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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 4501.01, 4501.13, 4503.04, 4503.21, 1  
4503.22, 4503.544, 4507.11, 4511.01, 4511.53, 2  
4519.01, and 4519.02 and to enact sections 3  
4511.214 and 4511.215 of the Revised Code to 4  
establish conditions for the operation of certain 5  
specialized motor vehicles, including low-speed 6  
and under-speed vehicles, mopeds and scooters, 7  
cab-enclosed motorcycles, and mini-trucks. 8

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4501.01, 4501.13, 4503.04, 4503.21, 9  
4503.22, 4503.544, 4507.11, 4511.01, 4511.53, 4519.01, and 4519.02 10  
be amended and sections 4511.214 and 4511.215 of the Revised Code 11  
be enacted to read as follows: 12

**Sec. 4501.01.** As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 13  
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of the 14  
Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise provided: 15

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 16  
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric personal 17  
assistive mobility devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively 18  
on rails or tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and 19

vehicles that belong to any police department, municipal fire 20  
department, or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such 21  
a department in the discharge of its functions. 22

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile homes 23  
and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by power 24  
other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 25  
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include ~~utility~~ 26  
under-speed vehicles as defined in division ~~(VV)~~(XX) of this 27  
section, mini-trucks as defined in section 4519.01 of the Revised 28  
Code, motorized bicycles, road rollers, traction engines, power 29  
shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used in construction 30  
work and not designed for or employed in general highway 31  
transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging machinery, 32  
farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and used 33  
exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage and a 34  
marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a public 35  
road or highway for a distance of no more than ten miles and at a 36  
speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 37

(C) "Agricultural tractor" and "traction engine" mean any 38  
self-propelling vehicle that is designed or used for drawing other 39  
vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for carrying 40  
loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is used 41  
principally for agricultural purposes. 42

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division (C) 43  
of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive power and 44  
either is designed or used for drawing other motor vehicles, or is 45  
designed or used for drawing another motor vehicle while carrying 46  
a portion of the other motor vehicle or its load, or both. 47

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is designed 48  
and used for carrying not more than nine persons and includes any 49  
motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying not more than 50  
fifteen persons in a ridesharing arrangement. 51

(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, including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for profit.

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

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

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a tricycle that

is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 83  
propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride, 84  
and that has two tandem wheels, or one wheel in front and two 85  
wheels in the rear, or two wheels in the front and one wheel in 86  
the rear, any of which is more than fourteen inches in diameter. 87

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 88  
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 89  
wheels in the rear, that ~~is capable of being~~ may be pedaled, and 90  
that is equipped with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic 91  
centimeters piston displacement that produces no more than one 92  
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 93  
speed of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 94

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that is 95  
designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on its 96  
own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and includes 97  
any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a combination of 98  
a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type such as that 99  
commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used to transport 100  
agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between 101  
a local place of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or 102  
towed on a public road or highway at a speed greater than 103  
twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is designed and 104  
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 105  
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a 106  
public road or highway for a distance of more than ten miles or at 107  
a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour. "Trailer" does 108  
not include a manufactured home or travel trailer. 109

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 110  
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 111  
described in division (B) of this section, but, where applicable, 112  
includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat as described 113  
in division (M) of this section, that has a gross weight of no 114

more than three thousand pounds, and that is used exclusively for 115  
purposes other than engaging in business for a profit. 116

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of closed 117  
construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, is more 118  
than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on site, is 119  
three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a permanent 120  
chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and does not 121  
qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division (C)(4) of 122  
section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an industrialized unit 123  
as defined in division (C)(3) of section 3781.06 of the Revised 124  
Code. 125

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type that 126  
does not have motive power and is so designed or used with another 127  
and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of its own 128  
weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by 129  
the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for propelling 130  
itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, and includes, 131  
for the purpose only of registration and taxation under those 132  
chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a trailer dolly, 133  
that is designed or used for the conversion of a semitrailer into 134  
a trailer. 135

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 136  
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 137

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 138  
travel. 139

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 140  
for profit. 141

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in intrastate 142  
commerce. 143

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined in 144  
49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 145

(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission pursuant to Chapter 4919., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code.	146 147
(6) It is classed as one of the following:	148
(a) "Travel trailer" or " <u>house vehicle</u> " means a nonself-propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall length of thirty-five feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or coupling, and contains less than three hundred twenty square feet of space when erected on site. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.	149 150 151 152 153 154 155
(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and consuming of food, and for sleeping.	156 157 158 159
(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed to be placed upon and attached to a motor vehicle. "Truck camper" does not include truck covers that consist of walls and a roof, but do not have floors and facilities enabling them to be used as a dwelling.	160 161 162 163 164 165
(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such size and weight as to be movable without a special highway permit, that has a gross trailer area of four hundred square feet or less, that is constructed with a raised forward section that allows a bi-level floor plan, and that is designed to be towed by a vehicle equipped with a fifth-wheel hitch ordinarily installed in the bed of a truck.	166 167 168 169 170 171 172
(e) "Park trailer" means a vehicle that is commonly known as a park model recreational vehicle, meets the American national standard institute standard A119.5 (1988) for park trailers, is built on a single chassis, has a gross trailer area of four	173 174 175 176

hundred square feet or less when set up, is designed for seasonal 177  
or temporary living quarters, and may be connected to utilities 178  
necessary for the operation of installed features and appliances. 179

(R) "Pneumatic tires" means tires of rubber and fabric or 180  
tires of similar material, that are inflated with air. 181

(S) "Solid tires" means tires of rubber or similar elastic 182  
material that are not dependent upon confined air for support of 183  
the load. 184

(T) "Solid tire vehicle" means any vehicle that is equipped 185  
with two or more solid tires. 186

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are 187  
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products, and 188  
includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural produce 189  
or agricultural production materials between a local place of 190  
storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, threshing 191  
machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, hammermills, and 192  
machinery used in the production of horticultural, agricultural, 193  
and vegetable products. 194

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 195  
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, except 196  
that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, "owner" 197  
includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 198

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and firms 199  
that are regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, 200  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 201  
vehicles, at an established place of business that is used 202  
exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, selling, displaying, 203  
offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles. A place of 204  
business that is used for manufacturing, selling, displaying, 205  
offering for sale, or dealing in motor vehicles shall be deemed to 206  
be used exclusively for those purposes even though snowmobiles or 207

all-purpose vehicles are sold or displayed for sale thereat, even 208  
though farm machinery is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or 209  
even though repair, accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, 210  
service, or paint departments are maintained thereat, or, in any 211  
county having a population of less than seventy-five thousand at 212  
the last federal census, even though a department in a place of 213  
business is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles 214  
by means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 215  
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 216  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing 217  
in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in a place of 218  
business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 219  
means of using used parts are not considered as being maintained 220  
for the purpose of assisting or furthering the manufacturing, 221  
selling, displaying, and offering for sale or dealing in motor 222  
vehicles. 223

