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To amend section 4505.01 and to enact section 1  
4505.063 of the Revised Code to apply the motor 2  
vehicle certificate of title law to trailers and 3  
semitrailers that weigh 4,000 pounds or less and 4  
are not farm trailers. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 4505.01 be amended and section 6  
4505.063 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 4505.01.** (A) As used in this chapter: 8

(1) "Lien" includes, unless the context requires a different 9  
meaning, a security interest in a motor vehicle. 10

(2) "Motor vehicle" includes manufactured homes, mobile 11  
homes, recreational vehicles, and trailers and semitrailers, but 12  
does not include any trailer or semitrailer used in direct 13  
agricultural production whose weight ~~exceeds~~ does not exceed four 14  
thousand pounds. 15

(B) The various certificates, applications, and assignments 16  
necessary to provide certificates of title for manufactured homes, 17

mobile homes, recreational vehicles, and those trailers and 18  
semitrailers ~~whose weight exceeds four thousand pounds for which a~~ 19  
certificate of title is required under this chapter, shall be made 20  
upon forms prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles. 21

**Sec. 4505.063.** (A) Notwithstanding section 4505.06 of the 22  
Revised Code, if a certificate of title previously has not been 23  
issued for a trailer whose weight is four thousand pounds or less, 24  
the application for a certificate of title when required by this 25  
chapter shall be accompanied by a manufacturer's or importer's 26  
certificate; by a sworn statement of ownership; or by a 27  
certificate of title, bill of sale, or other evidence of ownership 28  
required by law of another state from which the trailer was 29  
brought into this state. If such a trailer is assembled from 30  
component parts by a person other than a manufacturer, the owner 31  
of the trailer is not required to have the trailer inspected by 32  
the state highway patrol under section 4505.111 of the Revised 33  
Code in order to apply for and obtain a certificate of title for 34  
the trailer. 35

The registrar of motor vehicles, in accordance with Chapter 36  
119. of the Revised Code, shall prescribe the form of the sworn 37  
statement of ownership and the types of additional documentation 38  
sufficient to establish proof of ownership, including, but not 39  
limited to, receipts from the purchase of parts or components, 40  
photographs, and affidavits of other persons. 41

(B) On and after the effective date of this section, if a 42  
trailer is assembled from component parts by a person other than a 43  
manufacturer and the trailer weighs four thousand pounds or less, 44  
the owner of the trailer is not required to have the trailer 45  
inspected by the state highway patrol under section 4505.111 of 46  
the Revised Code in order to apply for and obtain a certificate of 47  
title for the trailer. The owner may apply for a certificate of 48

title for the trailer by complying with any applicable provision 49  
of division (A) of this section. 50

**Section 2.** That existing section 4505.01 of the Revised Code 51  
is hereby repealed. 52