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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4501.01, 4505.08, 4513.071, 1  
4513.38, and 4513.41 and to enact sections 2  
4503.183 and 4505.072 of the Revised Code to 3  
establish requirements relative to the 4  
registration, titling, and use of replica motor 5  
vehicles. 6

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4501.01, 4505.08, 4513.071, 7  
4513.38, and 4513.41 be amended and sections 4503.183 and 8  
4505.072 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 4501.01.** As used in this chapter and Chapters 4503., 10  
4505., 4507., 4509., 4510., 4511., 4513., 4515., and 4517. of 11  
the Revised Code, and in the penal laws, except as otherwise 12  
provided: 13

(A) "Vehicles" means everything on wheels or runners, 14  
including motorized bicycles, but does not mean electric 15  
personal assistive mobility devices, low-speed micromobility 16  
devices, vehicles that are operated exclusively on rails or 17  
tracks or from overhead electric trolley wires, and vehicles 18

that belong to any police department, municipal fire department, 19  
or volunteer fire department, or that are used by such a 20  
department in the discharge of its functions. 21

(B) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including mobile 22  
homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by 23  
power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead 24  
electric trolley wires. "Motor vehicle" does not include utility 25  
vehicles as defined in division (VV) of this section, under- 26  
speed vehicles as defined in division (XX) of this section, 27  
mini-trucks as defined in division (BBB) of this section, 28  
motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction 29  
engines, power shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used 30  
in construction work and not designed for or employed in general 31  
highway transportation, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging 32  
machinery, farm machinery, and trailers that are designed and 33  
used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage 34  
and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on 35  
a public road or highway for a distance of no more than ten 36  
miles and at a 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 39  
other vehicles or wheeled machinery, but has no provisions for 40  
carrying loads independently of such other vehicles, and that is 41  
used principally for agricultural purposes. 42

(D) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in division 43  
(C) of this section, means any motor vehicle that has motive 44  
power and either is designed or used for drawing other motor 45  
vehicles, or is designed or used for drawing another motor 46  
vehicle while carrying a portion of the other motor vehicle or 47  
its load, or both. 48

(E) "Passenger car" means any motor vehicle that is 49  
designed and used for carrying not more than nine persons and 50  
includes any motor vehicle that is designed and used for 51  
carrying not more than fifteen persons in a ridesharing 52  
arrangement. 53

(F) "Collector's vehicle" means any motor vehicle or 54  
agricultural tractor or traction engine that is of special 55  
interest, that has a fair market value of one hundred dollars or 56  
more, whether operable or not, and that is owned, operated, 57  
collected, preserved, restored, maintained, or used essentially 58  
as a collector's item, leisure pursuit, or investment, but not 59  
as the owner's principal means of transportation. "Licensed 60  
collector's vehicle" means a collector's vehicle, other than an 61  
agricultural tractor or traction engine, that displays current, 62  
valid license tags issued under section 4503.45 of the Revised 63  
Code, or a similar type of motor vehicle that displays current, 64  
valid license tags issued under substantially equivalent 65  
provisions in the laws of other states. 66

(G) "Historical motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle 67  
that is over twenty-five years old and is owned solely as a 68  
collector's item and for participation in club activities, 69  
exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar uses, but that in no 70  
event is used for general transportation. 71

(H) "Noncommercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, 72  
including a farm truck as defined in section 4503.04 of the 73  
Revised Code, that is designed by the manufacturer to carry a 74  
load of no more than one ton and is used exclusively for 75  
purposes other than engaging in business for profit. 76

(I) "Bus" means any motor vehicle that has motor power and 77  
is designed and used for carrying more than nine passengers, 78

except any motor vehicle that is designed and used for carrying 79  
not more than fifteen passengers in a ridesharing arrangement. 80

(J) "Commercial car" or "truck" means any motor vehicle 81  
that has motor power and is designed and used for carrying 82  
merchandise or freight, or that is used as a commercial tractor. 83

(K) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 84  
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 85  
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 86  
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 87  
fourteen inches in diameter. 88

(L) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle that 89  
either has two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two 90  
wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped 91  
with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters 92  
piston displacement that produces no more than one brake 93  
horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed 94  
of no greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 95  
"Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an electric 96  
bicycle. 97

(M) "Trailer" means any vehicle without motive power that 98  
is designed or used for carrying property or persons wholly on 99  
its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, and 100  
includes any such vehicle that is formed by or operated as a 101  
combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type 102  
such as that commonly known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used 103  
to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production 104  
materials between a local place of storage or supply and the 105  
farm when drawn or towed on a public road or highway at a speed 106  
greater than twenty-five miles per hour, and a vehicle that is 107  
designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a 108

place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when 109  
drawn or towed on a public road or highway for a distance of 110  
more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles 111  
per hour. "Trailer" does not include a manufactured home or 112  
travel trailer. 113