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates a 224  
motor vehicle upon the public highways. 225

(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor 226  
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any 227  
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 228  
taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, 229  
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by 230  
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily 231  
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an 232  
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, 233  
compensation, or profit. 234

(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts of 235  
the United States, and the provinces of Canada. 236

(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all 237  
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts. 238



(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 member jurisdictions that allocate or proportionally register vehicles, that is used for the transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and that meets any of the following qualifications:

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

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

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

"Apportionable vehicle" does not include recreational 269  
vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up and 270  
delivery vehicles, buses used for the transportation of chartered 271  
parties, or vehicles owned and operated by the United States, this 272  
state, or any political subdivisions thereof. 273

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who contract 274  
as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger-carrying 275  
motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in accordance with 276  
the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the United States 277  
department of transportation, for the purpose of group travel to a 278  
specified destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed 279  
upon in advance or modified by the chartered group after having 280  
left the place of origin. 281

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 282  
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the American 283  
association of motor vehicle administrators, and that promotes and 284  
encourages the fullest possible use of the highway system by 285  
authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of vehicles and 286  
recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in member 287  
jurisdictions. 288

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 289  
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 290  
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 291  
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 292

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 293  
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 294  
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised Code, 295  
means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped plus the 296  
maximum weight of the load to be carried on the vehicle. 297

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 298  
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that is 299

taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 300  
of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of the 301  
combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum weight of 302  
the load to be carried on that combination of vehicles. 303

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 304  
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 305  
hire on an hourly basis pursuant to a prearranged contract for the 306  
transportation of passengers on public roads and highways along a 307  
route under the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not 308  
over a defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 309  
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide transportation 310  
from a specific location in a chauffeured limousine at a fixed 311  
rate per hour or trip. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include 312  
any vehicle that is used exclusively in the business of funeral 313  
directing. 314

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in division 315  
(C)(4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 316

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home or 317  
a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 318  
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 319  
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the inventory 320  
of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a manufacturer, 321  
remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or mobile homes. 322

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 323  
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 324  
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 325

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 326  
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 327  
an information system or for transmission from one information 328  
system to another. 329

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in electronic 330

form attached to or logically associated with an electronic 331  
record. 332

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning as 333  
in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 334

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor vehicle 335  
dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code whom the 336  
registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the criteria 337  
designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for electronic 338  
motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic motor 339  
vehicle dealer under that section. 340

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 341  
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 342  
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of an 343  
average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a paved 344  
level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred seventy pounds 345  
has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per hour. 346

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 347  
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 4510.021 348  
of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or commercial 349  
driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege has 350  
been suspended. 351

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled under-speed 352  
motor vehicle designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of 353  
transporting material or cargo in connection with construction, 354  
agricultural, forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, 355  
materials handling, or similar activities. ~~"Utility vehicle"~~ 356  
~~includes a vehicle with a maximum attainable speed of twenty miles~~ 357  
~~per hour or less that is used exclusively within the boundaries of~~ 358  
~~state parks by state park employees or volunteers for the~~ 359  
~~operation or maintenance of state park facilities.~~ 360

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled motor 361

vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds. 362  
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(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled vehicle, including a utility vehicle and a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating less than three thousand pounds. 366  
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(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a piston displacement between fifty and one hundred fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 371  
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(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment top that can be installed or removed by the user. 379  
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(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top or an occupant compartment top that can be installed or removed by the user. 384  
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**Sec. 4501.13.** Six dollars of each registration fee designated for payment to the registrar of motor vehicles in division (A)~~(2)~~(1)(b) of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code shall be deposited in the motorcycle safety and education fund, which is 389  
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hereby created in the state treasury and, unless otherwise 393  
provided by law, shall be used solely to pay part or all of the 394  
costs of conducting the motorcycle safety and education program 395  
created by section 4508.08 of the Revised Code. 396

**Sec. 4503.04.** Except as provided in sections 4503.042 and 397  
4503.65 of the Revised Code for the registration of commercial 398  
cars, trailers, semitrailers, and certain buses, the rates of the 399  
taxes imposed by section 4503.02 of the Revised Code shall be as 400  
follows: 401

(A)~~(1)~~ For motor vehicles having three wheels or less, the 402  
license tax is: 403

~~(1)~~~~(a)~~ For each motorized bicycle or moped, ten dollars; 404

~~(2)~~~~(b)~~ For each motorcycle, cab-enclosed motorcycle, 405  
motor-driven cycle, or motor scooter, fourteen dollars. 406

(2) For each low-speed and under-speed vehicle, ten dollars. 407

(B) For each passenger car, twenty dollars; 408

(C) For each manufactured home, each mobile home, and each 409  
travel trailer or house vehicle, ten dollars; 410

(D) For each noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the 411  
manufacturer to carry a load of no more than three-quarters of one 412  
ton and for each motor home, thirty-five dollars; for each 413  
noncommercial motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer to carry 414  
a load of more than three-quarters of one ton, but not more than 415  
one ton, seventy dollars; 416

(E) For each noncommercial trailer, the license tax is: 417

(1) Eighty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part 418  
thereof for the first two thousand pounds or part thereof of 419  
weight of vehicle fully equipped; 420

(2) One dollar and forty cents for each one hundred pounds or 421

part thereof in excess of two thousand pounds up to and including 422  
three thousand pounds. 423

(F) Notwithstanding its weight, twelve dollars for any: 424

(1) Vehicle equipped, owned, and used by a charitable or 425  
nonprofit corporation exclusively for the purpose of administering 426  
chest x-rays or receiving blood donations; 427

(2) Van used principally for the transportation of 428  
handicapped persons that has been modified by being equipped with 429  
adaptive equipment to facilitate the movement of such persons into 430  
and out of the van; 431

(3) Bus used principally for the transportation of 432  
handicapped persons or persons sixty-five years of age or older; 433

(G) Notwithstanding its weight, twenty dollars for any bus 434  
used principally for the transportation of persons in a 435  
ridesharing arrangement. 436

(H) For each transit bus having motor power the license tax 437  
is twelve dollars. 438

