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A BILL

То	amend sections 1531.01, 1533.01, 1533.10,	1
	1533.101, 1533.102, 1533.103, 1533.11, 1533.111,	2
	1533.13, 1533.32, and 2923.16 and to enact	3
	sections 1533.321 and 1533.38 of the Revised	4
	Code to make changes to the laws governing	-
	hunting and fishing.	6

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

Section 1 . That sections 1531.01, 1533.01, 1533.10,	7
1533.101, 1533.102, 1533.103, 1533.11, 1533.111, 1533.13,	8
1533.32, and 2923.16 be amended and sections 1533.321 and	9
1533.38 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	10
Sec. 1531.01. As used in this chapter and Chapter 1533. of	11
the Revised Code:	12
(A) "Person" means a person as defined in section 1.59 of	13
the Revised Code or a company; an employee, agent, or officer of	14
such a person or company; a combination of individuals; the	15
state; a political subdivision of the state; an interstate body	16

(S) "Game birds" includes mourning doves, ringneck	73
pheasants, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse,	74
pinnated grouse, wild turkey, Hungarian partridge, Chukar	75
partridge, woodcocks, black-breasted plover, golden plover,	76
Wilson's snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs,	77
rail, coots, gallinules, duck, geese, brant, and crows.	78
(T) "Nongame birds" includes all other wild birds not	79
included and defined as game birds or migratory game birds.	80
(U) "Wild quadrupeds" includes game quadrupeds and fur-	81
bearing animals.	82
(V) "Game quadrupeds" includes cottontail rabbits, gray	83
squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, flying	84
squirrels, chipmunks, groundhogs or woodchucks, white-tailed	85
deer, wild boar, elk, and black bears.	86
(W) "Fur-bearing animals" includes minks, weasels,	87
raccoons, skunks, opossums, muskrats, fox, beavers, badgers,	88
otters, coyotes, and bobcats.	89
(X) "Wild animals" includes mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic	90
insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, wild birds, wild	91
quadrupeds, and all other wild mammals, but does not include	92
domestic deer.	93
(Y) "Hunting" means pursuing, shooting, killing, following	94
after or on the trail of, lying in wait for, shooting at, or	95
wounding wild birds or wild quadrupeds while employing any	96
device commonly used to kill or wound wild birds or wild	97
quadrupeds whether or not the acts result in killing or	98
wounding. "Hunting" includes every attempt to kill or wound and	99
every act of assistance to any other person in killing or	100
wounding or attempting to kill or wound wild birds or wild	101

quadrupeds.	102
(Z) "Trapping" means securing or attempting to secure	103
possession of a wild bird or wild quadruped by means of setting,	104
placing, drawing, or using any device that is designed to close	105
upon, hold fast, confine, or otherwise capture a wild bird or	106
wild quadruped whether or not the means results in capture.	107
"Trapping" includes every act of assistance to any other person	108
in capturing wild birds or wild quadrupeds by means of the	109
device whether or not the means results in capture.	110
(AA) "Muskrat spear" means any device used in spearing	111
muskrats.	112
(BB) "Channels and passages" means those narrow bodies of	113
water lying between islands or between an island and the	114
mainland in Lake Erie.	115
(CC) "Island" means a rock or land elevation above the	116
waters of Lake Erie having an area of five or more acres above	117
water.	118
(DD) "Reef" means an elevation of rock, either broken or	119
in place, or gravel shown by the latest United States chart to	120
be above the common level of the surrounding bottom of the lake,	121
other than the rock bottom, or in place forming the base or	122
foundation rock of an island or mainland and sloping from the	123
shore of it. "Reef" also means all elevations shown by that	124
chart to be above the common level of the sloping base or	125
foundation rock of an island or mainland, whether running from	126
the shore of an island or parallel with the contour of the shore	127
of an island or in any other way and whether formed by rock,	128
broken or in place, or from gravel.	129

(EE) "Fur farm" means any area used exclusively for

raising fur-bearing animals or in addition thereto used for	131
hunting game, the boundaries of which are plainly marked as	132
such.	133
(FF) "Waters" includes any lake, pond, reservoir, stream,	134
channel, lagoon, or other body of water, or any part thereof,	135
whether natural or artificial.	136
(GG) "Crib" or "car" refers to that particular compartment	137
of the net from which the fish are taken when the net is lifted.	138
(HH) "Commercial fish" means those species of fish	139
permitted to be taken, possessed, bought, or sold unless	140
otherwise restricted by the Revised Code or division rule and	141
are alewife (Alosa pseudoharengus), American eel (Anguilla	142
rostrata), bowfin (Amia calva), burbot (Lota lota), carp	143
(Cyprinus carpio), smallmouth buffalo (Ictiobus bubalus),	144
bigmouth buffalo (Ictiobus cyprinellus), black bullhead	145
(Ictalurus melas), yellow bullhead (Ictalurus natalis), brown	146
bullhead (Ictalurus nebulosus), channel catfish (Ictalurus	147
punctatus), flathead catfish (Pylodictis olivaris), whitefish	148
(Coregonus sp.), cisco (Coregonus sp.), freshwater drum or	149
sheepshead (Aplodinotus grunniens), gar (Lepisosteus sp.),	150
gizzard shad (Dorosoma cepedianum), goldfish (Carassius	151
auratus), lake trout (Salvelinus namaycush), mooneye (Hiodon	152
tergisus), quillback (Carpiodes cyprinus), smelt (Allosmerus	153
elongatus, Hypomesus sp., Osmerus sp., Spirinchus sp.), sturgeon	154
(Acipenser sp., Scaphirhynchus sp.), sucker other than buffalo	155
and quillback (Carpiodes sp., Catostomus sp., Hypentelium sp.,	156
Minytrema sp., Moxostoma sp.), white bass (Morone chrysops),	157
white perch (Roccus americanus), and yellow perch (Perca	158
flavescens). When the common name of a fish is used in this	159
chapter or Chapter 1533. of the Revised Code, it refers to the	160

trap nets, fyke nets, crib nets, carp aprons, dip nets, and

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seines, except minnow seines and minnow dip nets.	189
(QQ) "Commercial fishing gear" means seines, trap nets,	190
fyke nets, dip nets, carp aprons, trotlines, other similar gear,	191
and any boat used in conjunction with that gear, but does not	192
include gill nets.	193
(RR) "Native wildlife" means any species of the animal	194
kingdom indigenous to this state.	195
(SS) "Gill net" means a single section of fabric or	196
netting seamed to a float line at the top and a lead line at the	197
bottom, which is designed to entangle fish in the net openings	198
as they swim into it.	199
(TT) "Tag fishing tournament" means a contest in which a	200
participant pays a fee, or gives other valuable consideration,	201
for a chance to win a prize by virtue of catching a tagged or	202
otherwise specifically marked fish within a limited period of	203
time.	204
(UU) "Tenant" means an individual who resides on land for	205
which the individual pays rent and whose annual income is	206
primarily derived from agricultural production conducted on that	207
land, as "agricultural production" is defined in section 929.01	208
of the Revised Code.	209
(VV) "Nonnative wildlife" means any wild animal not	210
indigenous to this state, but does not include domestic deer.	211
(WW) "Reptiles" includes common musk turtle (sternotherus	212
odoratus), common snapping turtle (Chelydra serpentina	213
serpentina), spotted turtle (Clemmys guttata), eastern box	214
turtle (Terrapene carolina carolina), Blanding's turtle	215
(Emydoidea blandingii), common map turtle (Graptemys	216
geographica), ouachita map turtle (Graptemys pseudogeographica	217