(N) "Noncommercial trailer" means any trailer, except a 114  
travel trailer or trailer that is used to transport a boat as 115  
described in division (B) of this section, but, where 116  
applicable, includes a vehicle that is used to transport a boat 117  
as described in division (M) of this section, that has a gross 118  
weight of no more than ten thousand pounds, and that is used 119  
exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business for a 120  
profit, such as the transportation of personal items for 121  
personal or recreational purposes. 122

(O) "Mobile home" means a building unit or assembly of 123  
closed construction that is fabricated in an off-site facility, 124  
is more than thirty-five body feet in length or, when erected on 125  
site, is three hundred twenty or more square feet, is built on a 126  
permanent chassis, is transportable in one or more sections, and 127  
does not qualify as a manufactured home as defined in division 128  
(C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code or as an 129  
industrialized unit as defined in division (C) (3) of section 130  
3781.06 of the Revised Code. 131

(P) "Semitrailer" means any vehicle of the trailer type 132  
that does not have motive power and is so designed or used with 133  
another and separate motor vehicle that in operation a part of 134  
its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is 135  
carried by the other vehicle furnishing the motive power for 136  
propelling itself and the vehicle referred to in this division, 137  
and includes, for the purpose only of registration and taxation 138

under those chapters, any vehicle of the dolly type, such as a 139  
trailer dolly, that is designed or used for the conversion of a 140  
semitrailer into a trailer. 141

(Q) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular portable 142  
structure that meets all of the following conditions: 143

(1) It is designed for the sole purpose of recreational 144  
travel. 145

(2) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in business 146  
for profit. 147

(3) It is not used for the purpose of engaging in 148  
intrastate commerce. 149

(4) It is not used for the purpose of commerce as defined 150  
in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended. 151

(5) It is not regulated by the public utilities commission 152  
pursuant to Chapter 4905., 4921., or 4923. of the Revised Code. 153

(6) It is classed as one of the following: 154

(a) "Travel trailer" or "house vehicle" means a nonself- 155  
propelled recreational vehicle that does not exceed an overall 156  
length of forty feet, exclusive of bumper and tongue or 157  
coupling. "Travel trailer" includes a tent-type fold-out camping 158  
trailer as defined in section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 159

(b) "Motor home" means a self-propelled recreational 160  
vehicle that has no fifth wheel and is constructed with 161  
permanently installed facilities for cold storage, cooking and 162  
consuming of food, and for sleeping. 163

(c) "Truck camper" means a nonself-propelled recreational 164  
vehicle that does not have wheels for road use and is designed 165

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.

(d) "Fifth wheel trailer" means a vehicle that is of such  
size and weight as to be movable without a special highway  
permit, 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.

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

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

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

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

(U) "Farm machinery" means all machines and tools that are  
used in the production, harvesting, and care of farm products,  
and includes trailers that are used to transport agricultural  
produce or agricultural production materials between a local

place of storage or supply and the farm, agricultural tractors, 195  
threshing machinery, hay-baling machinery, corn shellers, 196  
hammermills, and machinery used in the production of 197  
horticultural, agricultural, and vegetable products. 198

(V) "Owner" includes any person or firm, other than a 199  
manufacturer or dealer, that has title to a motor vehicle, 200  
except that, in sections 4505.01 to 4505.19 of the Revised Code, 201  
"owner" includes in addition manufacturers and dealers. 202

(W) "Manufacturer" and "dealer" include all persons and 203  
firms that are regularly engaged in the business of 204  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 205  
dealing in motor vehicles, at an established place of business 206  
that is used exclusively for the purpose of manufacturing, 207  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 208  
vehicles. A place of business that is used for manufacturing, 209  
selling, displaying, offering for sale, or dealing in motor 210  
vehicles shall be deemed to be used exclusively for those 211  
purposes even though snowmobiles or all-purpose vehicles are 212  
sold or displayed for sale thereat, even though farm machinery 213  
is sold or displayed for sale thereat, or even though repair, 214  
accessory, gasoline and oil, storage, parts, service, or paint 215  
departments are maintained thereat, or, in any county having a 216  
population of less than seventy-five thousand at the last 217  
federal census, even though a department in a place of business 218  
is used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor vehicles by 219  
means of used parts, if such departments are operated for the 220  
purpose of furthering and assisting in the business of 221  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, offering for sale, or 222  
dealing in motor vehicles. Places of business or departments in 223  
a place of business used to dismantle, salvage, or rebuild motor 224  
vehicles by means of using used parts are not considered as 225



being maintained for the purpose of assisting or furthering the 226  
manufacturing, selling, displaying, and offering for sale or 227  
dealing in motor vehicles. 228

