## As Reported by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

# 128th General Assembly Regular Session 2009-2010

Sub. H. B. No. 204

#### Representatives Letson, Slesnick

Cosponsors: Representatives Harris, Mallory, Dodd, Winburn, Yuko, Skindell, Domenick, Balderson, McClain, Ruhl, Zehringer

### A BILL

1.0	amend sections 450/.05, 4510.12, 4511.53, 4511.69,	1
	and 4513.03 of the Revised Code to permit a	2
	motorcycle operator to back the motorcycle into an	3
	angled parking space, to codify the restrictions	4
	that apply to a person who operates a motorcycle	5
	pursuant to a motorcycle temporary instruction	6
	permit, to clarify the penalties for operating a	7
	motorcycle without having either a motorcycle	8
	endorsement or the proper restricted license, and	9
	to provide generally that lighted daytime running	10
	lights satisfy the requirement that motor vehicles	11
	display lighted lights at any time when the	12
	vehicle's windshield wipers are in use because of	13
	precipitation on the windshield.	14

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

Section 1. That sections 4507.05, 4510.12, 4511.53, 45	11.69, 15
and 4513.03 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follow	ws: 16
Sec. 4507.05. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles, or	a 1º

Revised Code;

49

67

68

69

70

71

72

73

74

75

76

77

78

79

- (c) The total number of occupants of the vehicle does not 50 exceed the total number of occupant restraining devices originally 51 installed in the motor vehicle by its manufacturer, and each 52 occupant of the vehicle is wearing all of the available elements 53 of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device. 54
- (B) The registrar or a deputy registrar, upon receiving from 55 any person an application for a temporary instruction permit and 56 temporary instruction permit identification card to operate a 57 motorcycle or motorized bicycle, may issue such a permit and 58 identification card entitling the applicant, while having the 59 permit and identification card in the applicant's immediate 60 possession, to drive a motorcycle under the restrictions 61 prescribed in section 4511.53 of the Revised Code, or to drive a 62 motorized bicycle under restrictions determined by the registrar. 63 A temporary instruction permit and temporary instruction permit 64 identification card to operate a motorized bicycle may be issued 65 to a person fourteen or fifteen years old. 66
- (C) Any permit and identification card issued under this section shall be issued in the same manner as a driver's license, upon a form to be furnished by the registrar. A temporary instruction permit to drive a motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle shall be valid for a period of one year.
- (D) Any person having in the person's possession a valid and current driver's license or motorcycle operator's license or endorsement issued to the person by another jurisdiction recognized by this state is exempt from obtaining a temporary instruction permit for a driver's license, but shall submit to the regular examination in obtaining a driver's license or motorcycle operator's endorsement in this state.
  - (E) The registrar may adopt rules governing the use of

80

81

temporary instruction permits and temporary instruction permit identification cards.

- (F)(1) No holder of a permit issued under division (A) of 82 this section shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any 83 public or private property used by the public for purposes of 84 vehicular travel or parking in violation of the conditions 85 established under division (A) of this section. 86
- (2) Except as provided in division (F)(2) of this section, no 87 holder of a permit that is issued under division (A) of this 88 section and that is issued on or after July 1, 1998, and who has 89 not attained the age of eighteen years, shall operate a motor 90 vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by 91 the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking between the 92 hours of midnight and six a.m.

The holder of a permit issued under division (A) of this 94 section on or after July 1, 1998, who has not attained the age of 95 eighteen years, may operate a motor vehicle upon a highway or any 96 public or private property used by the public for purposes of 97 vehicular travel or parking between the hours of midnight and six 98 a.m. if, at the time of such operation, the holder is accompanied 99 by the holder's parent, guardian, or custodian, and the parent, 100 quardian, or custodian holds a current valid driver's or 101 commercial driver's license issued by this state, is actually 102 occupying a seat beside the permit holder, and does not have a 103 prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood 104 serum or plasma, breath, or urine as provided in division (A) of 105 section 4511.19 of the Revised Code. 106

(G)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the 107 contrary, no law enforcement officer shall cause the operator of a 108 motor vehicle being operated on any street or highway to stop the 109 motor vehicle for the sole purpose of determining whether each 110 occupant of the motor vehicle is wearing all of the available 111

Revised Code, shall operate any motor vehicle upon a public road

or highway or any public or private property used by the public

for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this state unless

the person has a valid driver's license issued under Chapter 4507.

of the Revised Code or a commercial driver's license issued under

Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code.