ouachitensis), midland painted turtle (Chrysemys picta	218
marginata), red-eared slider (Trachemys scripta elegans),	219
eastern spiny softshell turtle (Apalone spinifera spinifera),	220
midland smooth softshell turtle (Apalone mutica mutica),	221
northern fence lizard (Sceloporus undulatus hyacinthinus),	222
ground skink (Scincella lateralis), five-lined skink (Eumeces	223
fasciatus), broadhead skink (Eumeces laticeps), northern coal	224
skink (Eumeces anthracinus anthracinus), European wall lizard	225
(Podarcis muralis), queen snake (Regina septemvittata),	226
Kirtland's snake (Clonophis kirtlandii), northern water snake	227
(Nerodia sipedon sipedon), Lake Erie watersnake (Nerodia sipedon	228
insularum), copperbelly water snake (Nerodia erythrogaster	229
neglecta), northern brown snake (Storeria dekayi dekayi),	230
midland brown snake (Storeria dekayi wrightorum), northern	231
redbelly snake (Storeria occipitomaculata occipitomaculata),	232
eastern garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis sirtalis), eastern	233
plains garter snake (Thamnophis radix radix), Butler's garter	234
snake (Thamnophis butleri), shorthead garter snake (Thamnophis	235
brachystoma), eastern ribbon snake (Thamnophis sauritus	236
sauritus), northern ribbon snake (Thamnophis sauritus	237
septentrionalis), eastern hognose snake (Heterodon platirhinos),	238
eastern smooth earth snake (Virginia valeriae valeriae),	239
northern ringneck snake (Diadophis punctatus edwardsii), midwest	240
worm snake (Carphophis amoenus helenae), eastern worm snake	241
(Carphophis amoenus amoenus), black racer (Coluber constrictor	242
constrictor), blue racer (Coluber constrictor foxii), rough	243
green snake (opheodrys aestivus), smooth green snake (opheodrys	244
vernalis vernalis), black rat snake (Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta),	245
eastern fox snake (Elaphe vulpina gloydi), black kingsnake	246
(Lampropeltis getula nigra), eastern milk snake (Lampropeltis	247
triangulum triangulum), northern copperhead (Agkistrodon	248
contortrix mokasen), eastern massasauga (Sistrurus catenatus	249

catenatus), and timber rattlesnake (Crotalus horridus horridus).	250
(XX) "Amphibians" includes eastern hellbender	251
(Crytpobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis), mudpuppy (Necturus	252
maculosus maculosus), red-spotted newt (Notophthalmus	253
viridescens viridescens), Jefferson salamander (Ambystoma	254
jeffersonianum), spotted salamander (Ambystoma maculatum), blue-	255
spotted salamander (Ambystoma laterale), smallmouth salamander	256
(Ambystoma texanum), streamside salamander (Ambystoma barbouri),	257
marbled salamander (Ambystoma opacum), eastern tiger salamander	258
(Ambystoma tigrinum tigrinum), northern dusky salamander	259
(Desmognathus fuscus fuscus), mountain dusky salamander	260
(Desmognathus ochrophaeus), redback salamander (Plethodon	261
cinereus), ravine salamander (Plethodon richmondi), northern	262
slimy salamander (Plethodon glutinosus), Wehrle's salamander	263
(Plethodon wehrlei), four-toed salamander (Hemidactylium	264
scutatum), Kentucky spring salamander (Gyrinophilus	265
porphyriticus duryi), northern spring salamander (Gyrinophilus	266
porphyriticus porphyriticus), mud salamander (Pseudotriton	267
montanus), northern red salamander (Pseudotriton ruber ruber),	268
green salamander (Aneides aeneus), northern two-lined salamander	269
(Eurycea bislineata), longtail salamander (Eurycea longicauda	270
longicauda), cave salamander (Eurycea lucifuga), southern two-	271
lined salamander (Eurycea cirrigera), Fowler's toad (Bufo	272
woodhousii fowleri), American toad (Bufo americanus), eastern	273
spadefoot (Scaphiopus holbrookii), Blanchard's cricket frog	274
(Acris crepitans blanchardi), northern spring peeper (Pseudacris	275
crucifer crucifer), gray treefrog (Hyla versicolor), Cope's gray	276
treefrog (Hyla chrysoscelis), western chorus frog (Pseudacris	277
triseriata triseriata), mountain chorus frog (Pseudacris	278
brachyphona), bullfrog (Rana catesbeiana), green frog (Rana	279
clamitans melanota), northern leopard frog (Rana pipiens),	280

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"reptiles," "amphibians," "deer," "domestic deer," "migratory

game bird," "accompany," "electric-powered-all-purpose vehicle,"

"wholly enclosed preserve," "commercial bird shooting preserve,"

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Senior hunting license - resident	\$9.00	392
Apprentice senior hunting license - resident	\$9.00	393
(2) Apprentice resident hunting licenses, app	rentice youth	394
hunting licenses, apprentice senior hunting licens	<u>es,</u> and	395
apprentice nonresident hunting licenses are subjec	t to the	396
requirements established under section 1533.102 of	the Revised	397
Code and rules adopted under it.		398
(3) As used in division (B)(1) of this section	n:	399
(a) "Youth" means an applicant who is under t	he age of	400
eighteen years at the time of application for a pe	rmit.	401
(b) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-	six years of	402
age or older at the time of application for a perm	it.	403
(c) "Reciprocal state" means a state that is	a party to an	404
agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Cod	е.	405
(C) A resident of this state who owns lands i	n the state	406
and the owner's children of any age and grandchild	ren under	407
eighteen years of age may hunt on the lands withou	t a hunting	408
license. A resident of any other state who owns re	al property in	409
this state, and the spouse and children living wit	h the property	410
owner, may hunt on that property without a license	, provided	411
that the state of residence of the real property o	wner allows	412
residents of this state owning real property in th	at state, and	413
the spouse and children living with the property o	wner, to hunt	414
without a license. If the owner of land in this st	ate is a	415
limited liability company or a limited liability p	artnership	416
that consists of three or fewer individual members	or partners,	417
as applicable, an individual member or partner who	is a resident	418
of this state and the member's or partner's childr	en of any age	419
and grandchildren under eighteen years of age may	hunt on the	420

land owned by the limited liability company or limited liability 421 partnership without a hunting license. In addition, if the owner 422 of land in this state is a trust that has a total of three or 423 fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee 424 or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the 425 individual's children of any age and grandchildren under 426 eighteen years of age may hunt on the land owned by the trust 427 without a hunting license. The tenant and children of the 428 tenant, residing on lands in the state, may hunt on them without 429 a hunting license. 430

(D) The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a 431 small game hunting license expiring three days from the 432 effective date of the license to a nonresident of the state, the 433 fee for which shall be thirty-nine dollars. No person shall take 434 or possess deer, wild turkeys, fur-bearing animals, ducks, 435 geese, brant, or any nongame animal while possessing only a 436 small game hunting license. A small game hunting license or an 437 apprentice nonresident hunting license does not authorize the 438 taking or possessing of ducks, geese, or brant without having 439 obtained, in addition to the small game hunting license or the 440 apprentice nonresident hunting license, a wetlands habitat stamp 441 as provided in section 1533.112 of the Revised Code. A small 442 game hunting license or an apprentice nonresident hunting 443 license does not authorize the taking or possessing of deer, 444 wild turkeys, or fur-bearing animals. A nonresident of the state 445 who wishes to take or possess deer, wild turkeys, or fur-bearing 446 animals in this state shall procure, respectively, a deer or 447 wild turkey permit as provided in section 1533.11 of the Revised 448 Code or a fur taker permit as provided in section 1533.111 of 449 the Revised Code in addition to a nonresident hunting license, 450 an apprentice nonresident hunting license, a special youth 451

license or evidence of having held such a license in content and

manner approved by the chief, a certificate of completion issued

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upon completion of a hunter education and conservation course	481
approved by the chief, or evidence of equivalent training in	482
content and manner approved by the chief. A previously held	483
apprentice hunting license does not satisfy the requirement	484
concerning the presentation of a previously held hunting license	485
or evidence of it.	486

