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A BILL

То	amend sections 3781.111, 4517.21, 4740.01,	1
	4740.02, 4740.04, and 4740.07 and to enact section	2
	4740.16 of the Revised Code to make changes to the	3
	construction industry licensing laws, to	4
	discipline unlicensed contractors, eliminate	5
	unlicensed contractor activity, to provide that an	6
	insurer or subrogee may sell through a licensed	7
	motor vehicle auction owner a motor vehicle that	8
	comes into its possession through the operation of	9
	an insurance contract, and to require the Ohio	10
	Civil Rights Commission to deem that specified	11
	persons involved with the construction of a	12
	building have complied with the Americans with	13
	Disabilities Act if the owner of that building	14
	obtained a proper building permit.	15

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

Section 1. That sections 3781.111, 4517.21, 4740.01, 4740.02,	17
4740.04, and 4740.07 be amended and section 4740.16 of the Revised	18
Code be enacted to read as follows:	19
Sec. 3781.111. (A) In addition to the powers conferred by any	20
other section of the Revised Code, the board of building standards	21
shall adopt standards and rules to facilitate the reasonable	22
access and use by all persons with a disability of all buildings	23
and the facilities of buildings for which plans are submitted for	24
approval under section 3791.04 of the Revised Code. No standard or	25
rule shall be applied to any building the plans or drawings,	26
specifications, and date of which have been approved prior to the	27
time that the standard or rule takes effect.	28
(B) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the	29
standards and rules adopted by the board pursuant to this section	30
shall be in accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act	31
of 1990," 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C.A. 12101, as amended, and the	32
"Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988," 102 Stat. 1619, 42 U.S.C.A.	33
3601, as amended.	34
(2) If the owner of a building obtains a license to commence	35
construction of that building as required under section 3791.04 of	36
the Revised Code, for purposes of enforcement by the Ohio civil	37
rights commission, the following persons who prepared the plans,	38
drawings, specifications, or data submitted to obtain that	39
license, are deemed to have complied with the "Americans with	40
<u>Disabilities Act of 1990, " 104 Stat., 42 U.S.C. 12101:</u>	41
(a) The owner;	42
(b) An architect registered under Chapter 4703. of the	43
Revised Code;	44

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(c) A professional engineer registered under Chapter 4733. of 45 the Revised Code; 46 (d) Persons other than registered architects or registered 47 engineers who are permitted, pursuant to sections 3791.04, 48 4703.18, and 4733.18 of the Revised Code, to submit such plans, 49 <u>drawings, specifications, or data.</u> 50 (C) All signs posted to designate special parking locations 51 for persons with a disability and persons with disabilities that 52 limit or impair the ability to walk in accordance with division 53 (E) of section 4511.69 of the Revised Code and the standards and 54 rules adopted pursuant to this section shall be mounted on a fixed 55 or movable post or otherwise affixed in a vertical position at a 56 height so that the sign is clearly visible to the driver of a 57 vehicle when parked in such a location. If a new sign or a 58 replacement sign designating a special parking location is posted 59 on or after the effective date of this amendment October 14, 1999, 60 there also shall be affixed upon the surface of that sign or 61 affixed next to the designating sign a notice that states the fine 62 applicable for the offense of parking a motor vehicle in the 63 special designated parking location if the motor vehicle is not 64 legally entitled to be parked in that location. 65 (D) As used in this section, "disability" has the same 66 meaning as in section 4112.01 of the Revised Code. As used in 67 division (C) of this section, "persons with disabilities that 68 limit or impair the ability to walk" has the same meaning as in 69 division (A)(1) of section 4503.44 of the Revised Code. 70 (E) No owner of a building or facility where special parking 71 locations for persons with a disability must be designated in 72 accordance with the standards and rules adopted pursuant to this 73 section shall fail to properly mark the special parking locations 74 as required by those standards and rules or fail to maintain the 75