"Transit bus" means either a motor vehicle having a seating 439  
capacity of more than seven persons which is operated and used by 440  
any person in the rendition of a public mass transportation 441  
service primarily in a municipal corporation or municipal 442  
corporations and provided at least seventy-five per cent of the 443  
annual mileage of such service and use is within such municipal 444  
corporation or municipal corporations or a motor vehicle having a 445  
seating capacity of more than seven persons which is operated 446  
solely for the transportation of persons associated with a 447  
charitable or nonprofit corporation, but does not mean any motor 448  
vehicle having a seating capacity of more than seven persons when 449  
such vehicle is used in a ridesharing capacity or any bus 450  
described by division (F)(3) of this section. 451

The application for registration of such transit bus shall be 452  
accompanied by an affidavit prescribed by the registrar of motor 453  
vehicles and signed by the person or an agent of the firm or 454  
corporation operating such bus stating that the bus has a seating 455  
capacity of more than seven persons, and that it is either to be 456  
operated and used in the rendition of a public mass transportation 457  
service and that at least seventy-five per cent of the annual 458  
mileage of such operation and use shall be within one or more 459  
municipal corporations or that it is to be operated solely for the 460  
transportation of persons associated with a charitable or 461  
nonprofit corporation. 462

The form of the license plate, and the manner of its 463  
attachment to the vehicle, shall be prescribed by the registrar of 464  
motor vehicles. 465

(I) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (A) or (J) 466  
of this section, the minimum tax for any vehicle having motor 467  
power ~~other than a farm truck, a motorized bicycle, or motorcycle~~ 468  
is ten dollars and eighty cents, and for each noncommercial 469  
trailer, five dollars. 470

(J)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (J) of this 471  
section, for each farm truck, except a noncommercial motor 472  
vehicle, that is owned, controlled, or operated by one or more 473  
farmers exclusively in farm use as defined in this section, and 474  
not for commercial purposes, and provided that at least 475  
seventy-five per cent of such farm use is by or for the one or 476  
more owners, controllers, or operators of the farm in the 477  
operation of which a farm truck is used, the license tax is five 478  
dollars plus: 479

(a) Fifty cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof for 480  
the first three thousand pounds; 481

(b) Seventy cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in 482



excess of three thousand pounds up to and including four thousand pounds;	483 484
(c) Ninety cents per one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of four thousand pounds up to and including six thousand pounds;	485 486 487
(d) Two dollars for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of six thousand pounds up to and including ten thousand pounds;	488 489 490
(e) Two dollars and twenty-five cents for each one hundred pounds or part thereof in excess of ten thousand pounds;	491 492
(f) The minimum license tax for any farm truck shall be twelve dollars.	493 494
(2) The owner of a farm truck may register the truck for a period of one-half year by paying one-half the registration tax imposed on the truck under this chapter and one-half the amount of any tax imposed on the truck under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code.	495 496 497 498 499
(3) A farm bus may be registered for a period of ninety days from the date of issue of the license plates for the bus, for a fee of ten dollars, provided such license plates shall not be issued for more than any two ninety-day periods in any calendar year. Such use does not include the operation of trucks by commercial processors of agricultural products.	500 501 502 503 504 505
(4) License plates for farm trucks and for farm buses shall have some distinguishing marks, letters, colors, or other characteristics to be determined by the director of public safety.	506 507 508
(5) Every person registering a farm truck or bus under this section shall furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck or bus licensed to that person is to be so used as to meet the requirements necessary for the farm truck or farm bus	509 510 511 512

classification. 513

Any farmer may use a truck owned by the farmer for commercial 514  
purposes by paying the difference between the commercial truck 515  
registration fee and the farm truck registration fee for the 516  
remaining part of the registration period for which the truck is 517  
registered. Such remainder shall be calculated from the beginning 518  
of the semiannual period in which application for such commercial 519  
license is made. 520

Taxes at the rates provided in this section are in lieu of 521  
all taxes on or with respect to the ownership of such motor 522  
vehicles, except as provided in section 4503.042 and section 523  
4503.06 of the Revised Code. 524

(K) Other than trucks registered under the international 525  
registration plan in another jurisdiction and for which this state 526  
has received an apportioned registration fee, the license tax for 527  
each truck which is owned, controlled, or operated by a 528  
nonresident, and licensed in another state, and which is used 529  
exclusively for the transportation of nonprocessed agricultural 530  
products intrastate, from the place of production to the place of 531  
processing, is twenty-four dollars. 532

"Truck," as used in this division, means any pickup truck, 533  
straight truck, semitrailer, or trailer other than a travel 534  
trailer. Nonprocessed agricultural products, as used in this 535  
division, does not include livestock or grain. 536

A license issued under this division shall be issued for a 537  
period of one hundred thirty days in the same manner in which all 538  
other licenses are issued under this section, provided that no 539  
truck shall be so licensed for more than one 540  
one-hundred-thirty-day period during any calendar year. 541

The license issued pursuant to this division shall consist of 542  
a windshield decal to be designed by the director of public 543

safety. 544

Every person registering a truck under this division shall 545  
furnish an affidavit certifying that the truck licensed to the 546  
person is to be used exclusively for the purposes specified in 547  
this division. 548

(L) Every person registering a motor vehicle as a 549  
noncommercial motor vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the 550  
Revised Code, or registering a trailer as a noncommercial trailer 551  
as defined in that section, shall furnish an affidavit certifying 552  
that the motor vehicle or trailer so licensed to the person is to 553  
be so used as to meet the requirements necessary for the 554  
noncommercial vehicle classification. 555

(M) Every person registering a van or bus as provided in 556  
divisions (F)(2) and (3) of this section shall furnish a notarized 557  
statement certifying that the van or bus licensed to the person is 558  
to be used for the purposes specified in those divisions. The form 559  
of the license plate issued for such motor vehicles shall be 560  
prescribed by the registrar. 561

(N) Every person registering as a passenger car a motor 562  
vehicle designed and used for carrying more than nine but not more 563  
than fifteen passengers, and every person registering a bus as 564  
provided in division (G) of this section, shall furnish an 565  
affidavit certifying that the vehicle so licensed to the person is 566  
to be used in a ridesharing arrangement and that the person will 567  
have in effect whenever the vehicle is used in a ridesharing 568  
arrangement a policy of liability insurance with respect to the 569  
motor vehicle in amounts and coverages no less than those required 570  
by section 4509.79 of the Revised Code. The form of the license 571  
plate issued for such a motor vehicle shall be prescribed by the 572  
registrar. 573