(X) "Operator" includes any person who drives or operates 229  
a motor vehicle upon the public highways. 230

(Y) "Chauffeur" means any operator who operates a motor 231  
vehicle, other than a taxicab, as an employee for hire; or any 232  
operator whether or not the owner of a motor vehicle, other than 233  
a taxicab, who operates such vehicle for transporting, for gain, 234  
compensation, or profit, either persons or property owned by 235  
another. Any operator of a motor vehicle who is voluntarily 236  
involved in a ridesharing arrangement is not considered an 237  
employee for hire or operating such vehicle for gain, 238  
compensation, or profit. 239

(Z) "State" includes the territories and federal districts 240  
of the United States, and the provinces of Canada. 241

(AA) "Public roads and highways" for vehicles includes all 242  
public thoroughfares, bridges, and culverts. 243

(BB) "Manufacturer's number" means the manufacturer's 244  
original serial number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the 245  
chassis or other part of the motor vehicle. 246

(CC) "Motor number" means the manufacturer's original 247  
number that is affixed to or imprinted upon the engine or motor 248  
of the vehicle. 249

(DD) "Distributor" means any person who is authorized by a 250  
motor vehicle manufacturer to distribute new motor vehicles to 251  
licensed motor vehicle dealers at an established place of 252  
business that is used exclusively for the purpose of 253  
distributing new motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle 254

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 vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pick-up and delivery vehicles, or vehicles owned and operated by the United States, this state, or any political subdivisions thereof.

(GG) "Chartered party" means a group of persons who contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in

accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the 284  
United States department of transportation, for the purpose of 285  
group travel to a specified destination or for a particular 286  
itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the 287  
chartered group after having left the place of origin. 288

(HH) "International registration plan" means a reciprocal 289  
agreement of member jurisdictions that is endorsed by the 290  
American association of motor vehicle administrators, and that 291  
promotes and encourages the fullest possible use of the highway 292  
system by authorizing apportioned registration of fleets of 293  
vehicles and recognizing registration of vehicles apportioned in 294  
member jurisdictions. 295

(II) "Restricted plate" means a license plate that has a 296  
restriction of time, geographic area, mileage, or commodity, and 297  
includes license plates issued to farm trucks under division (J) 298  
of section 4503.04 of the Revised Code. 299

(JJ) "Gross vehicle weight," with regard to any commercial 300  
car, trailer, semitrailer, or bus that is taxed at the rates 301  
established under section 4503.042 or 4503.65 of the Revised 302  
Code, means the unladen weight of the vehicle fully equipped 303  
plus the maximum weight of the load to be carried on the 304  
vehicle. 305

(KK) "Combined gross vehicle weight" with regard to any 306  
combination of a commercial car, trailer, and semitrailer, that 307  
is taxed at the rates established under section 4503.042 or 308  
4503.65 of the Revised Code, means the total unladen weight of 309  
the combination of vehicles fully equipped plus the maximum 310  
weight of the load to be carried on that combination of 311  
vehicles. 312

(LL) "Chauffeured limousine" means a motor vehicle that is 313  
designed to carry nine or fewer passengers and is operated for 314  
hire pursuant to a prearranged contract for the transportation 315  
of passengers on public roads and highways along a route under 316  
the control of the person hiring the vehicle and not over a 317  
defined and regular route. "Prearranged contract" means an 318  
agreement, made in advance of boarding, to provide 319  
transportation from a specific location in a chauffeured 320  
limousine. "Chauffeured limousine" does not include any vehicle 321  
that is used exclusively in the business of funeral directing. 322

(MM) "Manufactured home" has the same meaning as in 323  
division (C) (4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code. 324

(NN) "Acquired situs," with respect to a manufactured home 325  
or a mobile home, means to become located in this state by the 326  
placement of the home on real property, but does not include the 327  
placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home in the 328  
inventory of a new motor vehicle dealer or the inventory of a 329  
manufacturer, remanufacturer, or distributor of manufactured or 330  
mobile homes. 331

(OO) "Electronic" includes electrical, digital, magnetic, 332  
optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that 333  
entails capabilities similar to these technologies. 334

(PP) "Electronic record" means a record generated, 335  
communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in 336  
an information system or for transmission from one information 337  
system to another. 338

(QQ) "Electronic signature" means a signature in 339  
electronic form attached to or logically associated with an 340  
electronic record. 341

