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A BILL

To amend sections 317.13, 317.32, 317.36, 1113.13, 1
1337.04, 2329.02, 4505.104, 4511.01, 4513.61, 2
4513.62, 4513.63, 4513.64, 4513.65, 4513.66, 3
4513.69, and 5323.02 and to enact section 4
5301.234 of the Revised Code and to amend 5
Section 413.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th General 6
Assembly to make various changes regarding 7
recorded instruments, powers of attorney, 8
judgment liens, mortgage subrogation, law 9
enforcement towing laws, and state stock banks, 10
and to make an appropriation. 11

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

Section 1. That sections 317.13, 317.32, 317.36, 1113.13, 12
1337.04, 2329.02, 4505.104, 4511.01, 4513.61, 4513.62, 4513.63, 13
4513.64, 4513.65, 4513.66, 4513.69, and 5323.02 be amended and 14
section 5301.234 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 15
follows: 16

Sec. 317.13. (A) Except as otherwise provided in division 17
(B) of this section, the county recorder shall record in the 18

official records, in legible handwriting, typewriting, or 19
printing, or by any authorized photographic or electronic 20
process, all deeds, mortgages, plats, or other instruments of 21
writing that are required or authorized by the Revised Code to 22
be recorded and that are presented to the county recorder for 23
that purpose. The county recorder shall record the instruments 24
in regular succession, according to the priority of 25
presentation, and shall enter the file number at the beginning 26
of the record. On the record of each instrument, the county 27
recorder shall record the date and precise time the instrument 28
was presented for record. All records made, prior to July 28, 29
1949, by means authorized by this section or by section 9.01 of 30
the Revised Code shall be deemed properly made. 31

(B) (1) The county recorder may refuse to record an 32
instrument of writing presented for recording if the instrument 33
is not required or authorized by the Revised Code to be recorded 34
or the county recorder has reasonable cause to believe the 35
instrument is materially false or fraudulent. 36

(2) The county recorder shall refuse to record a right-to- 37
list home sale agreement described in division (B) of section 38
5301.94 of the Revised Code. 39

Division (B) of this section does not create a duty upon a 40
recorder to inspect, evaluate, or investigate an instrument of 41
writing, including a right-to-list home sale agreement, that is 42
presented for recording. 43

(C) If a person presents an instrument of writing to the 44
county recorder for recording and the county recorder, pursuant 45
to division (B) of this section, refuses to record the 46
instrument, the person has a cause of action for an order from 47
the court of common pleas in the county that the county recorder 48

49 serves, to require the county recorder to record the instrument.
50 If the court determines that the instrument is required or
51 authorized by the Revised Code to be recorded, is not materially
52 false or fraudulent, and is not a right-to-list home sale
53 agreement, it shall order the county recorder to record the
54 instrument.

55 (D) The county recorder shall keep confidential
56 information that is subject to a real property confidentiality
57 notice under section 111.431 of the Revised Code, in accordance
58 with that section. A copy of the real property confidentiality
59 notice shall accompany subsequent recordings of the property,
60 unless the program participant's certification has been canceled
61 under section 111.431 or 111.45 of the Revised Code.

62 (E) (1) Not later than June 30, 2026, each county recorder,
63 county auditor, and county engineer shall make available to the
64 public a method for electronically recording instruments related
65 to conveyances of real property that adheres to the standards
66 governing conveyances of real property adopted by a county in
67 accordance with section 319.203 of the Revised Code.

68 (2) Not later than June 30, 2026, a county recorder shall
69 make available to the public a method for electronically
70 recording instruments, other than those related to conveyances
71 of real property, specified in division (A) or (D) of section
72 317.08 of the Revised Code, except division (A)(24) of that
73 section.