(O) Commencing on October 1, 2009, if an application for 574

registration renewal is not applied for prior to the expiration 575  
date of the registration or within seven days after that date, the 576  
registrar or deputy registrar shall collect a fee of twenty 577  
dollars for the issuance of the vehicle registration, but may 578  
waive the fee for good cause shown if the application is 579  
accompanied by supporting evidence as the registrar may require. 580  
The fee shall be in addition to all other fees established by this 581  
section. A deputy registrar shall retain fifty cents of the fee 582  
and shall transmit the remaining amount to the registrar at the 583  
time and in the manner provided by section 4503.10 of the Revised 584  
Code. The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under this 585  
division into the state highway safety fund established in section 586  
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 587

(P) As used in this section: 588

(1) "Van" means any motor vehicle having a single rear axle 589  
and an enclosed body without a second seat. 590

(2) "Handicapped person" means any person who has lost the 591  
use of one or both legs, or one or both arms, or is blind, deaf, 592  
or so severely disabled as to be unable to move about without the 593  
aid of crutches or a wheelchair. 594

(3) "Farm truck" means a truck used in the transportation 595  
from the farm of products of the farm, including livestock and its 596  
products, poultry and its products, floricultural and 597  
horticultural products, and in the transportation to the farm of 598  
supplies for the farm, including tile, fence, and every other 599  
thing or commodity used in agricultural, floricultural, 600  
horticultural, livestock, and poultry production and livestock, 601  
poultry, and other animals and things used for breeding, feeding, 602  
or other purposes connected with the operation of the farm. 603

(4) "Farm bus" means a bus used only for the transportation 604  
of agricultural employees and used only in the transportation of 605

such employees as are necessary in the operation of the farm. 606

(5) "Farm supplies" includes fuel used exclusively in the 607  
operation of a farm, including one or more homes located on and 608  
used in the operation of one or more farms, and furniture and 609  
other things used in and around such homes. 610

**Sec. 4503.21.** (A) No person who is the owner or operator of a 611  
motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view on the front and 612  
rear of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration 613  
mark, including any county identification sticker and any 614  
validation sticker issued under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of 615  
the Revised Code, furnished by the director of public safety, 616  
except that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, 617  
the holder of an in transit permit, and the owner or operator of a 618  
motorcycle, motorized bicycle or moped, motor-driven cycle or 619  
motor scooter, cab-enclosed motorcycle, manufactured home, mobile 620  
home, trailer, or semitrailer shall display on the rear only. A 621  
motor vehicle that is issued two license plates shall display the 622  
validation sticker only on the rear license plate, except that a 623  
commercial tractor that does not receive an apportioned license 624  
plate under the international registration plan shall display the 625  
validation sticker on the front of the commercial tractor. An 626  
apportioned vehicle receiving an apportioned license plate under 627  
the international registration plan shall display the license 628  
plate only on the front of a commercial tractor and on the rear of 629  
all other vehicles. All license plates shall be securely fastened 630  
so as not to swing, and shall not be covered by any material that 631  
obstructs their visibility. 632

No person to whom a temporary license placard or windshield 633  
sticker has been issued for the use of a motor vehicle under 634  
section 4503.182 of the Revised Code, and no operator of that 635  
motor vehicle, shall fail to display the temporary license placard 636

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 or mopeds, motor-driven cycles or motor scooters, cab-enclosed motorcycles, 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 plate of a vehicle registered in accordance with the international registration plan shall contain the word "apportioned." The director may prescribe the type of placard, or means of fastening

the placard, or both; the placard or means of fastening may be so 669  
designed and constructed as to render difficult the removal of the 670  
placard after it has been fastened to a motor vehicle. 671

**Sec. 4503.544.** (A) Any person who is a retired or honorably 672  
discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United 673  
States may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the 674  
registration of any motorcycle, motorized bicycle or moped, 675  
motor-driven cycle or motor scooter, or cab-enclosed motorcycle 676  
that the person owns or leases. The application shall be 677  
accompanied by written evidence that the applicant is a retired or 678  
honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of 679  
the United States that the registrar shall require by rule. 680

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 681  
motorcycle under this section, presentation of satisfactory 682  
evidence documenting that the applicant is a retired or honorably 683  
discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of the United 684  
States, and payment of the ~~regular motorcycle~~ applicable license 685  
fee prescribed in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any 686  
local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 687  
Revised Code, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 688  
appropriate motor vehicle registration and a license plate and a 689  
validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when required by 690  
section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 691

(B) License plates issued under this section shall be 692  
inscribed with the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on 693  
motorcycle license plates, except that the registrar shall provide 694  
for one of the following: 695

(1) The license plates to contain an inscription or symbol 696  
representing veterans of the armed forces of the United States; 697

(2) The plates to include the word "veteran" or "vet"; 698

(3) The plates to be designed to display a sticker bearing 699  
the word "veteran." 700

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 701  
apply to license plates issued under this section. 702

**Sec. 4507.11.** (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 703  
conduct all necessary examinations of applicants for temporary 704  
instruction permits, drivers' licenses, or motorcycle operators' 705  
endorsements. The examination shall include a test of the 706  
applicant's knowledge of motor vehicle laws, including the laws on 707  
stopping for school buses, a test of the applicant's physical 708  
fitness to drive, and a test of the applicant's ability to 709  
understand highway traffic control devices. The examination may be 710  
conducted in such a manner that applicants who are illiterate or 711  
limited in their knowledge of the English language may be tested 712  
by methods that would indicate to the examining officer that the 713  
applicant has a reasonable knowledge of motor vehicle laws and 714  
understands highway traffic control devices. An applicant for a 715  
driver's license shall give an actual demonstration of the ability 716  
to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a 717  
motor vehicle by driving the same under the supervision of an 718  
examining officer; however, no applicant for a driver's license 719  
shall use a low-speed or under-speed vehicle for the purpose of 720  
demonstrating ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control 721  
over a vehicle. Except as provided in division (B) of this 722  
section, an applicant for a motorcycle operator's endorsement or a 723  
restricted license that permits only the operation of a motorcycle 724  
shall give an actual demonstration of the ability to exercise 725  
ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motorcycle 726  
by driving the same under the supervision of an examining officer; 727  
however, no applicant for such an endorsement or restricted 728  
license shall use a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter for the 729  
purpose of demonstrating ability to exercise ordinary and 730



reasonable control in the operation of a motorcycle. Except as 731  
provided in section 4507.12 of the Revised Code, the registrar 732  
shall designate the highway patrol, any law enforcement body, or 733  
any other employee of the department of public safety to supervise 734  
and conduct examinations for temporary instruction permits, 735  
drivers' licenses, and motorcycle operators' endorsements and 736  
shall provide the necessary rules and forms to properly conduct 737  
the examinations. The records of the examinations, together with 738  
the application for a temporary instruction permit, driver's 739  
license, or motorcycle operator's endorsement, shall be forwarded 740  
to the registrar by the deputy registrar, and, if in the opinion 741  
of the registrar the applicant is qualified to operate a motor 742  
vehicle, the registrar shall issue the permit, license, or 743  
endorsement. 744