- (3) No person shall issue a hunting license, except an 487 apprentice hunting license, to any person who fails to present 488 the evidence required by this section. No person shall purchase 489 490 or obtain a hunting license, other than an apprentice hunting license, without presenting to the issuing agent the evidence 491 required by this section. Issuance of a hunting license in 492 violation of the requirements of this section is an offense by 493 both the purchaser of the illegally obtained hunting license and 494 the clerk or agent who issued the hunting license. Any hunting 495 license issued in violation of this section is void. 496
- (H) The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, 497 shall adopt rules prescribing a hunter education and 498 conservation course for first-time hunting license buyers, other 499 than buyers of apprentice hunting licenses, and for volunteer 500 instructors. The course shall consist of subjects including, but 501 502 not limited to, hunter safety and health, use of hunting implements, hunting tradition and ethics, the hunter and 503 conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the Revised Code 504 along with the penalty for its violation, including a 505 description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be 506 imposed, and other law relating to hunting. Authorized personnel 507 of the division or volunteer instructors approved by the chief 508 shall conduct such courses with such frequency and at such 509 locations throughout the state as to reasonably meet the needs 510 of license applicants. The chief shall issue a certificate of 511

completion to each person who successfully completes the course	512
and passes an examination prescribed by the chief.	513
Sec. 1533.101. Any person who has been issued a current	514
hunting or fishing license, <u>a nonresident Lake Erie sport</u>	515
fishing district permit, a wetlands habitat stamp, a deer or	516
wild turkey permit, or a fur taker permit for the current	517
license, stamp, or permit year or for the license, stamp, or	518
permit year next preceding the current such year pursuant to	519
this chapter, and if the license, stamp, or permit has been and	520
<pre>has lost_r or destroyed the license, stamp, or permit, or had the</pre>	521
<u>license</u> , stamp, or permit stolen, may be issued a reissued	522
hunting or fishing license, wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild-	523
turkey permit, or fur taker reissued such license, stamp, or	524
permit. The person shall file with the clerk of the court of	525
common pleas an application in affidavit form or, if the chief	526
of the division of wildlife authorizes it, apply for a reissued	527
license, stamp, or permit to an authorized agent designated by	528
the chief, and pay a fee for each license, stamp, or permit of	529
four dollars. The clerk or agent shall administer the oath to	530
the applicant, issue a reissued license, stamp, or permit that	531
shall allow the applicant to hunt, fish, or trap, as applicable,	532
and send a copy of the reissued license, stamp, or permit to the	533
division of wildlife.	534
All moneys received as fees for the issuance of reissued	535
licenses, stamps, or permits shall be transmitted to the	536
director of natural resources to be paid into the state treasury	537
to the credit of the funds to which the fees for the original	538
licenses, stamps, and permits were credited.	539
No person shall knowingly or willfully secure, attempt to	540

secure, or use a reissued hunting or fishing license, wetlands

habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit	542
to which the person is not entitled. No person shall knowingly	543
or willfully issue a reissued hunting or fishing license,	544
wetlands habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker	545
permit under this section to any person who is not entitled to	546
receive and use such a reissued license, stamp, or permit.	547

Sec. 1533.102. The chief of the division of wildlife may 548 adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code that the 549 chief considers to be necessary to administer the issuance of 550 apprentice hunting licenses and apprentice fur taker permits 551 under sections 1533.10 and 1533.111 of the Revised Code, 552 respectively, and their use, except that the rules shall not 553 establish fee amounts for those licenses and permits that differ 554 from the fee amounts established in those sections, as 555 applicable. 556

Unless otherwise provided by division rule, an apprentice 557 license or permit is valid beginning on the first day of March 558 and ending at midnight on the last day of February of the 559 following year. No person shall purchase more than three-560 561 apprentice hunting licenses of any type or more than three-562 apprentice fur taker permits of any type.

Any type of apprentice hunting license authorizes the 563 holder of such a license to hunt only while accompanied by 564 another person who is twenty-one years of age or older and who 565 possesses a valid hunting license. Any type of apprentice fur 566 taker permit authorizes the holder of such a permit to hunt or 567 trap fur-bearing animals only while accompanied by another 568 person who is twenty-one years of age or older and who possesses 569 a valid fur taker permit. No holder of a valid hunting license 570 or fur taker permit shall accompany more than two holders of any 571

type of apprentice hunting license or apprentice fur taker 572 permit at one time. 573

Sec. 1533.103. The chief of the division of wildlife shall 574 adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code that are 575 necessary to administer the issuance of permits for the use of 576 electric-powered-all-purpose vehicles or motor vehicles by 577 persons with mobility impairments to hunt wild quadrupeds or 578 game birds in public wildlife and private areas. The rules shall 579 establish eligibility requirements, an application procedure, 580 the duration of a permit, identification and designation of 581 public wildlife and private areas in which electric-powered all-582 purpose vehicles or motor vehicles may be used by permit 583 holders, and any other procedures and requirements governing the 584 permits that the chief determines are necessary. The chief shall 585 not charge a fee for the issuance of a permit under this 586 section. 587

Sec. 1533.11. (A) (1) Except as provided in this section or 588 section 1533.731 of the Revised Code, no person shall hunt deer 589 on lands of another without first obtaining an annual deer 590 permit. Except as provided in this section, no person shall hunt 591 wild turkeys on lands of another without first obtaining an 592 annual wild turkey permit. Except as provided in division (A) (2) 593 of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, a A deer or wild turkey 594 permit-shall run concurrently with the hunting license is valid 595 during the hunting license year in which the permit is 596 purchased. Except as provided in rules adopted under division 597 (B) of that section, each applicant for a deer or wild turkey 598 permit shall pay an annual fee for each permit in accordance 599 with the following schedule: 600

Deer permit - resident

\$23.00

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Deer permit - nonresident, all ages	\$74.00	602
Youth deer permit - resident	\$11.50	603
Senior deer permit - resident	\$11.50	604
Wild turkey permit - resident	\$23.00	605
Wild turkey permit - nonresident, all ages	\$28.00	606
Youth wild turkey permit - resident	\$11.50	607
Senior wild turkey permit - resident	\$11.50	608
(2) As used in division (A)(1) of this section:		609
(a) "Resident" means an individual who has resided	in this	610
state for not less than six months preceding the date of	f making	611
application for a permit.		612
(b) "Nonresident" means any individual who does no	t	613
qualify as a resident.		614
(c) "Youth" means an applicant who is under the ag	e of	615
eighteen years at the time of application for a permit.		616
(d) "Senior" means an applicant who is sixty-six y	ears of	617
age or older at the time of application for a permit.		618
(3) The money received shall be paid into the stat	9	619
treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund, created in	section	620
1531.17 of the Revised Code, exclusively for the use of	the	621
division of wildlife in the acquisition and development	of land	622
for deer or wild turkey management, for investigating de	eer or	623
wild turkey problems, and for the stocking, management,	and	624
protection of deer or wild turkey.		625
(4) Every person, while hunting deer or wild turke	y on	626
lands of another, shall carry the person's deer or wild	turkey	627