(RR) "Financial transaction device" has the same meaning 342  
as in division (A) of section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 343

(SS) "Electronic motor vehicle dealer" means a motor 344  
vehicle dealer licensed under Chapter 4517. of the Revised Code 345  
whom the registrar of motor vehicles determines meets the 346  
criteria designated in section 4503.035 of the Revised Code for 347  
electronic motor vehicle dealers and designates as an electronic 348  
motor vehicle dealer under that section. 349

(TT) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a 350  
self-balancing two non-tandem wheeled device that is designed to 351  
transport only one person, has an electric propulsion system of 352  
an average of seven hundred fifty watts, and when ridden on a 353  
paved level surface by an operator who weighs one hundred 354  
seventy pounds has a maximum speed of less than twenty miles per 355  
hour. 356

(UU) "Limited driving privileges" means the privilege to 357  
operate a motor vehicle that a court grants under section 358  
4510.021 of the Revised Code to a person whose driver's or 359  
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 360  
privilege has been suspended. 361

(VV) "Utility vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle 362  
designed with a bed, principally for the purpose of transporting 363  
material or cargo in connection with construction, agricultural, 364  
forestry, grounds maintenance, lawn and garden, materials 365  
handling, or similar activities. 366

(WW) "Low-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 367  
motor vehicle with an attainable speed in one mile on a paved 368  
level surface of more than twenty miles per hour but not more 369  
than twenty-five miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight 370

rating less than three thousand pounds. 371

(XX) "Under-speed vehicle" means a three- or four-wheeled 372  
vehicle, including a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart, with 373  
an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than 374  
twenty miles per hour and with a gross vehicle weight rating 375  
less than three thousand pounds. 376

(YY) "Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter" means any 377  
vehicle designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 378  
contact with the ground, with a seat for the driver and floor 379  
pad for the driver's feet, and is equipped with a motor with a 380  
piston displacement between fifty and one hundred cubic 381  
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than five 382  
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 383  
speed greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. 384

(ZZ) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with motive power 385  
having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator, designed to 386  
travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, 387  
and having no occupant compartment top or occupant compartment 388  
top that can be installed or removed by the user. 389

(AAA) "Cab-enclosed motorcycle" means a motor vehicle with 390  
motive power having a seat or saddle for the use of the 391  
operator, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in 392  
contact with the ground, and having an occupant compartment top 393  
or an occupant compartment top that is installed. 394

(BBB) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that has four wheels, 395  
is propelled by an electric motor with a rated power of seven 396  
thousand five hundred watts or less or an internal combustion 397  
engine with a piston displacement capacity of six hundred sixty 398  
cubic centimeters or less, has a total dry weight of nine 399

hundred to two thousand two hundred pounds, contains an enclosed cabin and a seat for the vehicle operator, resembles a pickup truck or van with a cargo area or bed located at the rear of the vehicle, and was not originally manufactured to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.

(CCC) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for motorcycles and that is equipped with safety belts, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle.

(DDD) "Plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered in part by a battery cell energy system that can be recharged via an external source of electricity.

(EEE) "Hybrid motor vehicle" means a passenger car powered by an internal propulsion system consisting of both of the following:

(1) A combustion engine;

(2) A battery cell energy system that cannot be recharged via an external source of electricity but can be recharged by other vehicle mechanisms that capture and store electric energy.

(FFF) "Low-speed micromobility device" means a device weighing less than one hundred pounds that has handlebars, is propelled by an electric motor or human power, and has an attainable speed on a paved level surface of not more than twenty miles per hour when propelled by the electric motor.

(GGG) "Specialty license plate" means a license plate, authorized by the general assembly, that displays a combination of words, markings, logos, or other graphic artwork that is in addition to the words, images, and distinctive numbers and

letters required by section 4503.22 of the Revised Code. 429

(HHH) "Battery electric motor vehicle" means a passenger 430  
car powered wholly by a battery cell energy system that can be 431  
recharged via an external source of electricity. 432

(III) "Replica motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle that 433  
is constructed, assembled, or modified so as to replicate the 434  
make, model, and model year of a motor vehicle that is at least 435  
twenty-five years old. 436

**Sec. 4503.183.** (A) No person shall use a replica motor 437  
vehicle for general transportation. However, a person may 438  
operate a replica motor vehicle registered under this section on 439  
the public roads and highways as follows: 440

(1) For club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and 441  
similar uses; 442

(2) To and from a location where maintenance is performed 443  
on the replica motor vehicle. 444