The registrar may authorize the highway patrol, other 745  
designated law enforcement body, or other designated employee of 746  
the department of public safety to issue an examiner's driving 747  
permit to an applicant who has passed the required examination, 748  
authorizing that applicant to operate a motor vehicle while the 749  
registrar is completing an investigation relative to that 750  
applicant's qualifications to receive a temporary instruction 751  
permit, driver's license, or motorcycle operator's endorsement. 752  
The examiner's driving permit shall be in the immediate possession 753  
of the applicant while operating a motor vehicle and shall be 754  
effective until final action and notification has been given by 755  
the registrar, but in no event longer than sixty days from its 756  
date of issuance. 757

(B)(1) An applicant for a motorcycle operator's endorsement 758  
or a restricted license that permits only the operation of a 759  
motorcycle who presents to the registrar of motor vehicles or a 760  
deputy registrar a form approved by the director of public safety 761  
attesting to the applicant's successful completion within the 762

preceding sixty days of a course of basic instruction provided by 763  
the motorcycle safety and education program approved by the 764  
director pursuant to section 4508.08 of the Revised Code shall not 765  
be required to give an actual demonstration of the ability to 766  
operate a motorcycle by driving a motorcycle under the supervision 767  
of an examining officer, as described in division (A) of this 768  
section. Upon presentation of the form described in division 769  
(B)(1) of this section and compliance with all other requirements 770  
relating to the issuance of a motorcycle operator's endorsement or 771  
a restricted license that permits only the operation of a 772  
motorcycle, the registrar or deputy registrar shall issue to the 773  
applicant the endorsement or restricted license, as the case may 774  
be. 775

(2) A person who has not attained eighteen years of age and 776  
presents an application for a motorcycle operator's endorsement or 777  
a restricted license under division (B)(1) of this section also 778  
shall comply with the requirements of section 4507.21 of the 779  
Revised Code. 780

**Sec. 4511.01.** As used in this chapter and in Chapter 4513. of 781  
the Revised Code: 782

(A) "Vehicle" means every device, including a motorized 783  
bicycle, in, upon, or by which any person or property may be 784  
transported or drawn upon a highway, except that "vehicle" does 785  
not include any motorized wheelchair, any electric personal 786  
assistive mobility device, any device that is moved by power 787  
collected from overhead electric trolley wires or that is used 788  
exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, or any device, other 789  
than a bicycle, that is moved by human power. 790

(B) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled or drawn by 791  
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 792  
electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, road rollers, 793

traction engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment 794  
used in construction work and not designed for or employed in 795  
general highway transportation, hole-digging machinery, 796  
well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging machinery, farm machinery, 797  
and trailers designed and used exclusively to transport a boat 798  
between a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a 799  
marina, when drawn or towed on a street or highway for a distance 800  
of no more than ten miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per 801  
hour or less. 802

(C) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, other than a 803  
tractor, having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator and 804  
designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with 805  
the ground, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles known as 806  
"motor-driven cycle," "motor scooter," "cab-enclosed motorcycle," 807  
or "motorcycle" without regard to weight or brake horsepower. 808

(D) "Emergency vehicle" means emergency vehicles of 809  
municipal, township, or county departments or public utility 810  
corporations when identified as such as required by law, the 811  
director of public safety, or local authorities, and motor 812  
vehicles when commandeered by a police officer. 813

(E) "Public safety vehicle" means any of the following: 814

(1) Ambulances, including private ambulance companies under 815  
contract to a municipal corporation, township, or county, and 816  
private ambulances and nontransport vehicles bearing license 817  
plates issued under section 4503.49 of the Revised Code; 818

(2) Motor vehicles used by public law enforcement officers or 819  
other persons sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws of 820  
the state; 821

(3) Any motor vehicle when properly identified as required by 822  
the director of public safety, when used in response to fire 823  
emergency calls or to provide emergency medical service to ill or 824

injured persons, and when operated by a duly qualified person who 825  
is a member of a volunteer rescue service or a volunteer fire 826  
department, and who is on duty pursuant to the rules or directives 827  
of that service. The state fire marshal shall be designated by the 828  
director of public safety as the certifying agency for all public 829  
safety vehicles described in division (E)(3) of this section. 830

(4) Vehicles used by fire departments, including motor 831  
vehicles when used by volunteer fire fighters responding to 832  
emergency calls in the fire department service when identified as 833  
required by the director of public safety. 834

Any vehicle used to transport or provide emergency medical 835  
service to an ill or injured person, when certified as a public 836  
safety vehicle, shall be considered a public safety vehicle when 837  
transporting an ill or injured person to a hospital regardless of 838  
whether such vehicle has already passed a hospital. 839

(5) Vehicles used by the motor carrier enforcement unit for 840  
the enforcement of orders and rules of the public utilities 841  
commission as specified in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code. 842

(F) "School bus" means every bus designed for carrying more 843  
than nine passengers that is owned by a public, private, or 844  
governmental agency or institution of learning and operated for 845  
the transportation of children to or from a school session or a 846  
school function, or owned by a private person and operated for 847  
compensation for the transportation of children to or from a 848  
school session or a school function, provided "school bus" does 849  
not include a bus operated by a municipally owned transportation 850  
system, a mass transit company operating exclusively within the 851  
territorial limits of a municipal corporation, or within such 852  
limits and the territorial limits of municipal corporations 853  
immediately contiguous to such municipal corporation, nor a common 854  
passenger carrier certified by the public utilities commission 855  
unless such bus is devoted exclusively to the transportation of 856

children to and from a school session or a school function, and 857  
"school bus" does not include a van or bus used by a licensed 858  
child day-care center or type A family day-care home to transport 859  
children from the child day-care center or type A family day-care 860  
home to a school if the van or bus does not have more than fifteen 861  
children in the van or bus at any time. 862

(G) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a tricycle 863  
designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, propelled 864  
solely by human power upon which any person may ride having two 865  
tandem wheels, or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the 866  
rear, or two wheels in the front and one wheel in the rear, any of 867  
which is more than fourteen inches in diameter. 868