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permit and exhibit it to any enforcement officer so requesting. 628
Failure to so carry and exhibit such a permit constitutes an 629
offense under this section. 630

- (5) The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any additional rules the chief considers necessary to carry out this section and section 1533.10 of the Revised Code.
- (6) An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner 634 who is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 635 1533.10 of the Revised Code and the children of the owner of 636 lands in this state may hunt deer or wild turkey thereon without 637 a deer or wild turkey permit. If the owner of land in this state 638 is a limited liability company or a limited liability 639 partnership that consists of three or fewer individual members 640 or partners, as applicable, an individual member or partner who 641 is a resident of this state and the member's or partner's 642 children of any age may hunt deer or wild turkey on the land 643 owned by the limited liability company or limited liability 644 partnership without a deer or wild turkey permit. In addition, 645 if the owner of land in this state is a trust that has a total 646 of three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who 647 is a trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state 648 and the individual's children of any age may hunt deer or wild 649 turkey on the land owned by the trust without a deer or wild 650 turkey permit. The tenant and children of the tenant may hunt 651 deer or wild turkey on lands where they reside without a deer or 652 wild turkey permit. 653
- (B) A deer or wild turkey permit is not transferable. No 654 person shall carry a deer or wild turkey permit issued in the 655 name of another person. 656
 - (C) The wildlife refunds fund is hereby created in the

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state treasury. The fund shall consist of money received from application fees for deer permits that are not issued. Money in the fund shall be used to make refunds of such application fees.

(D) If the division establishes a system for the
electronic submission of information regarding deer or wild
turkey that are taken, the division shall allow the owner and
the children of the owner of lands in this state to use the
owner's name or address for purposes of submitting that
information electronically via that system.

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Sec. 1533.111. Except as provided in this section or 667 division (A)(2) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code, no 668 person shall hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on land of another 669 without first obtaining some type of an annual fur taker permit. 670 Each applicant for a fur taker permit or an apprentice fur taker 671 permit shall pay an annual fee of fourteen dollars for the 672 permit, except as otherwise provided in this section or unless 673 the rules adopted under division (B) of section 1533.12 of the 674 Revised Code provide for issuance of a fur taker permit to the 675 applicant free of charge. Except as provided in rules adopted 676 under division (B)(2) of that section, each applicant who is a 677 resident of this state and who at the time of application is 678 sixty-six years of age or older shall procure a special senior 679 fur taker permit or an apprentice senior fur taker permit, the 680 fee for which shall be one-half of the regular fur taker permit 681 fee. Each applicant under the age of eighteen years shall 682 procure a special youth fur taker permit or an apprentice youth 683 fur taker permit, the fee for which shall be one-half of the 684 regular fur taker permit fee. Each type of fur taker permit 685 shall run concurrently with is valid during the hunting license 686 year in which the permit is purchased. The money received shall 687 be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund 688

established in section 1533.15 of the Revised Code. Apprentice	
fur taker permits and apprentice youth fur taker permits are	
subject to the requirements established under section 1533.102	
of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to it.	

No fur taker permit shall be issued unless it is 693 accompanied by a written explanation of the law in section 694 1533.17 of the Revised Code and the penalty for its violation, 695 including a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that 696 may be imposed.

No fur taker permit, other than an apprentice fur taker 698 permit or an apprentice youth fur taker permit, shall be issued 699 unless the applicant presents to the agent authorized to issue a 700 fur taker permit a previously held hunting license or trapping 701 or fur taker permit or evidence of having held such a license or 702 permit in content and manner approved by the chief of the 703 division of wildlife, a certificate of completion issued upon 704 completion of a trapper education course approved by the chief, 705 or evidence of equivalent training in content and manner 706 approved by the chief. A previously held apprentice hunting 707 license, apprentice fur taker permit, or apprentice youth fur 708 taker permit does not satisfy the requirement concerning the 709 presentation of a previously held hunting license or fur taker 710 permit or evidence of such a license or permit. 711

No person shall issue a fur taker permit, other than an 712 apprentice fur taker permit or an apprentice youth fur taker 713 permit, to any person who fails to present the evidence required 714 by this section. No person shall purchase or obtain a fur taker 715 permit, other than an apprentice fur taker permit or an 716 apprentice youth fur taker permit, without presenting to the 717 issuing agent the evidence required by this section. Issuance of 718

a fur taker permit in violation of the requirements of this	719
section is an offense by both the purchaser of the illegally	720
obtained permit and the clerk or agent who issued the permit.	721
Any fur taker permit issued in violation of this section is	722
void.	723

The chief, with approval of the wildlife council, shall 724 adopt rules prescribing a trapper education course for first-725 time fur taker permit buyers, other than buyers of apprentice 726 fur taker permits or apprentice youth fur taker permits, and for 727 volunteer instructors. The course shall consist of subjects that 728 include, but are not limited to, trapping techniques, animal 729 habits and identification, trapping tradition and ethics, the 730 trapper and conservation, the law in section 1533.17 of the 731 Revised Code along with the penalty for its violation, including 732 a description of terms of imprisonment and fines that may be 733 imposed, and other law relating to trapping. Authorized 734 personnel of the division of wildlife or volunteer instructors 735 approved by the chief shall conduct the courses with such 736 frequency and at such locations throughout the state as to 737 reasonably meet the needs of permit applicants. The chief shall 738 issue a certificate of completion to each person who 739 successfully completes the course and passes an examination 740 prescribed by the chief. 741

Every person, while hunting or trapping fur-bearing 742 animals on lands of another, shall carry the person's fur taker 743 permit with the person's signature written on the permit. 744 Failure to carry such a signed permit constitutes an offense 745 under this section. The chief shall adopt any additional rules 746 the chief considers necessary to carry out this section. 747

An owner who is a resident of this state or an owner who

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is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 1533.10	749
of the Revised Code and the children of the owner of lands in	750
this state may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals thereon without	751
a fur taker permit. If the owner of land in this state is a	752
limited liability company or a limited liability partnership	753
that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners,	754
as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident	755
of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age	756
may hunt or trap fur-bearing animals on the land owned by the	757
limited liability company or limited liability partnership	758
without a fur taker permit. In addition, if the owner of land in	759
this state is a trust that has a total of three or fewer	760
trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is a trustee or	761
beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and the	762
individual's children of any age may hunt or trap fur-bearing	763
animals on the land owned by the trust without a fur taker	764
permit. The tenant and children of the tenant may hunt or trap	765
fur-bearing animals on lands where they reside without a fur	766
taker permit.	767

A fur taker permit is not transferable. No person shall carry a fur taker permit issued in the name of another person.

A fur taker permit entitles a nonresident to take from this state fur-bearing animals taken and possessed by the nonresident as provided by law or division rule.

Sec. 1533.13. Hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands
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habitat stamps, deer and wild turkey permits, fur taker permits,
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and any other licenses, permits, or stamps that are required
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under this chapter or Chapter 1531. of the Revised Code and any
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reissued license, permit, or stamp may be issued by the clerk of
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the court of common pleas, village clerks, township fiscal
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officers, and other authorized agents designated by the chief of
the division of wildlife. When required by the chief, a clerk,
fiscal officer, or other agent shall give bond in the manner
provided by the chief. All bonds, reports, except records
prescribed by the auditor of state, and moneys received by those
persons shall be handled under rules adopted by the director of
natural resources.

