactured or assembled after January 2007
1, 1942, they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part 2008
of the operating mechanism shall not leave the trackless trolley 2009
or motor vehicle without brakes on at least two wheels. 2010

(2) Every motorcycle, when operated upon a highway shall be 2011
equipped with at least one adequate brake, which may be operated 2012
by hand or by foot. 2013

(3) Every motorized bicycle and motorized scooter shall be 2014
equipped with brakes meeting the rules adopted by the director of 2015
public safety under section 4511.521 of the Revised Code. 2016

(4) When operated upon the highways of this state, the 2017
following vehicles shall be equipped with brakes adequate to 2018
control the movement of and to stop and to hold the vehicle, 2019
designed to be applied by the driver of the towing motor vehicle 2020
from its cab, and also designed and connected so that, in case of 2021
a breakaway of the towed vehicle, the brakes shall be 2022
automatically applied: 2023

(a) Every trailer or semitrailer, except a pole trailer, with 2024
an empty weight of two thousand pounds or more, manufactured or 2025
assembled on or after January 1, 1942; 2026

(b) Every manufactured home or travel trailer with an empty 2027
weight of two thousand pounds or more, manufactured or assembled 2028
on or after January 1, 2001. 2029

(5) In any combination of motor-drawn trailers or 2030
semitrailers equipped with brakes, means shall be provided for 2031
applying the rearmost brakes in approximate synchronism with the 2032
brakes on the towing vehicle, and developing the required braking 2033
effort on the rearmost wheels at the fastest rate; or means shall 2034
be provided for applying braking effort first on the rearmost 2035
brakes; or both of the above means, capable of being used 2036
alternatively, may be employed. 2037

(6) Every vehicle and combination of vehicles, except 2038
motorcycles ~~and~~, motorized bicycles, and motorized scooters, and 2039
except trailers and semitrailers of a gross weight of less than 2040
two thousand pounds, and pole trailers, shall be equipped with 2041

parking brakes adequate to hold the vehicle on any grade on which 2042
it is operated, under all conditions of loading, on a surface free 2043
from snow, ice, or loose material. The parking brakes shall be 2044
capable of being applied in conformance with the foregoing 2045
requirements by the driver's muscular effort or by spring action 2046
or by equivalent means. Their operation may be assisted by the 2047
service brakes or other source of power provided that failure of 2048
the service brake actuation system or other power assisting 2049
mechanism will not prevent the parking brakes from being applied 2050
in conformance with the foregoing requirements. The parking brakes 2051
shall be so designed that when once applied they shall remain 2052
applied with the required effectiveness despite exhaustion of any 2053
source of energy or leakage of any kind. 2054

(7) The same brake drums, brake shoes and lining assemblies, 2055
brake shoe anchors, and mechanical brake shoe actuation mechanism 2056
normally associated with the wheel brake assemblies may be used 2057
for both the service brakes and the parking brakes. If the means 2058
of applying the parking brakes and the service brakes are 2059
connected in any way, they shall be so constructed that failure of 2060
any one part shall not leave the vehicle without operative brakes. 2061

(8) Every trackless trolley, motor vehicle, or combination of 2062
motor-drawn vehicles shall be capable at all times and under all 2063
conditions of loading of being stopped on a dry, smooth, level 2064
road free from loose material, upon application of the service or 2065
foot brake, within the following specified distances, or shall be 2066
capable of being decelerated at a sustained rate corresponding to 2067
these distances: 2068

(a) Trackless trolleys, vehicles, or combinations of vehicles 2069
having brakes on all wheels shall come to a stop in thirty feet or 2070
less from a speed of twenty miles per hour. 2071

(b) Vehicles or combinations of vehicles not having brakes on 2072
all wheels shall come to a stop in forty feet or less from a speed 2073

of twenty miles per hour.

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(9) All brakes shall be maintained in good working order and shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally as practicable with respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the trackless trolley or vehicle.

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

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

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

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

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(D) Whoever violates this section shall be punished as 2104
provided in section 4513.99 of the Revised Code. 2105

Section 2. That existing sections 3937.18, 4501.01, 4503.01, 2106
4503.04, 4503.182, 4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.30, 4503.31, 4504.01, 2107
4507.01, 4507.05, 4507.23, 4507.24, 4509.01, 4510.34, 4511.01, 2108
4511.521, 4513.03, 4513.20, and 4513.24 of the Revised Code are 2109
hereby repealed. 2110

Section 3. Section 4511.01 of the Revised Code is presented 2111
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. 2112
H.B. 52 and Sub. H.B. 230 of the 125th General Assembly. The 2113
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 2114
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 2115
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 2116
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 2117
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 2118
this act. 2119