74 (3) Divisions (E) (1) and (2) of this section do not apply
75 to instruments specifically exempt from recording under either
76 of the following:

77 (a) The standards governing conveyances of real property

adopted by a county in accordance with section 319.203 of the 78
Revised Code; or 79

(b) The minimum standards for boundary surveys promulgated 80
by the board of registration for professional engineers and 81
surveyors pursuant to Chapter 4733. of the Revised Code. 82

(F) Not later than June 30, 2026, a county recorder shall 83
make available to the public on the county recorder's web site 84
electronic indexes for, and electronic versions of, all 85
instruments recorded on or after January 1, 1980, except veteran 86
discharge papers recorded under section 317.24 of the Revised 87
Code or any instrument or portion thereof prohibited from being 88
disclosed under federal or state law. A county recorder may 89
require a username and password to access the electronic indexes 90
and instruments, but may not require a fee to create a username 91
and password or to otherwise access the electronic indexes and 92
instruments. 93

Sec. 317.32. The county recorder shall charge and collect 94
~~the following fees,~~ to include, except as otherwise provided in 95
division (A)(2) of this section, base fees for the recorder's 96
services and housing trust fund fees collected pursuant to 97
section 317.36 of the Revised Code, and may charge and collect a 98
document preservation surcharge, as follows: 99

(A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(2) of 100
this section, for recording and indexing an instrument if the 101
photocopy or any similar process is employed, ~~a:~~ 102

(a) A base fee of seventeen dollars for the first two 103
pages and a housing trust fund fee of seventeen dollars, and a 104
base fee of four dollars and a housing trust fund fee of four 105
dollars for each subsequent page, size eight and one-half inches 106

by fourteen inches, or fraction of a page, including the caption 107
page, of such instrument; and 108

(b) A document preservation surcharge of up to five 109
dollars, which shall be deposited in the county treasury to the 110
credit of the county general fund. 111

(2) For recording and indexing an instrument described in 112
division (D) of section 317.08 of the Revised Code if the 113
photocopy or any similar process is employed, a fee of ~~twenty-~~ 114
~~eight-thirty-four~~ dollars for the first two pages to be 115
deposited as specified elsewhere in this division, and a fee of 116
eight dollars to be deposited in the same manner for each 117
subsequent page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen 118
inches, or fraction of a page, including the caption page, of 119
that instrument. If the county recorder's technology fund has 120
been established under section 317.321 of the Revised Code, of 121
the ~~twenty-eight-thirty-four~~ dollars, ~~fourteen-seventeen~~ dollars 122
shall be deposited into the county treasury to the credit of the 123
county recorder's technology fund and ~~fourteen-seventeen~~ dollars 124
shall be deposited into the county treasury to the credit of the 125
county general fund. If the county recorder's technology fund 126
has not been established, the ~~twenty-eight-thirty-four~~ dollars 127
shall be deposited into the county treasury to the credit of the 128
county general fund. 129

(3) The document preservation surcharge is intended to 130
support the preservation and digitization of documents and 131
ongoing costs incurred by a county recorder's office to make 132
available to the public a web site with appropriate security 133
features, electronic document hosting, online viewing, and print 134
and download features that enable an individual to print or 135
download a copy of a public record from the web site. 136

(B) For certifying a copy or electronic record from the record previously recorded, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust fund fee of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction of a page; for each certification if the recorder's seal is required, except as to instruments issued by the armed forces of the United States, a base fee of fifty cents and a housing trust fund fee of fifty cents;

(C) For entering or indexing any marginal reference, or any reference previously accomplished as a marginal reference now accomplished through electronic means, by separate recorded instrument, a base fee of two dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars for each marginal reference, or reference previously accomplished as a marginal reference now accomplished through electronic means, set out in that instrument, in addition to the fees set forth in division (A) (1) of this section;

(D) For indexing in the real estate mortgage records, pursuant to section 1309.519 of the Revised Code, financing statements covering crops growing or to be grown, timber to be cut, minerals or the like, including oil and gas, accounts subject to section 1309.301 of the Revised Code, or fixture filings made pursuant to section 1309.334 of the Revised Code, a base fee of two dollars and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars for each name indexed;

(E) For filing zoning resolutions, including text and maps, in the office of the recorder as required under sections 303.11 and 519.11 of the Revised Code, a base fee of twenty-five dollars and a housing trust fund fee of twenty-five dollars, regardless of the size or length of the resolutions;

(F) For filing zoning amendments, including text and maps, 167
in the office of the recorder as required under sections 303.12 168
and 519.12 of the Revised Code, a base fee of ten dollars and a 169
housing trust fund fee of ten dollars regardless of the size or 170
length of the amendments; 171