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The premium of any bond prescribed by the chief under this section may be paid by the chief. Any person who is designated and authorized by the chief to issue licenses, stamps, and permits as provided in this section, except the clerk of the court of common pleas, a village clerk, and a township fiscal officer, shall pay to the chief a premium in an amount that represents the person's portion of the premium paid by the chief under this section, which amount shall be established by the chief and approved by the wildlife council created under section 1531.03 of the Revised Code. The chief shall pay all moneys that the chief receives as premiums under this section into the state treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund created under section 1531.17 of the Revised Code.

Every authorized agent, for the purpose of issuing hunting and fishing licenses, wetlands habitat stamps, deer and wild turkey permits, and fur taker permits, may administer oaths to and take affidavits from applicants for the licenses, stamps, or permits when required. An authorized agent may appoint deputies to perform any acts that the agent is authorized to perform, consistent with division rules.

Every applicant for a hunting or fishing license, wetlands 806 habitat stamp, deer or wild turkey permit, or fur taker permit, 807 unless otherwise provided by division rule, shall provide the 808

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applicant's name, date of birth, weight, height, and place of	809
residence and any other information that the chief may require.	810
The clerk, fiscal officer, or other agent authorized to issue	811
licenses, stamps, and permits shall charge each applicant a fee	812
of one dollar or four per cent of the cost of the license,	813
stamp, or permit, whichever is greater, for taking the	814
information provided by the applicant and issuing the license,	815
stamp, or permit. The application, license, stamp, permit, and	816
other blanks required by this section shall be prepared and	817
furnished by the chief, in the form the chief provides, to the	818
clerk, fiscal officer, or other agent authorized to issue them.	819
The licenses and permits shall be issued to applicants by the	820
clerk, fiscal officer, or other agent. The record of licenses	821
and permits kept by the clerks, fiscal officers, and other	822
agents shall be uniform throughout the state and in the form or	823
manner as the auditor of state prescribes and shall be open at	824
all reasonable hours to the inspection of any person. Unless	825
otherwise provided by division rule, each <u>annual</u> hunting	826
license, deer or wild turkey permit, and fur taker permit issued	827
shall remain in force until midnight of the thirty-first day of	828
August next ensuing the first day of March. Application for any	829
such license or permit may be made and a license or permit	830
issued prior to the date upon which it becomes effective.	831
The chief may require an applicant who wishes to purchase	832

The chief may require an applicant who wishes to purchase a license, stamp, or permit by mail or telephone or via the internet to pay a nominal fee for postage and handling and credit card transactions.

The court before whom a violator of any laws or division 836 rules for the protection of wild animals is tried, as a part of 837 the punishment, shall revoke the license, stamp, or permit of 838 any person convicted. The license, stamp, or permit fee paid by 839

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that person shall not be returned to the person. The person	840
shall not procure or use any other license, stamp, or permit or	841
engage in hunting wild animals or trapping fur-bearing animals	842
during the period of revocation as ordered by the court.	843

No person under sixteen years of age shall engage in hunting unless accompanied by the person's parent or another adult person.

Sec. 1533.32. (A) Except as provided in this section or 847 division (A)(2) or (C) of section 1533.12 of the Revised Code_or_ 848 as exempted at the discretion of the chief of the division of 849 wildlife, no person, including nonresidents, shall take or catch 850 any fish by angling in any of the waters in the state or engage 851 in fishing in those waters without a license. No person shall 852 take or catch frogs or turtles without a valid fishing license, 853 except as provided in this section. Persons fishing in privately 854 owned ponds, lakes, or reservoirs to or from which fish are not 855 accustomed to migrate are exempt from the license requirements 856 set forth in this section. Persons fishing in privately owned 857 858 ponds, lakes, or reservoirs that are open to public fishing through an agreement or lease with the division of wildlife 859 860 shall comply with the license requirements set forth in this 861 section.

862 (B) (1) The fee for an annual license shall be forty-nine dollars for a resident of a state that is not a party to an 863 agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for 864 an annual license shall be eighteen dollars for a resident of a 865 state that is a party to such an agreement. The fee for an 866 annual license for residents of this state shall be eighteen 867 dollars unless the rules adopted under division (B) of section 868 1533.12 of the Revised Code provide for issuance of a resident 869 fishing license to the applicant free of charge. Except as

provided in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of that section,

each applicant who is a resident of this state and who at the

time of application is sixty-six years of age or older shall

procure a special senior fishing license, the fee for which

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shall be one-half of the annual resident fishing license fee.

- (2) Any person under the age of sixteen years may take or 876 catch frogs and turtles and take or catch fish by angling 877 without a license.
- (C) (1) The chief of the division of wildlife may issue a 879 tourist's license expiring three days from the effective date of 880 the license to a resident of a state that is not a party to an 881 agreement under section 1533.91 of the Revised Code. The fee for 882 a tourist's license shall be eighteen dollars.

(2) The chief shall adopt rules under section 1531.10 of 884 the Revised Code providing for the issuance of a one-day fishing 885 license to a resident of this state or of any other state. The 886 fee for such a license shall be fifty-five per cent of the 887 amount established under this section for a tourist's license, 888 rounded up to the nearest whole dollar. A one-day fishing 889 license shall allow the holder to take or catch fish by angling 890 in the waters in the state, engage in fishing in those waters, 891 or take or catch frogs or turtles in those waters for one day 892 without obtaining an annual license or a tourist's license under 893 this section. At the request of a holder of a one-day fishing 894 license who wishes to obtain an annual license, a clerk or agent 895 authorized to issue licenses under section 1533.13 of the 896 Revised Code, not later than the last day on which the one-day 897 license would be valid if it were an annual license, shall 898 credit the amount of the fee paid for the one-day license toward 899

the fee charged for the annual license if so authorized by the	900
chief. The clerk or agent shall issue the annual license upon	901
presentation of the one-day license and payment of a fee in an	902
amount equal to the difference between the fee for the annual	903
license and the fee for the one-day license.	904
(3) Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each	905
annual license shall begin on the first day of March of the	906
current year date of issuance and expire on the last day of	907
February of the following a year from the date of issuance.	908
(4) Unless otherwise provided by division rule, each	909
multi-year license issued in accordance with section 1533.321 of	910
the Revised Code shall begin on the date of issuance and expire	911
three years, five years, or ten years from the date of issuance,	912
as applicable.	913
(5) No person shall alter a fishing license or possess a	914
fishing license that has been altered.	915
(6) No person shall procure or attempt to procure a	916
fishing license by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or any	917
false statement.	918
(7) A resident of this state who owns land over, through,	919
upon, or along which any water flows or stands, except where the	920
land is in or borders on state parks or state-owned lakes,	921
together with the members of the immediate families of such	922
owners, may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of	923
the kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without	924
procuring a license provided for in this section. This exemption	925
extends to tenants actually residing upon such lands and to the	926
members of the immediate families of the tenants. A resident of	927
any other state who owns land in this state over, through, upon,	928

or along which any water flows or stands, except where the land	929
is in or borders on state parks or state-owned lakes, and the	930
spouse and children living with the owner, may take frogs and	931
turtles and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be	932
taken or caught from that water without obtaining a license	933
under this section, provided that the state of residence of the	934
owner allows residents of this state owning real property in	935
that state, and the spouse and children living with such a	936
property owner, to take frogs and turtles and take or catch fish	937
without a license. If the owner of such land in this state is a	938
limited liability company or a limited liability partnership	939
that consists of three or fewer individual members or partners,	940
as applicable, an individual member or partner who is a resident	941
of this state and the member's or partner's children of any age	942
may take frogs and turtles and may take or catch fish of the	943
kind permitted to be taken or caught therefrom without procuring	944
a license provided for in this section. In addition, if the	945
owner of such land in this state is a trust that has a total of	946
three or fewer trustees and beneficiaries, an individual who is	947
a trustee or beneficiary and who is a resident of this state and	948
the individual's children of any age may take frogs and turtles	949
and may take or catch fish of the kind permitted to be taken or	950
caught therefrom without procuring a license provided for in	951
this section. Residents of state or county institutions,	952
charitable institutions, and military homes in this state may	953
take frogs and turtles without procuring the required license,	954
provided that a member of the institution or home has an	955
identification card, which shall be carried on that person when	956
fishing.	957