(B) In lieu of the annual license tax levied in sections 445  
4503.02 and 4503.04 of the Revised Code, the registrar of motor 446  
vehicles or a deputy registrar shall collect a license fee of 447  
ten dollars for the registration of a replica motor vehicle 448  
under this section. The fee shall be deposited into the public 449  
safety - highway purposes fund established in section 4501.06 of 450  
the Revised Code. 451

(C) A person who owns a replica motor vehicle and applies 452  
for registration and a replica license plate under this section 453  
shall execute an affidavit that the replica motor vehicle for 454  
which the plate is requested is owned and operated solely for 455  
the purposes enumerated in division (A) of this section. The 456  
affidavit also shall set forth that the replica motor vehicle 457



has been inspected and found safe to operate on the public roads 458  
and highways in the state. No registration issued pursuant to 459  
this section need specify the weight of the replica motor 460  
vehicle. 461

(D) The owner of a replica motor vehicle registered under 462  
this section shall display in plain view on the rear of the 463  
replica motor vehicle a replica license plate issued by the 464  
registrar. A replica license plate shall not display a date, but 465  
shall display the inscription "Replica Motor Vehicle--Ohio" and 466  
the registration number assigned to that replica motor vehicle. 467

(E) A replica license plate is valid without renewal as 468  
long as the replica motor vehicle for which it was issued or 469  
procured is in existence. A replica license plate is issued for 470  
the owner's use only for such replica motor vehicle unless later 471  
transferred to another replica motor vehicle owned by that 472  
person. In order to effect such a transfer, the owner of the 473  
replica motor vehicle that originally displayed the replica 474  
license plate shall comply with division (C) of this section. In 475  
the event of a transfer of title, the transferor shall surrender 476  
the replica license plate or transfer it to another replica 477  
motor vehicle owned by the transferor. The registrar may revoke 478  
any replica license plate issued under this section, for cause 479  
shown and after a hearing, for failure of the applicant to 480  
comply with this section. Upon revocation, a replica license 481  
plate shall be surrendered. 482

**Sec. 4505.072.** (A) The owner of a motor vehicle seeking to 483  
obtain a certificate of title indicating that the motor vehicle 484  
is a replica motor vehicle shall do all of the following: 485

(1) Have that motor vehicle inspected by the state highway 486  
patrol in the manner specified in section 4505.111 of the 487

Revised Code and obtain an inspection report from the state 488  
highway patrol; 489

(2) Obtain a signed written statement from a person or 490  
nonprofit corporation with expertise in historical motor 491  
vehicles that the owner's motor vehicle reasonably replicates 492  
the make, model, and model year of motor vehicle that the owner 493  
is intending to replicate; 494

(3) Sign the written statement and have it notarized by a 495  
notary public. 496

(B) When a clerk of a court of common pleas issues a 497  
physical or electronic certificate of title for a motor vehicle, 498  
the owner of the motor vehicle may request that the certificate 499  
of title indicate that the motor vehicle is a replica motor 500  
vehicle. 501

When a clerk of a court of common pleas issues a duplicate 502  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate of title for a 503  
replica motor vehicle, that certificate of title shall be 504  
identical to the existing certificate of title. 505

Prior to issuance of the certificate of title, the owner 506  
of the replica motor vehicle shall surrender to the clerk any 507  
existing certificate of title, a copy of the inspection report, 508  
and the signed notarized written statement described in division 509  
(A) of this section. 510

(C) (1) Upon compliance with divisions (A) and (B) of this 511  
section and payment of the fee prescribed in section 4505.09 of 512  
the Revised Code, the clerk shall issue to the owner a 513  
certificate of title that complies with this section. 514

(2) The clerk shall use reasonable care in performing the 515  
duties imposed on the clerk by this section in issuing a 516

certificate of title pursuant to this section, but the clerk is 517  
not liable for any of the clerk's errors or omissions or those 518  
of the clerk's deputies, or the automated title processing 519  
system in the performance of those duties. 520

(D) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles shall ensure that 521  
the certificate of title of a replica motor vehicle issued under 522  
this section complies with all of the following: 523

(a) It is in the same form as the original certificate of 524  
title. 525

(b) It displays the word "REPLICA" in black boldface 526  
letters on its face. 527

(c) It includes the make, model, and model year of motor 528  
vehicle that the owner is intending the motor vehicle to 529  
replicate. 530

(d) It includes the year the replica motor vehicle was 531  
constructed, assembled, or modified. 532

(2) The registrar shall determine the exact location on 533  
the face of the certificate of title of the word "REPLICA," the 534  
make, model, and model year of motor vehicle the owner is 535  
intending to replicate, and the year the replica motor vehicle 536  
was constructed, assembled, or modified. The registrar shall 537  
develop an automated procedure within the automated title 538  
processing system for purposes of this section. 539