(G) For photocopying a document, other than at the time of 172
recording and indexing as provided for in division (A)(1) or (2) 173
of this section, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust 174
fund fee of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches 175
by fourteen inches, or fraction thereof; 176

(H) For local facsimile or electronic transmission of a 177
document, a base fee of one dollar and a housing trust fund fee 178
of one dollar per page, size eight and one-half inches by 179
fourteen inches, or fraction thereof; for long distance 180
facsimile transmission of a document, a base fee of two dollars 181
and a housing trust fund fee of two dollars per page, size eight 182
and one-half inches by fourteen inches, or fraction thereof; 183

(I) For recording a declaration executed pursuant to 184
section 2133.02 of the Revised Code or a durable power of 185
attorney for health care executed pursuant to section 1337.12 of 186
the Revised Code, or both a declaration and a durable power of 187
attorney for health care, a base fee of at least ~~fourteen~~ 188
seventeen dollars but not more than twenty dollars and a housing 189
trust fund fee of at least ~~fourteen~~seventeen dollars but not 190
more than twenty dollars. 191

In any county in which the recorder employs the 192
photostatic or any similar process for recording maps, plats, or 193
prints the recorder shall determine, charge, and collect for the 194
recording or rerecording of any map, plat, or print, a base fee 195
of five cents and a housing trust fund fee of five cents per 196

square inch, for each square inch of the map, plat, or print 197
filed for that recording or rerecording, with a minimum base fee 198
of twenty dollars and a minimum housing trust fund fee of twenty 199
dollars; for certifying a copy from the record, a base fee of 200
two cents and a housing trust fund fee of two cents per square 201
inch of the record, with a minimum base fee of two dollars and a 202
minimum housing trust fund fee of two dollars. 203

The fees provided in this section shall be paid upon the 204
presentation of the instruments for record or upon the 205
application for any certified copy of the record, except that 206
the payment of fees for providing copies of instruments 207
conveying or extinguishing agricultural easements to the office 208
of farmland preservation in the department of agriculture under 209
division (H) of section 5301.691 of the Revised Code shall be 210
governed by that division, and payment of fees for electronic 211
recording may be made by electronic funds transfer, automated 212
clearing house, or other electronic means after presentation. 213

The fees provided for in this section shall not apply to 214
the recording, indexing, or making of a certified copy or to the 215
filing of any instrument by a county land reutilization 216
corporation. 217

The fees provided for in this section shall not apply to 218
the recording, indexing, or making of a certified copy or to the 219
filing of any instrument by a county land reutilization 220
corporation's wholly owned subsidiary or any other electing 221
subdivision as defined in section 5722.01 of the Revised Code if 222
the wholly owned subsidiary or the electing subdivision is 223
acting in capacity consistent with the purpose of the land 224
reutilization program. 225

Sec. 317.36. (A) The county recorder shall collect the 226

low- and moderate-income housing trust fund fee as specified in 227
sections 317.114, 317.32, 1563.42, 1702.59, 2505.13, 4141.23, 228
4509.60, 5164.56, 5310.15, 5703.93, 5719.07, 5727.56, 5733.22, 229
6101.09, and 6115.09 of the Revised Code. The amount of any 230
housing trust fund fee the recorder is authorized to collect is 231
equal to the amount of any base fee the recorder is authorized 232
to collect for services. The housing trust fund fee shall be 233
collected in addition to the base fee. 234

(B) The recorder shall certify the amounts collected as 235
housing trust fund fees pursuant to division (A) of this section 236
into the county treasury as housing trust fund fees to be paid 237
to the treasurer of state pursuant to section 319.63 of the 238
Revised Code. 239

(C) The document preservation surcharge collected under 240
section 317.32 of the Revised Code is not a base fee under this 241
section. 242

Sec. 1113.13. (A) After subscriptions to shares have been 243
received by the incorporators, the board of directors of a stock 244
state bank may, subject to the requirements of this section, 245
adopt amendments to the bank's articles of incorporation to do 246
any of the following: 247

(1) Authorize the shares necessary to meet conversion or 248
option rights when all of the following apply: 249