- (2) No person, except a person expressly exempted under 147 sections 4507.03, 4507.04, and 4507.05 of the Revised Code, shall 148 operate any motorcycle upon a public road or highway or any public 149 or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular 150 travel or parking in this state unless the person has a valid 151 license as a motorcycle operator that was issued upon application 152 by the registrar of motor vehicles under Chapter 4507. of the 153 Revised Code. The license shall be in the form of an endorsement, 154 as determined by the registrar, upon a driver's or commercial 155 driver's license, if the person has a valid license to operate a 156 motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle, or in the form of a 157 restricted license as provided in section 4507.14 of the Revised 158 Code, if the person does not have a valid license to operate a 159 motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle. 160
- (B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of operating a 161 motor vehicle without a valid license and shall be punished as 162 follows:
- (1) If the trier of fact finds that the offender never has 164 held a valid driver's or commercial driver's license issued by 165 this state or any other jurisdiction, or, in a case involving the 166 operation of a motorcycle by the offender, the trier of fact finds 167 at the time of such operation the offender did not have a valid 168 license as a motorcycle operator, either in the form of an 169 endorsement upon a driver's or commercial driver's license or in 170 the form of a restricted license, the offense is an unclassified 171

misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the	265
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more	266
predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this	267
section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.	268

- Sec. 4511.69. (A) Every vehicle stopped or parked upon a 269 roadway where there is an adjacent curb shall be stopped or parked 270 with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and not 271 more than twelve inches from the right-hand curb, unless it is 272 impossible to approach so close to the curb; in such case the stop 273 shall be made as close to the curb as possible and only for the 274 time necessary to discharge and receive passengers or to load or 275 unload merchandise. Local authorities by ordinance may permit 276 angle parking on any roadway under their jurisdiction, except that 277 angle parking shall not be permitted on a state route within a 278 municipal corporation unless an unoccupied roadway width of not 279 less than twenty-five feet is available for free-moving traffic. 280
- (B) Local authorities by ordinance may permit parking of 281 vehicles with the left-hand wheels adjacent to and within twelve 282 inches of the left-hand curb of a one-way roadway. 283
- (C) No (1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this

  section, no vehicle or trackless trolley shall be stopped or

  parked on a road or highway with the vehicle or trackless trolley

  facing in a direction other than the direction of travel on that

  287

  side of the road or highway.
- (2) The operator of a motorcycle may back the motorcycle into
  289

  an angled parking space so that when the motorcycle is parked it
  290

  is facing in a direction other than the direction of travel on the
  291

  side of the road or highway.
  292
- (D) Notwithstanding any statute or any rule, resolution, or 293 ordinance adopted by any local authority, air compressors, 294 tractors, trucks, and other equipment, while being used in the 295

296

297

298

299

300

322

323

324

325

326

327

construction, reconstruction, installation, repair, or removal of facilities near, on, over, or under a street or highway, may stop, stand, or park where necessary in order to perform such work, provided a flagperson is on duty or warning signs or lights are displayed as may be prescribed by the director of transportation.

- (E) Special parking locations and privileges for persons with 301 disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk, also known 302 as handicapped parking spaces or disability parking spaces, shall 303 be provided and designated by all political subdivisions and by 304 the state and all agencies and instrumentalities thereof at all 305 offices and facilities, where parking is provided, whether owned, 306 rented, or leased, and at all publicly owned parking garages. The 307 locations shall be designated through the posting of an elevated 308 sign, whether permanently affixed or movable, imprinted with the 309 international symbol of access and shall be reasonably close to 310 exits, entrances, elevators, and ramps. All elevated signs posted 311 in accordance with this division and division (C) of section 312 3781.111 of the Revised Code shall be mounted on a fixed or 313 movable post, and the distance from the ground to the top edge of 314 the sign shall measure five feet. If a new sign or a replacement 315 sign designating a special parking location is posted on or after 316 October 14, 1999, there also shall be affixed upon the surface of 317 that sign or affixed next to the designating sign a notice that 318 states the fine applicable for the offense of parking a motor 319 vehicle in the special designated parking location if the motor 320 vehicle is not legally entitled to be parked in that location. 321
- (F)(1) No person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle at special parking locations provided under division (E) of this section or at special clearly marked parking locations provided in or on privately owned parking lots, parking garages, or other parking areas and designated in accordance with that division, unless one of the following applies:

- (a) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the 328 transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the 329 ability to walk and is displaying a valid removable windshield 330 placard or special license plates; 331
- (b) The motor vehicle is being operated by or for the 332 transport of a handicapped person and is displaying a parking card 333 or special handicapped license plates. 334
- (2) Any motor vehicle that is parked in a special marked 335 parking location in violation of division (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this 336 section may be towed or otherwise removed from the parking 337 location by the law enforcement agency of the political 338 subdivision in which the parking location is located. A motor 339 vehicle that is so towed or removed shall not be released to its 340 owner until the owner presents proof of ownership of the motor 341 vehicle and pays all towing and storage fees normally imposed by 342 that political subdivision for towing and storing motor vehicles. 343 If the motor vehicle is a leased vehicle, it shall not be released 344 to the lessee until the lessee presents proof that that person is 345 the lessee of the motor vehicle and pays all towing and storage 346 fees normally imposed by that political subdivision for towing and 347 storing motor vehicles. 348
- (3) If a person is charged with a violation of division 349
  (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, it is an affirmative defense to 350
  the charge that the person suffered an injury not more than 351
  seventy-two hours prior to the time the person was issued the 352
  ticket or citation and that, because of the injury, the person 353
  meets at least one of the criteria contained in division (A)(1) of 354
  section 4503.44 of the Revised Code. 355
- (G) When a motor vehicle is being operated by or for the 356 transport of a person with a disability that limits or impairs the 357 ability to walk and is displaying a removable windshield placard 358 or a temporary removable windshield placard or special license 359

plates, or when a motor vehicle is being operated by or for the transport of a handicapped person and is displaying a parking card or special handicapped license plates, the motor vehicle is permitted to park for a period of two hours in excess of the legal parking period permitted by local authorities, except where local ordinances or police rules provide otherwise or where the vehicle is parked in such a manner as to be clearly a traffic hazard.

- (H) No owner of an office, facility, or parking garage where special parking locations are required to be designated in 368 accordance with division (E) of this section shall fail to 369 properly mark the special parking locations in accordance with 370 that division or fail to maintain the markings of the special 371 locations, including the erection and maintenance of the fixed or 372 movable signs.
- (I) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a 374 person or organization to apply for a removable windshield placard 375 or special license plates if the parking card or special license 376 plates issued to the person or organization under prior law have 377 not expired or been surrendered or revoked. 378
- (J)(1) Whoever violates division (A) or (C) of this section 379 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 380
- (2)(a) Whoever violates division (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this 381 section is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as 382 provided in division (J)(2)(a) and (b) of this section. Except as 383 otherwise provided in division (J)(2)(a) of this section, an 384 offender who violates division (F)(1)(a) or (b) of this section 385 shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty nor more than five 386 hundred dollars. An offender who violates division (F)(1)(a) or 387 (b) of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred 388 dollars if the offender, prior to sentencing, proves either of the 389 following to the satisfaction of the court: 390

- (i) At the time of the violation of division (F)(1)(a) of 391 this section, the offender or the person for whose transport the 392 motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a removable 393 windshield placard that then was valid or special license plates 394 that then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to 395 display the placard or license plates as described in division 396 (F)(1)(a) of this section.
- (ii) At the time of the violation of division (F)(1)(b) of
  this section, the offender or the person for whose transport the
  motor vehicle was being operated had been issued a parking card
  that then was valid or special handicapped license plates that
  then were valid but the offender or the person neglected to
  display the card or license plates as described in division

  (F)(1)(b) of this section.
- (b) In no case shall an offender who violates division 405(F)(1)(a) or (b) of this section be sentenced to any term of 406 imprisonment. 407

An arrest or conviction for a violation of division (F)(1)(a) 408 or (b) of this section does not constitute a criminal record and 409 need not be reported by the person so arrested or convicted in 410 response to any inquiries contained in any application for 411 employment, license, or other right or privilege, or made in 412 connection with the person's appearance as a witness. 413

The clerk of the court shall pay every fine collected under 414 division (J)(2) of this section to the political subdivision in 415 which the violation occurred. Except as provided in division 416 (J)(2) of this section, the political subdivision shall use the 417 fine moneys it receives under division (J)(2) of this section to 418 pay the expenses it incurs in complying with the signage and 419 notice requirements contained in division (E) of this section. The 420 political subdivision may use up to fifty per cent of each fine it 421 receives under division (J)(2) of this section to pay the costs of 422

512

this act.