(8) Every fisher required to be licensed, while fishing or 958 taking or attempting to take frogs or turtles, shall carry the 959

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the fee charged for the license divided	by the number of years	989
the license is valid. The chief shall ad	opt rules in accordance	990
with section 1531.10 of the Revised Code	e for the administration	991
of this division, including establishing	a system that prorates	992
lifetime license fees for deposit each y	ear into the wildlife	993
fund created in section 1531.17 of the R	devised Code.	994
(3) Each fiscal year, all previous	<u>year's investment</u>	995
earnings from the multi-year and lifetim	e license fund shall be	996
transferred into the wildlife fund creat	ed in section 1531.17 of	997
the Revised Code.		998
(D)(1) Each applicant for a multi-y	vear or lifetime fishing	999
license who is a resident of this state	shall pay a fee for each	1000
license in accordance with the following	schedule:	1001
Senior 3-year fishing license	\$27.50	1002
Senior 5-year fishing license	\$45.7 <u>5</u>	1003
Senior lifetime fishing license	\$81.00	1004
3-year fishing license	\$52.00	1005
5-year fishing license	\$86.7 <u>5</u>	1006
10-year fishing license	\$173.50	1007
Lifetime fishing license	\$450.00	1008
Youth lifetime fishing license	\$414.00	1009
(2) As used in division (D)(1) of t	this section:	1010
(a) "Youth" means an applicant who	is under the age of	1011
sixteen years at the time of application	for a permit.	1012
(b) "Senior" means an applicant who) is sixty-six years of	1013
age or older at the time of application	for a permit.	1014

(E)(1) Each applicant for a multi-year or lifetime hunting		1015	
license who is a res	license who is a resident of this state shall pay a fee for each		1016
license in accordance	e with the following	schedule:	1017
<u>Senior 3-year h</u>	unting license	\$27.50	1018
Senior 5-year h	unting license	\$45.7 <u>5</u>	1019
Senior lifetime	hunting license	\$81.00	1020
Youth 3-year hu	nting license	\$27.50	1021
Youth 5-year hu	inting license	\$45.7 <u>5</u>	1022
Youth 10-year h	unting license	\$91.50	1023
Youth lifetime	hunting license	\$414.00	1024
3-year hunting	license	\$52.00	1025
5-year hunting	license	\$86.7 <u>5</u>	1026
10-year hunting	license	\$173.50	1027
Lifetime huntir	g license	\$450.00	1028
(2) As used in	division (E)(1) of t	his section:	1029
(a) "Youth" mea	ns an applicant who	is under the age of	1030
eighteen years at th	e time of application	n for a permit.	1031
(b) "Senior" me	ans an applicant who	is sixty-six years of	1032
age or older at the time of application for a permit.		1033	
(F) If a persor	who is issued a mul	ti-year hunting or	1034
fishing license or lifetime hunting or fishing license in		1035	
accordance with division (A) of this section subsequently		1036	
becomes a nonresident after issuance of the license, the		1037	
person's license remains valid in this state during its term,		1038	
regardless of reside	ncy status.		1039

Sec. 1533.38. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this	1040
section, no nonresident shall take fish from the Lake Erie sport	1041
fishing district between the first day of January and the last	1042
day of April each year without first obtaining a nonresident	1043
Lake Erie sport fishing district permit.	1044
(B) Each applicant for a nonresident Lake Erie sport	1045
fishing district permit shall pay an annual fee of ten dollars	1046
for each permit. All money derived from the permit shall be	1047
deposited into the wildlife fund created in section 1531.17 of	1048
the Revised Code and shall be appropriated exclusively for the	1049
following purposes:	1050
(1) For the protection, propagation, preservation, and	1051
stocking of fish in Lake Erie;	1052
(2) For the securing of more public fishing water access	1053
including leasing, purchasing, or otherwise acquiring stream	1054
banks, bottoms, and marginal strips, headwaters, and other	1055
suitable public fishing grounds in the Lake Erie sport fishing	1056
district as authorized under section 1531.06 of the Revised	1057
Code;	1058
(3) For the cooperation with other agencies, as provided	1059
in section 1501.02 of the Revised Code, to assist in the	1060
prevention, control, and management of injurious aquatic	1061
invasive species in Lake Erie;	1062
(4) For other practical fish management work in Lake Erie,	1063
including biological investigations;	1064
(5) For promoting educational and research activities,	1065
other methods of fish propagation and fish culture, and other	1066
proper conservation activities in Lake Erie.	1067
(C) The chief of the division of wildlife shall adopt any	1068

rules in accordance with section 1531.10 of the Revised Code	1069
that the chief considers necessary to implement this section.	1070
Sec. 2923.16. (A) No person shall knowingly discharge a	1071
firearm while in or on a motor vehicle.	1072
(B) No person shall knowingly transport or have a loaded	1073
firearm in a motor vehicle in such a manner that the firearm is	1074
accessible to the operator or any passenger without leaving the	1075
vehicle.	1076
(C) No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm	1077
in a motor vehicle, unless the person may lawfully possess that	1078
firearm under applicable law of this state or the United States,	1079
the firearm is unloaded, and the firearm is carried in one of	1080
the following ways:	1081
(1) In a closed package, box, or case;	1082
(2) In a compartment that can be reached only by leaving	1083
the vehicle;	1084
(3) In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made	1085
for the purpose;	1086
(4) If the firearm is at least twenty-four inches in	1087
overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the	1088
stock furthest from the muzzle and if the barrel is at least	1089
eighteen inches in length, either in plain sight with the action	1090
open or the weapon stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on	1091
which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be	1092
stripped, in plain sight.	1093
(D) No person shall knowingly transport or have a loaded	1094
handgun in a motor vehicle if, at the time of that	1095
transportation or possession, any of the following applies:	1096

- (1) The person is under the influence of alcohol, a drug
 of abuse, or a combination of them.
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- (2) The person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, 1099 breath, or urine contains a concentration of alcohol, a listed 1100 controlled substance, or a listed metabolite of a controlled 1101 substance prohibited for persons operating a vehicle, as 1102 specified in division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised 1103 Code, regardless of whether the person at the time of the 1104 transportation or possession as described in this division is 1105 the operator of or a passenger in the motor vehicle. 1106
- (E) No person who has been issued a concealed handgun 1107 license or who is an active duty member of the armed forces of 1108 the United States and is carrying a valid military 1109 identification card and documentation of successful completion 1110 of firearms training that meets or exceeds the training 1111 requirements described in division (G)(1) of section 2923.125 of 1112 the Revised Code, who is the driver or an occupant of a motor 1113 vehicle that is stopped as a result of a traffic stop or a stop 1114 for another law enforcement purpose or is the driver or an 1115 occupant of a commercial motor vehicle that is stopped by an 1116 employee of the motor carrier enforcement unit for the purposes 1117 defined in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code, and who is 1118 transporting or has a loaded handqun in the motor vehicle or 1119 commercial motor vehicle in any manner, shall do any of the 1120 following: 1121
- (1) Fail to promptly inform any law enforcement officer

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 who approaches the vehicle while stopped that the person has

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 been issued a concealed handgun license or is authorized to

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 carry a concealed handgun as an active duty member of the armed