(H) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle having 869  
either two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels 870  
in the rear, that ~~is capable of being~~ may be pedaled, and that is 871  
equipped with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic 872  
centimeters piston displacement that produces no more than one 873  
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 874  
speed of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 875

(I) "Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having 876  
motive power designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not 877  
so constructed as to carry any load thereon, or designed or used 878  
for drawing other vehicles while carrying a portion of such other 879  
vehicles, or load thereon, or both. 880

(J) "Agricultural tractor" means every self-propelling 881  
vehicle designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled 882  
machinery but having no provision for carrying loads independently 883  
of such other vehicles, and used principally for agricultural 884  
purposes. 885

(K) "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and 886  
semitrailers, designed and used to carry property. 887

(L) "Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying 888  
more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of 889  
persons other than in a ridesharing arrangement, and every motor 890  
vehicle, automobile for hire, or funeral car, other than a taxicab 891  
or motor vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement, designed and 892  
used for the transportation of persons for compensation. 893

(M) "Trailer" means every vehicle designed or used for 894  
carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure and for 895  
being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any such vehicle when 896  
formed by or operated as a combination of a "semitrailer" and a 897  
vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly known as a 898  
"trailer dolly," a vehicle used to transport agricultural produce 899  
or agricultural production materials between a local place of 900  
storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a street or 901  
highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a 902  
vehicle designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between 903  
a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 904  
drawn or towed on a street or highway for a distance of more than 905  
ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour. 906

(N) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle designed or used for 907  
carrying persons or property with another and separate motor 908  
vehicle so that in operation a part of its own weight or that of 909  
its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by another vehicle. 910

(O) "Pole trailer" means every trailer or semitrailer 911  
attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach, pole, or by 912  
being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and 913  
ordinarily used for transporting long or irregular shaped loads 914  
such as poles, pipes, or structural members capable, generally, of 915  
sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting connections. 916

(P) "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property 917  
operating upon rails placed principally on a private right-of-way. 918

(Q) "Railroad train" means a steam engine or an electric or 919  
other motor, with or without cars coupled thereto, operated by a 920  
railroad. 921

(R) "Streetcar" means a car, other than a railroad train, for 922  
transporting persons or property, operated upon rails principally 923  
within a street or highway. 924

(S) "Trackless trolley" means every car that collects its 925  
power from overhead electric trolley wires and that is not 926  
operated upon rails or tracks. 927

(T) "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical 928  
mixture that is intended for the purpose of producing an explosion 929  
that contains any oxidizing and combustible units or other 930  
ingredients in such proportions, quantities, or packing that an 931  
ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or by 932  
a detonator of any part of the compound or mixture may cause such 933  
a sudden generation of highly heated gases that the resultant 934  
gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on 935  
contiguous objects, or of destroying life or limb. Manufactured 936  
articles shall not be held to be explosives when the individual 937  
units contain explosives in such limited quantities, of such 938  
nature, or in such packing, that it is impossible to procure a 939  
simultaneous or a destructive explosion of such units, to the 940  
injury of life, limb, or property by fire, by friction, by 941  
concussion, by percussion, or by a detonator, such as fixed 942  
ammunition for small arms, firecrackers, or safety fuse matches. 943

(U) "Flammable liquid" means any liquid that has a flash 944  
point of seventy degrees fahrenheit, or less, as determined by a 945  
tagliabue or equivalent closed cup test device. 946

(V) "Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle plus the 947  
weight of any load thereon. 948

(W) "Person" means every natural person, firm, 949

co-partnership, association, or corporation.	950
(X) "Pedestrian" means any natural person afoot.	951
(Y) "Driver or operator" means every person who drives or is in actual physical control of a vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar.	952 953 954
(Z) "Police officer" means every officer authorized to direct or regulate traffic, or to make arrests for violations of traffic regulations.	955 956 957
(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.	958 959 960
(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.	961 962 963
(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.	964 965 966 967 968 969
(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.	970 971 972 973
(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.	974 975 976 977 978
(FF) "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the	979



curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent 980  
property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians. 981

(GG) "Laned highway" means a highway the roadway of which is 982  
divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular 983  
traffic. 984

(HH) "Through highway" means every street or highway as 985  
provided in section 4511.65 of the Revised Code. 986

(II) "State highway" means a highway under the jurisdiction 987  
of the department of transportation, outside the limits of 988  
municipal corporations, provided that the authority conferred upon 989  
the director of transportation in section 5511.01 of the Revised 990  
Code to erect state highway route markers and signs directing 991  
traffic shall not be modified by sections 4511.01 to 4511.79 and 992  
4511.99 of the Revised Code. 993

(JJ) "State route" means every highway that is designated 994  
with an official state route number and so marked. 995

(KK) "Intersection" means: 996

(1) The area embraced within the prolongation or connection 997  
of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary 998  
lines of the roadways of two highways which join one another at, 999  
or approximately at, right angles, or the area within which 1000  
vehicles traveling upon different highways joining at any other 1001  
angle may come in conflict. 1002

(2) Where a highway includes two roadways thirty feet or more 1003  
apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway 1004  
by an intersecting highway shall be regarded as a separate 1005  
intersection. If an intersecting highway also includes two 1006  
roadways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of two 1007  
roadways of such highways shall be regarded as a separate 1008  
intersection. 1009

(3) The junction of an alley with a street or highway, or 1010  
with another alley, shall not constitute an intersection. 1011

(LL) "Crosswalk" means: 1012

(1) That part of a roadway at intersections ordinarily 1013  
included within the real or projected prolongation of property 1014  
lines and curb lines or, in the absence of curbs, the edges of the 1015  
traversable roadway; 1016

(2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere, 1017  
distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other 1018  
markings on the surface; 1019

(3) Notwithstanding divisions (LL)(1) and (2) of this 1020  
section, there shall not be a crosswalk where local authorities 1021  
have placed signs indicating no crossing. 1022

(MM) "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set 1023  
apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and 1024  
protected or marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be 1025  
plainly visible at all times. 1026

(NN) "Business district" means the territory fronting upon a 1027  
street or highway, including the street or highway, between 1028  
successive intersections within municipal corporations where fifty 1029  
per cent or more of the frontage between such successive 1030  
intersections is occupied by buildings in use for business, or 1031  
within or outside municipal corporations where fifty per cent or 1032  
more of the frontage for a distance of three hundred feet or more 1033  
is occupied by buildings in use for business, and the character of 1034  
such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices. 1035