(3) Every memorandum certificate of title or duplicate 540  
certificate of title issued for a replica motor vehicle for 541  
which a certificate of title has been issued under this section 542  
shall display the same information as is required under division 543  
(D) (1) of this section. 544

Any subsequent certificate of title issued for a replica motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued under this section shall display the same information as is required under division (D)(1) of this section. 545  
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(E)(1) The owner of a replica motor vehicle who titles that vehicle as a replica motor vehicle under this section shall obtain replica license plates and comply with the requirements of section 4503.183 of the Revised Code. 549  
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(2) The owner of a replica motor vehicle who does not title that motor vehicle as a replica motor vehicle under this section is not required to obtain replica motor vehicle license plates and comply with the requirements of section 4503.183 of the Revised Code. Such an owner is subject to the general registration requirements of Chapter 4503., the titling requirements of Chapter 4505., and the equipment requirements of Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code. 553  
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**Sec. 4505.08.** (A) When the clerk of a court of common pleas issues a physical certificate of title, the clerk shall issue the certificate of title on a form and in a manner prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles. The clerk shall file a copy of the physical evidence for the creation of the certificate of title in a manner prescribed by the registrar. A clerk may retain digital images of documents used as evidence for issuance of a certificate of title. Certified printouts of documents retained as digital images shall have the same evidentiary value as the original physical documents. The record of the issuance of the certificate of title shall be maintained in the automated title processing system. The clerk shall sign and affix the clerk's seal to the original certificate of title and, if there are no liens on the motor vehicle, shall deliver 561  
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the certificate to the applicant or the selling dealer. If there 575  
are one or more liens on the motor vehicle, the certificate of 576  
title shall be delivered to the holder of the first lien or the 577  
selling dealer, who shall deliver the certificate of title to 578  
the holder of the first lien. 579

The registrar shall prescribe a uniform method of 580  
numbering certificates of title, and such numbering shall be in 581  
such manner that the county of issuance is indicated. The clerk 582  
shall assign numbers to certificates of title in the manner 583  
prescribed by the registrar. The clerk shall file all 584  
certificates of title according to rules to be prescribed by the 585  
registrar, and the clerk shall maintain in the clerk's office 586  
indexes for the certificates of title. 587

The clerk need not retain on file any current certificates 588  
of title, current duplicate certificates of title, current 589  
memorandum certificates of title, or current salvage 590  
certificates of title, or supporting evidence of them covering 591  
any motor vehicle or manufactured or mobile home for a period 592  
longer than seven years after the date of its filing; 593  
thereafter, the documents and supporting evidence may be 594  
destroyed. The clerk need not retain on file any inactive 595  
records, including certificates of title, duplicate certificates 596  
of title, or memorandum certificates of title, or supporting 597  
evidence of them, including the electronic record described in 598  
division (A) of section 4505.06 of the Revised Code, covering 599  
any motor vehicle or manufactured or mobile home for a period 600  
longer than five years after the date of its filing; thereafter, 601  
the documents and supporting evidence may be destroyed. 602

The automated title processing system shall contain all 603  
active records and an index of the active records, a record and 604

index of all inactive titles for ten years, and a record and 605  
index of all inactive titles for manufactured and mobile homes 606  
for thirty years. If the clerk provides a written copy of any 607  
information contained in the database, the copy shall be 608  
considered the original for purposes of the clerk certifying the 609  
record of the information for use in any legal proceeding. 610

(B) (1) If the clerk issues a certificate of title for a 611  
motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 612  
state, the clerk shall record verbatim, where practicable, in 613  
the space on the title described in division (B) (19) of section 614  
4505.07 of the Revised Code, the words that appear as a notation 615  
to the vehicle on the title issued by the previous state. These 616  
notations may include, but are not limited to, words to the 617  
effect that the vehicle was considered or was categorized by the 618  
state in which it was last previously registered to be a law 619  
enforcement vehicle or a taxicab or was once in a flood. 620

(2) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 621  
a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 622  
state, receives information from the automated title processing 623  
system indicating that a title to the vehicle previously was 624  
issued by this state and that the previous title contained 625  
notations that appeared in the space described in division (B) 626  
(19) or (20) of section 4505.07 of the Revised Code, the clerk 627  
shall enter the notations that appeared on the previous 628  
certificate of title issued by this state on the new certificate 629  
of title in the space described in division (B) (19) or (20) of 630  
section 4505.07 of the Revised Code, irrespective of whether the 631  
notations appear on the certificate of title issued by the state 632  
in which the vehicle was last previously registered. 633