markings of the special parking locations, including the erection

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and maintenance of the fixed or movable signs.	77
Sec. 4517.21. (A) No motor vehicle auction owner licensed	78
under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code shall:	79
(1) Engage in the sale of motor vehicles at retail from the	80
<pre>same licensed location;</pre>	81
(2) Knowingly permit the auctioning of a motor vehicle if the	82
motor vehicle auction owner has reasonable cause to believe it is	83
not being offered for sale by the legal owner of the motor	84
vehicle;	85
(3) Knowingly permit the sale of a motor vehicle to any	86
person except the following:	87
(a) A motor vehicle dealer licensed in this state or any	88
other jurisdiction, or any other person licensed pursuant to	89
Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code or a substantially similar	90
statute of any other jurisdiction;	91
(b) A person who purchases a motor vehicle from a licensed	92
motor vehicle dealer at an auction of motor vehicles conducted at	93
the licensed motor vehicle dealer's place of business in	94
accordance with division (B) of this section;	95
(c) A person who purchases a classic motor vehicle, as	96
defined in section 4517.021 of the Revised Code, at an auction	97
conducted at the established place of business of a licensed motor	98
vehicle auction owner where only classic motor vehicles are being	99
auctioned.	100
(4) Knowingly permit the sale of a motor vehicle by any	101
person who is not licensed pursuant to Chapter 4517. of the	102
Revised Code, except by insurers and subrogees selling only those	103
motor vehicles that have come into their possession through the	104
operation of the terms of an insurance contract;	105
(5) Knowingly permit any person to violate section 4517.19 of	106

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presence at the motor vehicle auction owner's auction of a dealer whose license has been suspended or revoked, or of a person whose application for a license to operate as a dealer has been denied, shall immediately cause the removal of the person from the auction.

- (8) Knowingly accept a motor vehicle for sale or possible

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 sale by a dealer whose license has been suspended or revoked,

 during the period of suspension or revocation, or by a person

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 whose application for a license to operate as a dealer has been

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 denied, after notification by the registrar, in accordance with

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 division (G) of this section, of the suspension or revocation of

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 the license, or denial of an application for a license.

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- (9) Knowingly permit the auctioning of a motor vehicle whose 149 ownership is not evidenced at the time of auctioning by a current 150 certificate of title or a manufacturer's certificate of origin, 151 and all title assignments that evidence the seller's ownership of 152 the motor vehicle, without first giving clear and unequivocal 153 notice of the lack of such evidence. 154
- (B) Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 4517. of the 155 Revised Code to the contrary, a licensed motor vehicle auction 156 owner, in addition to engaging in the business of auctioning motor 157 vehicles at the auction owner's established place of business, may 158 engage in the business of auctioning a licensed motor vehicle 159 dealer's motor vehicles at that licensed motor vehicle dealer's 160 established place of business, provided such dealer's place of 161 business is not owned, operated, or in any way managed by a motor 162 vehicle auction owner or subsidiary. The motor vehicle auction 163 owner is not required to obtain an additional license for each 164 dealer's premises at which the motor vehicle auction owner is 165 engaging in the business of auctioning motor vehicles, regardless 166 of whether the dealer's premises are located in another county, 167 but the motor vehicle auction owner is required to have a 168

appointments to the board, two appointments in each section, other	261
than the administrative section, are for terms ending one year	262
after July 31, 1992, and two are for terms ending two years after	263
July 31, 1992. All other appointments to the board are for terms	264
ending three years after July 31, 1992. Thereafter, terms of	265
office are for three years, each term ending on the same day of	266
the same month of the year as did the term that it succeeds. Each	267
member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the	268
end of the term for which the member was appointed. Members may be	269
reappointed. Vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided for	270
original appointments. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy	271
occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the	272
member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member	273
for the remainder of that term. A member shall continue in office	274
subsequent to the expiration of a term until a successor takes	275
office or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever	276
occurs first.	277

- (F) Before entering upon the discharge of official duties, 278 each member shall take, and file with the secretary of state, the 279 oath of office required by Section 7 of Article XV, Ohio 280 Constitution.
- (G) Each member, except for the director or the director's 282 designee, shall receive a per diem amount fixed pursuant to 283 section 124.15 of the Revised Code when actually attending to 284 matters of the board and for the time spent in necessary travel, 285 and all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties. 287
- (H) The director of commerce may remove any member of the 288 board the director appoints for malfeasance, misfeasance, or 289 nonfeasance.
- (I) Membership on the board and holding any office of the 291 board does not constitute holding a public office or employment 292

(1) Issue a license to any individual who the appropriate	323
section of the board determines is qualified pursuant to section	324
4740.06 of the Revised Code to hold a license and has attained,	325
within the twelve months preceding the individual's application	326
for licensure, a score on the examination that the appropriate	327
section authorizes for the licensed trade.	328
(a) Each license shall include a license number and an	329
expiration date.	330
(b) Each license issued to an individual who holds more than	331
one valid license shall contain the same license number and	332
expiration date as the original license issued to that individual.	333
(2) Renew licenses for individuals who meet the renewal	334
requirements of section 4740.06 of the Revised Code.	335
(D) Make an annual written report to the director of commerce	336
on proceedings had by or before the board for the previous year	337
and make an annual statement of all money received and expended by	338
the board during the year;	339
(E) Keep a record containing the name, address, the date on	340
which the board issues or renews a license to, and the license	341
number of, every heating, ventilating, and air conditioning	342
contractor, refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor,	343
plumbing contractor, and hydronics contractor issued a license	344
pursuant to this chapter;	345
(F) Regulate a contractor's use and display of a license	346
issued pursuant to this chapter and of any information contained	347
in that license;	348
(G) Adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the	349
Revised Code as necessary to properly discharge the administrative	350
section's duties under this chapter. The rules shall include, but	351
not be limited to, the following:	352