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 forces of the United States and that the person then possesses

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or has a loaded handgun in the motor vehicle;	1127
(2) Fail to promptly inform the employee of the unit who	1128
approaches the vehicle while stopped that the person has been	1129
issued a concealed handgun license or is authorized to carry a	1130
concealed handgun as an active duty member of the armed forces	1131
of the United States and that the person then possesses or has a	1132
loaded handgun in the commercial motor vehicle;	1133
(3) Knowingly fail to remain in the motor vehicle while	1134
stopped or knowingly fail to keep the person's hands in plain	1135
sight at any time after any law enforcement officer begins	1136
approaching the person while stopped and before the law	1137
enforcement officer leaves, unless the failure is pursuant to	1138
and in accordance with directions given by a law enforcement	1139
officer;	1140
(4) Knowingly have contact with the loaded handgun by	1141
touching it with the person's hands or fingers in the motor	1142
vehicle at any time after the law enforcement officer begins	1143
approaching and before the law enforcement officer leaves,	1144
unless the person has contact with the loaded handgun pursuant	1145
to and in accordance with directions given by the law	1146
enforcement officer;	1147
(5) Knowingly disregard or fail to comply with any lawful	1148
order of any law enforcement officer given while the motor	1149
vehicle is stopped, including, but not limited to, a specific	1150
order to the person to keep the person's hands in plain sight.	1151
(F)(1) Divisions (A), (B), (C), and (E) of this section do	1152
not apply to any of the following:	1153
(a) An officer, agent, or employee of this or any other	1154
state or the United States, or a law enforcement officer, when	1155

authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in	1156
motor vehicles and acting within the scope of the officer's,	1157
agent's, or employee's duties;	1158
(b) Any person who is employed in this state, who is	1159
authorized to carry or have loaded or accessible firearms in	1160
motor vehicles, and who is subject to and in compliance with the	1161
requirements of section 109.801 of the Revised Code, unless the	1162
appointing authority of the person has expressly specified that	1163
the exemption provided in division (F)(1)(b) of this section	1164
does not apply to the person.	1165
(2) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a	1166
person if all of the following circumstances apply:	1167
(a) The person discharges a firearm from a motor vehicle	1168
at a coyote or groundhog, the discharge is not during the deer	1169
gun hunting season as set by the chief of the division of	1170
wildlife of the department of natural resources, and the	1171
discharge at the coyote or groundhog, but for the operation of	1172
this section, is lawful.	1173
(b) The motor vehicle from which the person discharges the	1174
firearm is on real property that is located in an unincorporated	1175
area of a township and that either is zoned for agriculture or	1176
is used for agriculture.	1177
(c) The person owns the real property described in	1178
division (F)(2)(b) of this section, is the spouse or a child of	1179
another person who owns that real property, is a tenant of	1180
another person who owns that real property, or is the spouse or	1181
a child of a tenant of another person who owns that real	1182
property.	1183

(d) The person does not discharge the firearm in any of

the following manners:	1185
(i) While under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse,	1186
or alcohol and a drug of abuse;	1187
(ii) In the direction of a street, highway, or other	1188
public or private property used by the public for vehicular	1189
traffic or parking;	1190
(iii) At or into an occupied structure that is a permanent	1191
or temporary habitation;	1192
(iv) In the commission of any violation of law, including,	1193
but not limited to, a felony that includes, as an essential	1194
element, purposely or knowingly causing or attempting to cause	1195
the death of or physical harm to another and that was committed	1196
by discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle.	1197
(3) Division (A) of this section does not apply to a	1198
person if all of the following apply:	1199
(a) The person possesses a valid electric-powered all-	1200
purpose vehicle permit issued under section 1533.103 of the	1201
Revised Code by the chief of the division of wildlife.	1202
(b) The person discharges a firearm at a wild quadruped or	1203
game bird as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code	1204
during the open hunting season for the applicable wild quadruped	1205
or game bird.	1206
(c) The person discharges a firearm from a stationary	1207
electric-powered all-purpose vehicle as defined in section	1208
1531.01 of the Revised Code <u>from private or publicly owned lands</u>	1209
or <u>from</u> a motor vehicle that is parked on a road that is owned	1210
or administered by the division of wildlife, provided that the	1211
road is identified by an electric-powered all-purpose vehicle	1212

for agriculture or is used for agriculture.

(c) The person owns the real property described in

another person who owns that real property, is a tenant of

a child of a tenant of another person who owns that real

division (D)(4)(b) of this section, is the spouse or a child of

another person who owns that real property, or is the spouse or

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property.	1241
(d) The person, prior to arriving at the real property	1242
described in division (D)(4)(b) of this section, did not	1243
transport or possess a firearm in the motor vehicle in a manner	1244
prohibited by division (B) or (C) of this section while the	1245
motor vehicle was being operated on a street, highway, or other	1246
public or private property used by the public for vehicular	1247
traffic or parking.	1248
(5) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section do not apply to	1249
a person who transports or possesses a handgun in a motor	1250
vehicle if, at the time of that transportation or possession,	1251
both of the following apply:	1252
(a) The person transporting or possessing the handgun is	1253
either carrying a valid concealed handgun license or is an	1254
active duty member of the armed forces of the United States and	1255
is carrying a valid military identification card and	1256
documentation of successful completion of firearms training that	1257
meets or exceeds the training requirements described in division	1258
(G)(1) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code.	1259
(b) The person transporting or possessing the handgun is	1260
not knowingly in a place described in division (B) of section	1261
2923.126 of the Revised Code.	1262
(6) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section do not apply to	1263
a person if all of the following apply:	1264
(a) The person possesses a valid electric-powered all-	1265
purpose vehicle permit issued under section 1533.103 of the	1266
Revised Code by the chief of the division of wildlife.	1267
(b) The person is on or in an electric-powered all-purpose	1268
vehicle as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code or a	1269

motor vehicle during the open hunting season for a wild 1270 quadruped or game bird. 1271

- (c) The person is on or in an electric-powered all-purpose 1272 vehicle as defined in section 1531.01 of the Revised Code on 1273 private or publicly owned lands or on or in a motor vehicle that 1274 is parked on a road that is owned or administered by the 1275 division of wildlife, provided that the road is identified by an 1276 electric powered all purpose vehicle sign. 1277
- (7) Nothing in this section prohibits or restricts a 1278 person from possessing, storing, or leaving a firearm in a 1279 locked motor vehicle that is parked in the state underground 1280 parking garage at the state capitol building or in the parking 1281 garage at the Riffe center for government and the arts in 1282 Columbus, if the person's transportation and possession of the 1283 firearm in the motor vehicle while traveling to the premises or 1284 facility was not in violation of division (A), (B), (C), (D), or 1285 (E) of this section or any other provision of the Revised Code. 1286
- (G) (1) The affirmative defenses authorized in divisions 1287
 (D) (1) and (2) of section 2923.12 of the Revised Code are 1288
 affirmative defenses to a charge under division (B) or (C) of 1289
 this section that involves a firearm other than a handgun. 1290
- 1291 (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under division (B) or (C) of this section of improperly handling 1292 firearms in a motor vehicle that the actor transported or had 1293 the firearm in the motor vehicle for any lawful purpose and 1294 while the motor vehicle was on the actor's own property, 1295 provided that this affirmative defense is not available unless 1296 the person, immediately prior to arriving at the actor's own 1297 property, did not transport or possess the firearm in a motor 1298 vehicle in a manner prohibited by division (B) or (C) of this 1299