(3) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 634

a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 635  
state, receives information from the automated title processing 636  
system indicating that the vehicle was previously issued a title 637  
by this state and that the previous title bore the notation 638  
"REBUILT SALVAGE" as required by division (E) of section 4505.11 639  
of the Revised Code, or the previous title to the vehicle issued 640  
by this state was a salvage certificate of title, the clerk 641  
shall cause the certificate of title the clerk issues to bear 642  
the notation "REBUILT SALVAGE" in the location prescribed by the 643  
registrar pursuant to that division. 644

(4) If the clerk, while issuing a certificate of title for 645  
a motor vehicle that was last previously registered in another 646  
state, receives information from the automated title processing 647  
system indicating that the vehicle was previously issued a title 648  
by this state and that the previous title included the notation 649  
"REPLICA" in accordance with section 4505.072 of the Revised 650  
Code, or the previous title to the vehicle issued by another 651  
state indicates that the vehicle is a replica motor vehicle, the 652  
clerk shall cause the certificate of title the clerk issues to 653  
display the notation "REPLICA" in the location prescribed by the 654  
registrar pursuant to that section. 655

(C) When the clerk issues a certificate of title for a 656  
motor vehicle that was last previously registered in this state 657  
and was a law enforcement vehicle or a taxicab or was once in a 658  
flood, the clerk shall record that information in the space on 659  
the title described in division (B) (20) of section 4505.07 of 660  
the Revised Code. The registrar, by rule, may prescribe any 661  
additional uses of or happenings to a motor vehicle that the 662  
registrar has reason to believe should be noted on the 663  
certificate of title as provided in this division. 664

(D) The clerk shall use reasonable care in recording or 665  
entering onto titles the clerk issues any notation and 666  
information the clerk is required by divisions (B) and (C) of 667  
this section to record or enter and in causing the titles the 668  
clerk issues to bear any notation required by those divisions, 669  
but the clerk is not liable for any of the clerk's errors or 670  
omissions or those of the clerk's deputies, or the automated 671  
title processing system, in the performance of the duties 672  
imposed on the clerk by this section. 673

(E) The clerk may issue a duplicate title, when duly 674  
applied for, of any title that has been destroyed as herein 675  
provided. 676

(F) Except as provided in section 4505.021 of the Revised 677  
Code, the clerk shall issue a physical certificate of title to 678  
an applicant unless the applicant specifically requests the 679  
clerk not to issue a physical certificate of title and instead 680  
to issue an electronic certificate of title. The fact that a 681  
physical certificate of title is not issued for a motor vehicle 682  
does not affect ownership of the vehicle. In that case, when the 683  
clerk completes the process of entering certificate of title 684  
application information into the automated title processing 685  
system, the effect of the completion of the process is the same 686  
as if the clerk actually issued a physical certificate of title 687  
for the motor vehicle. 688

(G) An electronic motor vehicle dealer who applies for a 689  
certificate of title on behalf of a customer who purchases a 690  
motor vehicle from the dealer may print a non-negotiable 691  
evidence of ownership for the customer if the customer so 692  
requests. The authorization to print the non-negotiable evidence 693  
of ownership shall come from the clerk with whom the dealer 694



makes application for the certificate of title for the customer, 695  
but the printing by the dealer does not create an agency 696  
relationship of any kind between the dealer and the clerk. 697

(H) The owner of a motor vehicle may apply at any time to 698  
a clerk of a court of common pleas for a non-negotiable evidence 699  
of ownership for the motor vehicle. 700

(I) In accordance with rules adopted by the registrar, a 701  
clerk may issue a certificate of title applied for by an agent 702  
of a licensed motor vehicle dealer when that agent has a 703  
properly executed power of attorney from the dealer. 704

**Sec. 4513.071.** (A) Every motor vehicle, trailer, 705  
semitrailer, and pole trailer when operated upon a highway shall 706  
be equipped with two or more stop lights, except that passenger 707  
cars manufactured or assembled prior to January 1, 1967, 708  
motorcycles, and motor-driven cycles shall be equipped with at 709  
least one stop light. Stop lights shall be mounted on the rear 710  
of the vehicle, actuated upon application of the service brake, 711  
and may be incorporated with other rear lights. Such stop lights 712  
when actuated shall emit a red light visible from a distance of 713  
five hundred feet to the rear, provided that in the case of a 714  
train of vehicles only the stop lights on the rear-most vehicle 715  
need be visible from the distance specified. 716

Such stop lights when actuated shall give a steady warning 717  
light to the rear of a vehicle or train of vehicles to indicate 718  
the intention of the operator to diminish the speed of or stop a 719  
vehicle or train of vehicles. 720