(OO) "Residence district" means the territory, not comprising 1036  
a business district, fronting on a street or highway, including 1037  
the street or highway, where, for a distance of three hundred feet 1038  
or more, the frontage is improved with residences or residences 1039  
and buildings in use for business. 1040

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(CCC) "Arterial street" means any United States or state numbered route, controlled access highway, or other major radial

or circumferential street or highway designated by local 1102  
authorities within their respective jurisdictions as part of a 1103  
major arterial system of streets or highways. 1104

(DDD) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation of 1105  
persons in a motor vehicle where such transportation is incidental 1106  
to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes ridesharing 1107  
arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and buspools. 1108

(EEE) "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled vehicle 1109  
designed for, and used by, a handicapped person and that is 1110  
incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per hour. 1111

(FFF) "Child day-care center" and "type A family day-care 1112  
home" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the Revised 1113  
Code. 1114

(GGG) "Multi-wheel agricultural tractor" means a type of 1115  
agricultural tractor that has two or more wheels or tires on each 1116  
side of one axle at the rear of the tractor, is designed or used 1117  
for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery, has no provision 1118  
for carrying loads independently of the drawn vehicles or 1119  
machinery, and is used principally for agricultural purposes. 1120

(HHH) "Operate" means to cause or have caused movement of a 1121  
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley. 1122

(III) "Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense" means any 1123  
of the following: 1124

(1) A violation of section 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 1125  
4511.132, 4511.16, 4511.20, 4511.201, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213, 1126  
4511.214, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 1127  
4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 1128  
4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 1129  
4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.432, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 1130  
4511.452, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.48, 4511.481, 4511.49, 4511.50, 1131  
4511.511, 4511.53, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.56, 4511.57, 4511.58, 1132

4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.66, 4511.661, 4511.68, 1133  
4511.70, 4511.701, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, 1134  
4511.73, 4511.763, 4511.771, 4511.78, or 4511.84 of the Revised 1135  
Code; 1136

(2) A violation of division (A)(2) of section 4511.17, 1137  
divisions (A) to (D) of section 4511.51, or division (A) of 1138  
section 4511.74 of the Revised Code; 1139

(3) A violation of any provision of sections 4511.01 to 1140  
4511.76 of the Revised Code for which no penalty otherwise is 1141  
provided in the section that contains the provision violated; 1142

(4) A violation of a municipal ordinance that is 1143  
substantially similar to any section or provision set forth or 1144  
described in division (III)(1), (2), or (3) of this section. 1145

(JJJ) "Road service vehicle" means wreckers, utility repair 1146  
vehicles, and state, county, and municipal service vehicles 1147  
equipped with visual signals by means of flashing, rotating, or 1148  
oscillating lights. 1149

Sec. 4511.214. (A)(1) No person shall operate a low-speed 1150  
vehicle or moped upon any street or highway having an established 1151  
speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour. 1152

(2) No person shall operate an under-speed vehicle upon any 1153  
street or highway except as follows: 1154

(a) Upon a street or highway having an established speed 1155  
limit not greater than thirty-five miles per hour and only upon 1156  
such streets or highways where a local authority has granted 1157  
permission for such operation in accordance with section 4511.215 1158  
of the Revised Code; 1159

(b) A state park employee or volunteer operating a utility 1160  
vehicle exclusively within the boundaries of state parks for the 1161  
operation or maintenance of state park facilities. 1162

(3) No person shall operate a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter upon any street or highway having an established speed limit greater than forty-five miles per hour. 1163  
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(B) This section does not prohibit either of the following: 1166

(1) A person operating a low-speed vehicle, under-speed vehicle, or moped from proceeding across an intersection of a street or highway having a speed limit greater than thirty-five miles per hour; 1167  
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(2) A person operating a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter from proceeding across an intersection of a street or highway having a speed limit greater than forty-five miles per hour. 1171  
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(C) Nothing in this section shall prevent a local authority from adopting more stringent local ordinances governing the operation of a low-speed vehicle, a moped, or a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter. 1174  
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(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates division (A) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 1178  
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**Sec. 4511.215.** (A) A local authority may authorize the operation of under-speed vehicles on a public street or highway under its jurisdiction. A local authority that authorizes the operation of under-speed vehicles shall do all of the following: 1188  
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(1) Limit the operation of those vehicles to streets and 1192

highways having an established speed limit not greater than 1193  
thirty-five miles per hour; 1194

(2) Require the vehicle owner who wishes to operate an 1195  
under-speed vehicle on the public streets or highways to submit 1196  
the vehicle to an inspection conducted by a local law enforcement 1197  
agency that complies with inspection requirements established by 1198  
the department of public safety under section 4513.02 of the 1199  
Revised Code; 1200

(3) Permit the operation on public streets or highways of 1201  
only such vehicles that successfully pass the required vehicle 1202  
inspection, are registered in accordance with Chapter 4503. of the 1203  
Revised Code, and are titled in accordance with Chapter 4505. of 1204  
the Revised Code; 1205

(4) Notify the director of public safety, in a manner the 1206  
director determines, of the authorization for the operation of 1207  
under-speed vehicles. 1208

(B) A local authority may establish additional requirements 1209  
for the operation of under-speed vehicles on its streets and 1210  
highways. 1211

**Sec. 4511.53.** (A) For purposes of this section, "snowmobile" 1212  
has the same meaning as given that term in section 4519.01 of the 1213  
Revised Code. 1214

(B) No person operating a bicycle shall ride other than upon 1215  
or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto or 1216  
carry any other person upon such bicycle other than upon a firmly 1217  
attached and regular seat thereon, and no person shall ride upon a 1218  
bicycle other than upon such a firmly attached and regular seat. 1219

No person operating a motorcycle shall ride other than upon 1220  
or astride the permanent and regular seat or saddle attached 1221  
thereto, or carry any other person upon such motorcycle other than 1222



upon a firmly attached and regular seat or saddle thereon, and no 1223  
person shall ride upon a motorcycle other than upon such a firmly 1224  
attached and regular seat or saddle. 1225

No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped with 1226  
a saddle other than while sitting astride the saddle, facing 1227  
forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle. 1228

No person shall ride upon a motorcycle that is equipped with 1229  
a seat other than while sitting upon the seat. 1230

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, 1231  
bundle, or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least 1232  
one hand upon the handle bars. 1233

No bicycle or motorcycle shall be used to carry more persons 1234  
at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped, 1235  
nor shall any motorcycle be operated on a highway when the handle 1236  
bars or grips are more than fifteen inches higher than the seat or 1237  
saddle for the operator. 1238