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holds a license and meets the requirements of this section for the	383
assignment of the license to a business entity, the administrative	384
section shall assign the license to and issue a license in the	385
name of the business entity. The license assigned and issued to a	386
business entity under this division shall state the name and	387
position of the individual who assigned the license to the	388
business entity.	389
(C) During the period a business entity holds a license	390
issued under division (B) of this section, the administrative	391
section shall not issue another license to the individual who	392
assigned the license to the business entity for the same type of	393
contracting for which the business entity utilizes the assigned	394
license.	395
(D)(1) If an individual who assigned a license to a business	396
entity ceases to be associated, for any reason, with the business	397
entity for any reason, including the death of the individual <u>to</u>	398
whom the individual's license had been assigned, the individual or	399
business entity immediately shall notify the appropriate section	400
of the board of the date on which the individual ceased to be	401
associated with the business entity. A license assigned to a	402
business entity is invalid ninety calendar days after the date on	403
which the individual who assigned the license ceases to be	404
associated with the business entity or at an earlier time to which	405
the business entity and the individual agree.	406
(2) If a license assigned to a business entity becomes	407
invalid pursuant to division (D)(1) of this section, an individual	408
shall do one of the following:	409
(a) At least ninety days before the date the license assigned	410
to the business entity becomes invalid, or, if the business entity	411
and the individual agree to an invalidation date that is prior to	412
the expiration of that ninety-day period as permitted under	413

division (D)(1) of this section, on that invalidation date,

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(F) No individual who assigns a license to a business entity

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shall assign a license for the same type of contracting to another	446
business entity until the original license assigned is invalid	447
pursuant to division $(D)(1)$ of this section.	448
(G) Any individual who assigns a license to a business entity	449
under this section shall be actively engaged in business as the	450
type of contractor for which the license is issued and be readily	451
available for consultation with the business entity to which the	452
license is assigned.	453
(H) No license assigned under this section shall be assigned	454
to more than one business entity at a time.	455
Sec. 4740.16. (A) The appropriate section of the Ohio	456
construction industry licensing board may investigate any person	457
who allegedly has violated section 4740.13 of the Revised Code.	458
If, after an investigation pursuant to section 4740.05 of the	459
Revised Code, the appropriate section determines that reasonable	460
evidence exists that a person has violated section 4740.13 of the	461
Revised Code, within seven days after that determination, the	462
appropriate section shall send a written notice to that person in	463
the same manner as prescribed in section 119.07 of the Revised	464
Code for licensees, except that the notice shall specify that a	465
hearing will be held and specify the date, time, and place of the	466
hearing.	467
(B) The appropriate section shall hold a hearing regarding	468
the alleged violation in the same manner prescribed for an	469
adjudication hearing under section 119.09 of the Revised Code. If	470
the appropriate section, after the hearing, determines a violation	471
has occurred, the appropriate section may impose a fine on the	472
person, not exceeding one thousand dollars per violation per day.	473
The appropriate section's determination is an order that the	474
person may appeal in accordance with section 119.12 of the Revised	475
Code.	476

(C) If the person who allegedly committed a violation of	477
section 4740.13 of the Revised Code fails to appear for a hearing,	478
the appropriate section may request the court of common pleas of	479
the county where the alleged violation occurred to compel the	480
person to appear before the appropriate section for a hearing.	481
(D) If the appropriate section assesses a person a civil	482
penalty for a violation of section 4740.13 of the Revised Code and	483
the person fails to pay that civil penalty within the time period	484
prescribed by the appropriate section, the appropriate section	485
shall forward to the attorney general the name of the person and	486
the amount of the civil penalty for the purpose of collecting that	487
civil penalty. In addition to the civil penalty assessed pursuant	488
to this section, the person also shall pay any fee assessed by the	489
attorney general for collection of the civil penalty.	490
Section 2. That existing sections 3781.111, 4517.21, 4740.01,	491
4740.02, 4740.04, and 4740.07 of the Revised Code are hereby	492
repealed.	493
Section 3. Section 3781.111 of the Revised Code is presented	494
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub.	495
H.B. 148 and Am. H.B. 264 of the 123rd General Assembly. The	496
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of	497
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be	498
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds	499
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in	500
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in	501
this act.	502