When stop lights are used as required by this section, 721  
they shall be constructed or installed so as to provide adequate 722  
and reliable illumination and shall conform to the appropriate 723

rules and regulations established under section 4513.19 of the Revised Code. 724  
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~~Historical~~ A historical motor vehicles as defined in 726  
~~section 4503.181 of the Revised Code, vehicle that was not~~ 727  
originally manufactured with stop lights, are or a replica motor 728  
vehicle that replicates a motor vehicle that was not originally 729  
manufactured with stop lights is not subject to this section. 730

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 731  
misdemeanor. 732

(C) As used in this section, "replica motor vehicle" means 733  
a replica motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is 734  
issued under section 4505.072 of the Revised Code. 735

**Sec. 4513.38.** (A) No person shall be prohibited from 736  
owning or operating a licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ 737  
historical motor vehicle, or replica motor vehicle that is 738  
equipped with a feature of design, type of material, or article 739  
of equipment that was not in violation of any motor vehicle 740  
equipment law of this state or of its political subdivisions in 741  
effect during the calendar year the vehicle was manufactured or 742  
the calendar year that it replicates, and no licensed 743  
collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ historical motor vehicle, or replica 744  
motor vehicle shall be prohibited from displaying or using any 745  
such feature of design, type of material, or article of 746  
equipment. 747

No person shall be prohibited from owning or operating a 748  
licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ historical motor vehicle, or 749  
replica motor vehicle for failing to comply with an equipment 750  
provision contained in Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code or in 751  
any state rule that was enacted or adopted in a year subsequent 752

to that in which the vehicle was manufactured or the calendar 753  
year that it replicates, and no licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ 754  
historical motor vehicle, or replica motor vehicle shall be 755  
required to comply with an equipment provision enacted into 756  
Chapter 4513. of the Revised Code or adopted by state rule 757  
subsequent to the calendar year in which it was manufactured or 758  
the calendar year that it replicates. No political subdivision 759  
shall require an owner of a licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ 760  
historical motor vehicle, or replica motor vehicle to comply 761  
with equipment provisions contained in laws or rules that were 762  
enacted or adopted subsequent to the calendar year in which the 763  
vehicle was manufactured or the calendar year that it 764  
replicates, and no political subdivision shall prohibit the 765  
operation of a licensed collector's vehicle ~~or,~~ historical motor 766  
vehicle, or replica motor vehicle for failure to comply with any 767  
such equipment laws or rules. 768

(B) As used in this section, "replica motor vehicle" means 769  
a replica motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is 770  
issued under section 4505.072 of the Revised Code. 771

**Sec. 4513.41.** (A) No owner of a licensed collector's 772  
vehicle, a historical motor vehicle, a replica motor vehicle, or 773  
a collector's vehicle that is an agricultural tractor or 774  
traction engine shall be required to comply with an emission, 775  
noise control, or fuel usage provision contained in a law or 776  
rule of this state or its political subdivisions that was 777  
enacted or adopted subsequent to the calendar year in which the 778  
vehicle was manufactured or the calendar year that it 779  
replicates. 780

(B) No person shall be prohibited from operating a 781  
licensed collector's vehicle, a historical motor vehicle, a 782

replica motor vehicle, or a collector's vehicle that is an 783  
agricultural tractor or traction engine for failing to comply 784  
with an emission, noise control, or fuel usage law or rule of 785  
this state or its political subdivisions that was enacted or 786  
adopted subsequent to the calendar year in which his vehicle was 787  
manufactured or the calendar year that it replicates. 788

(C) Except as provided in section 4505.061 of the Revised 789  
Code, no person shall be required to submit ~~his~~ the person's 790  
collector's vehicle to a physical inspection prior to or in 791  
connection with an issuance of title to, or the sale or transfer 792  
of ownership of such vehicle, except that a police officer may 793  
inspect it to determine ownership. 794

In accordance with section 1.51 of the Revised Code, this 795  
section shall, without exception, prevail over any special or 796  
local provision of the Revised Code that requires owners or 797  
operators of collector's vehicles to comply with standards of 798  
emission, noise, fuel usage, or physical condition in connection 799  
with an issuance of title to, or the sale or transfer of 800  
ownership of such vehicle or part thereof. 801

(D) As used in this section, "replica motor vehicle" means 802  
a replica motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is 803  
issued under section 4505.072 of the Revised Code. 804

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4501.01, 4505.08, 805  
4513.071, 4513.38, and 4513.41 of the Revised Code are hereby 806  
repealed. 807

**Section 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect one 808  
hundred eighty days after the effective date of this section. 809