~~No (C)(1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this~~ 1239  
~~section, no~~ person shall operate or be a passenger on a snowmobile 1240  
or motorcycle without using safety glasses or other protective eye 1241  
device. ~~No;~~ no person who is under the age of eighteen years, or 1242  
who holds a motorcycle operator's endorsement or license bearing a 1243  
"novice" designation that is currently in effect as provided in 1244  
section 4507.13 of the Revised Code, shall operate a motorcycle on 1245  
a highway, or be a passenger on a motorcycle, unless wearing a 1246  
protective helmet on the person's head, and no other person shall 1247  
be a passenger on a motorcycle operated by such a person unless 1248  
similarly wearing a protective helmet. The helmet, safety glasses, 1249  
or other protective eye device shall conform with regulations 1250  
prescribed and promulgated by the director of public safety. The 1251  
provisions of this paragraph or a violation thereof shall not be 1252  
used in the trial of any civil action. 1253

~~(C)~~(2) Division (C)(1) of this section does not apply to a person operating a cab-enclosed motorcycle when the occupant compartment top is in place enclosing the occupants.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the carrying of a child in a seat or trailer that is designed for carrying children and is firmly attached to the bicycle.

~~(D)~~(E) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever violates division (B) or (C)(1) of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates division (B) or (C)(1) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates division (B) or (C)(1) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

**Sec. 4519.01.** As used in this chapter:

(A) "Snowmobile" means any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for use on snow or ice, and steered by skis, runners, or caterpillar treads.

(B) "All-purpose vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for cross-country travel on land and water, or on more than one type of terrain, and steered by wheels or caterpillar treads, or any combination thereof, including vehicles that operate on a cushion of air, vehicles commonly known as all-terrain vehicles, all-season vehicles, mini-bikes, and trail bikes. "All-purpose vehicle" does not include a utility vehicle as defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code or any vehicle principally used in playing golf, any motor vehicle or aircraft required to be registered under Chapter 4503. or 4561. of the

Revised Code, and any vehicle excepted from definition as a motor	1285
vehicle by division (B) of section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.	1286
(C) "Owner" means any person or firm, other than a lienholder	1287
or dealer, having title to a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle,	1288
or all-purpose vehicle, or other right to the possession thereof.	1289
(D) "Operator" means any person who operates or is in actual	1290
physical control of a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or	1291
all-purpose vehicle.	1292
(E) "Dealer" means any person or firm engaged in the business	1293
of manufacturing or selling snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles,	1294
or all-purpose vehicles at wholesale or retail, or who rents,	1295
leases, or otherwise furnishes snowmobiles, off-highway	1296
motorcycles, or all-purpose vehicles for hire.	1297
(F) "Street or highway" has the same meaning as in section	1298
4511.01 of the Revised Code.	1299
(G) "Limited access highway" and "freeway" have the same	1300
meanings as in section 5511.02 of the Revised Code.	1301
(H) "Interstate highway" means any part of the interstate	1302
system of highways as defined in subsection (e), 90 Stat. 431	1303
(1976), 23 U.S.C.A. 103, as amended.	1304
(I) "Off-highway motorcycle" means every motorcycle, as	1305
defined in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code, that is designed	1306
to be operated primarily on lands other than a street or highway.	1307
(J) "Electronic" and "electronic record" have the same	1308
meanings as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.	1309
(K) "Electronic dealer" means a dealer whom the registrar of	1310
motor vehicles designates under section 4519.511 of the Revised	1311
Code.	1312
<u>(L) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, is</u>	1313
<u>propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven</u>	1314

thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 1315  
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 1316  
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine hundred 1317  
to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed cabin and 1318  
a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup truck or van 1319  
with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle, and 1320  
was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle 1321  
safety standards. 1322

**Sec. 4519.02.** (A) Except as provided in divisions (B), (C), 1323  
and (D) of this section, no person shall operate any snowmobile, 1324  
off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle within this state 1325  
unless the snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose 1326  
vehicle is registered and numbered in accordance with sections 1327  
4519.03 and 4519.04 of the Revised Code. 1328

(B)(1) No registration is required for a snowmobile or 1329  
off-highway motorcycle that is operated exclusively upon lands 1330  
owned by the owner of the snowmobile or off-highway motorcycle, or 1331  
on lands to which the owner of the snowmobile or off-highway 1332  
motorcycle has a contractual right. 1333

(2) No registration is required for an all-purpose vehicle or 1334  
mini-truck that is used primarily for agricultural purposes when 1335  
the owner qualifies for the current agricultural use valuation tax 1336  
credit, unless it is to be used on any public land, trail, or 1337  
right-of-way. 1338

(3) Any all-purpose vehicle or mini-truck exempted from 1339  
registration under division (B)(2) of this section and operated 1340  
for agricultural purposes may use public roads and rights-of-way 1341  
when traveling from one farm field to another, when such use does 1342  
not violate section 4519.41 of the Revised Code. 1343

(C) No registration is required for a snowmobile, off-highway 1344  
motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle owned and used in this state by 1345

a resident of another state whenever that state has in effect a 1346  
registration law similar to this chapter and the snowmobile, 1347  
off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle is properly 1348  
registered under that state's law. Any snowmobile, off-highway 1349  
motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle owned and used in this state by 1350  
a resident of a state not having a registration law similar to 1351  
this chapter shall comply with section 4519.09 of the Revised 1352  
Code. 1353

(D) No registration is required for a snowmobile, off-highway 1354  
motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle owned and used in this state by 1355  
the United States, another state, or a political subdivision 1356  
thereof, but the snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or 1357  
all-purpose vehicle shall display the name of the owner thereon. 1358

(E) The owner or operator of any all-purpose vehicle operated 1359  
or used upon the waters in this state shall comply with Chapters 1360  
1547. and 1548. of the Revised Code relative to the operation of 1361  
watercraft. 1362

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 1363  
violates division (A) of this section shall be fined not less than 1364  
fifty dollars but not more than one hundred dollars. 1365

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4501.01, 4501.13, 4503.04, 1366  
4503.21, 4503.22, 4503.544, 4507.11, 4511.01, 4511.53, 4519.01, 1367  
and 4519.02 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1368

**Section 3.** Section 4507.11 of the Revised Code is presented 1369  
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Am. 1370  
Sub. H.B. 600 and S.B. 271 of the 123rd General Assembly. The 1371  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 1372  
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 1373  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 1374  
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 1375

effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 1376  
this act. 1377