section while the motor vehicle was being operated on a street,	1300
highway, or other public or private property used by the public	1301
for vehicular traffic.	1302
(H)(1) No person who is charged with a violation of	1303
division (B), (C), or (D) of this section shall be required to	1304
obtain a concealed handgun license as a condition for the	1305
dismissal of the charge.	1306
(2)(a) If a person is convicted of, was convicted of,	1307
pleads guilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of	1308
division (E) of this section as it existed prior to September	1309
30, 2011, and if the conduct that was the basis of the violation	1310
no longer would be a violation of division (E) of this section	1311
on or after September 30, 2011, the person may file an	1312
application under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code requesting	1313
the expungement of the record of conviction.	1314
If a person is convicted of, was convicted of, pleads	1315
guilty to, or has pleaded guilty to a violation of division (B)	1316
or (C) of this section as the division existed prior to	1317
September 30, 2011, and if the conduct that was the basis of the	1318
violation no longer would be a violation of division (B) or (C)	1319
of this section on or after September 30, 2011, due to the	1320
application of division (F) (5) of this section as it exists on	1321
and after September 30, 2011, the person may file an application	1322
under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code requesting the	1323
expungement of the record of conviction.	1324
(b) The attorney general shall develop a public media	1325
advisory that summarizes the expungement procedure established	1326
under section 2953.37 of the Revised Code and the offenders	1327
identified in division (H)(2)(a) of this section who are	1328

authorized to apply for the expungement. Within thirty days

after September 30, 2011, the attorney general shall provide a 1330 copy of the advisory to each daily newspaper published in this 1331 state and each television station that broadcasts in this state. 1332 The attorney general may provide the advisory in a tangible 1333 form, an electronic form, or in both tangible and electronic 1334 forms. 1335

(I) Whoever violates this section is guilty of improperly 1336 handling firearms in a motor vehicle. Violation of division (A) 1337 of this section is a felony of the fourth degree. Violation of 1338 division (C) of this section is a misdemeanor of the fourth 1339 degree. A violation of division (D) of this section is a felony 1340 of the fifth degree or, if the loaded handgun is concealed on 1341 the person's person, a felony of the fourth degree. Except as 1342 otherwise provided in this division, a violation of division (E) 1343 (1) or (2) of this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, 1344 and, in addition to any other penalty or sanction imposed for 1345 the violation, the offender's concealed handgun license shall be 1346 suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the 1347 Revised Code. If at the time of the stop of the offender for a 1348 traffic stop, for another law enforcement purpose, or for a 1349 purpose defined in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code that was 1350 the basis of the violation any law enforcement officer involved 1351 with the stop or the employee of the motor carrier enforcement 1352 unit who made the stop had actual knowledge of the offender's 1353 status as a licensee, a violation of division (E)(1) or (2) of 1354 this section is a minor misdemeanor, and the offender's 1355 concealed handgun license shall not be suspended pursuant to 1356 division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the Revised Code. A 1357 violation of division (E)(4) of this section is a felony of the 1358 fifth degree. A violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of this 1359 section is a misdemeanor of the first degree or, if the offender 1360

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previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a	1361
violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of this section, a felony of	1362
the fifth degree. In addition to any other penalty or sanction	1363
imposed for a misdemeanor violation of division (E)(3) or (5) of	1364
this section, the offender's concealed handgun license shall be	1365
suspended pursuant to division (A)(2) of section 2923.128 of the	1366
Revised Code. A violation of division (B) of this section is a	1367
felony of the fourth degree.	1368
(J) If a law enforcement officer stops a motor vehicle for	1369

- (J) If a law enforcement officer stops a motor vehicle for a traffic stop or any other purpose, if any person in the motor vehicle surrenders a firearm to the officer, either voluntarily or pursuant to a request or demand of the officer, and if the officer does not charge the person with a violation of this section or arrest the person for any offense, the person is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm, and the firearm is not contraband, the officer shall return the firearm to the person at the termination of the stop. If a court orders a law enforcement officer to return a firearm to a person pursuant to the requirement set forth in this division, division (B) of section 2923.163 of the Revised Code applies.
 - (K) As used in this section:
- (1) "Motor vehicle," "street," and "highway" have the same 1382 meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code. 1383
- (2) "Occupied structure" has the same meaning as in 1384 section 2909.01 of the Revised Code.
- (3) "Agriculture" has the same meaning as in section 1386 519.01 of the Revised Code.
- (4) "Tenant" has the same meaning as in section 1531.01 of 1388 the Revised Code.

(5) (a) "Unloaded" means, with respect to a firearm other 1390 than a firearm described in division (K)(6) of this section, 1391 that no ammunition is in the firearm in question, no magazine or 1392 speed loader containing ammunition is inserted into the firearm 1393 in question, and one of the following applies: 1394 (i) There is no ammunition in a magazine or speed loader 1395 that is in the vehicle in question and that may be used with the 1396 1397 firearm in question. 1398 (ii) Any magazine or speed loader that contains ammunition and that may be used with the firearm in question is stored in a 1399 compartment within the vehicle in question that cannot be 1400 accessed without leaving the vehicle or is stored in a container 1401 that provides complete and separate enclosure. 1402 (b) For the purposes of division (K)(5)(a)(ii) of this 1403 section, a "container that provides complete and separate 1404 enclosure" includes, but is not limited to, any of the 1405 following: 1406 (i) A package, box, or case with multiple compartments, as 1407 long as the loaded magazine or speed loader and the firearm in 1408 1409 question either are in separate compartments within the package, box, or case, or, if they are in the same compartment, the 1410 1411 magazine or speed loader is contained within a separate enclosure in that compartment that does not contain the firearm 1412 and that closes using a snap, button, buckle, zipper, hook and 1413 loop closing mechanism, or other fastener that must be opened to 1414 access the contents or the firearm is contained within a 1415 separate enclosure of that nature in that compartment that does 1416 not contain the magazine or speed loader; 1417

(ii) A pocket or other enclosure on the person of the

person in question that closes using a snap, button, buckle,	1419
zipper, hook and loop closing mechanism, or other fastener that	1420
must be opened to access the contents.	1421

- (c) For the purposes of divisions (K)(5)(a) and (b) of 1422 this section, ammunition held in stripper-clips or in en-bloc 1423 clips is not considered ammunition that is loaded into a 1424 magazine or speed loader. 1425
- (6) "Unloaded" means, with respect to a firearm employing 1426 a percussion cap, flintlock, or other obsolete ignition system, 1427 when the weapon is uncapped or when the priming charge is 1428 removed from the pan.
- (7) "Commercial motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in 1430 division (A) of section 4506.25 of the Revised Code. 1431
- (8) "Motor carrier enforcement unit" means the motor
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 carrier enforcement unit in the department of public safety,
 division of state highway patrol, that is created by section
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 5503.34 of the Revised Code.
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- (L) Divisions (K)(5)(a) and (b) of this section do not 1436 affect the authority of a person who is carrying a valid 1437 concealed handgun license to have one or more magazines or speed 1438 loaders containing ammunition anywhere in a vehicle, without 1439 being transported as described in those divisions, as long as no 1440 ammunition is in a firearm, other than a handqun, in the vehicle 1441 other than as permitted under any other provision of this 1442 chapter. A person who is carrying a valid concealed handgun 1443 license may have one or more magazines or speed loaders 1444 containing ammunition anywhere in a vehicle without further 1445 restriction, as long as no ammunition is in a firearm, other 1446 than a handgun, in the vehicle other than as permitted under any 1447

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1533.10, 1533.101, 1533.102, 1533.103, 1533.11, 1533.111,	1450
1533.13, 1533.32, and 2923.16 of the Revised Code are hereby	1451
repealed.	1452