(a) The bank has issued shares of one class convertible 250
into shares of another class or obligations convertible into 251
shares of the bank, or has granted options to purchase shares. 252

(b) The conversion or option rights are set forth in the 253
articles of incorporation or have been approved by the same vote 254
of shareholders as, at the time of the approval, would have been 255

required to amend the articles of incorporation to authorize the	256
shares required for that purpose.	257
(c) The bank does not have sufficient authorized and	258
unissued shares available to satisfy the conversion or option	259
rights.	260
(2) Reduce the authorized number of shares of a class by	261
the number of shares of that class that have been redeemed, or	262
have been surrendered to or acquired by the bank upon	263
conversion, exchange, purchase, or otherwise, or to eliminate	264
from the articles of incorporation all references to the shares	265
of a class, and to make any other change required, when all of	266
the authorized shares of that class have been redeemed, or	267
surrendered to or acquired by the bank;	268
(3) Reduce the authorized number of shares of a class by	269
the number of shares of that class that were canceled for not	270
being issued or reissued and for not being fully paid in within	271
one year after the date they were authorized or otherwise became	272
authorized and unissued shares;	273
<u>(4) For any purpose authorized by section 1701.70 of the</u>	274
<u>Revised Code.</u>	275
(B) The board of directors of a stock state bank may adopt	276
amended articles of incorporation to consolidate the original	277
articles of incorporation and all previously adopted amendments	278
to the articles of incorporation that are in force at the time.	279
(C) Amended articles of incorporation shall set forth all	280
provisions required in, and only provisions that may properly be	281
in, original articles of incorporation or amendments to articles	282
of incorporation at the time the amended articles of	283
incorporation are adopted, and shall state that they supersede	284

the existing articles of incorporation.	285
(D) (1) If the board of directors propose the adoption of	286
any amendment to a stock state bank's articles of incorporation	287
or amended articles of incorporation, the bank shall send to the	288
superintendent of financial institutions a copy of the proposed	289
amendment or amended articles of incorporation for review and	290
approval prior to adoption by the board.	291
(2) Upon receiving a proposed amendment or amended	292
articles of incorporation, the superintendent shall conduct	293
whatever examination the superintendent considers necessary to	294
determine if both of the following conditions are satisfied:	295
(a) The proposed amendment or amended articles of	296
incorporation comply with the requirements of the Revised Code.	297
(b) The proposed amendment or amended articles of	298
incorporation will not adversely affect the interests of the	299
bank's depositors and creditors.	300
(3) Within forty-five days after receiving the proposed	301
amendment or amended articles of incorporation, the	302
superintendent shall notify the bank of the superintendent's	303
approval or disapproval unless the superintendent determines	304
additional information is required. In that event, the	305
superintendent shall request the information in writing within	306
twenty days after the date the proposed amendment or amended	307
articles of incorporation were received. The bank shall have	308
thirty days to submit the information to the superintendent. The	309
superintendent shall notify the bank of the superintendent's	310
approval or disapproval of the proposed amendment or amended	311
articles of incorporation within forty-five days after the date	312
the additional information is received. If the proposed	313

amendment or amended articles of incorporation are disapproved 314
by the superintendent, the superintendent shall notify the bank 315
of the reasons for the disapproval. 316

(4) If the superintendent fails to approve or disapprove 317
the proposed amendment or amended articles of incorporation 318
within the time period required by division (D) (3) of this 319
section, the proposed amendment or amended articles of 320
incorporation shall be considered approved. 321

(5) If the proposed amendment or amended articles of 322
incorporation are approved, in no event shall that approval be 323
construed or represented as an affirmative endorsement of the 324
amendment or amended articles of incorporation by the 325
superintendent. 326

(E) (1) Upon adoption by the board of directors of any 327
approved amendment to a stock state bank's articles of 328
incorporation, the bank shall send to the superintendent a 329
certificate containing a copy of the directors' resolution 330
adopting the amendment and a statement of the manner of and 331
basis for its adoption. The certificate shall be signed by the 332
bank's authorized representatives in accordance with section 333
1103.19 of the Revised Code. 334

(2) Upon adoption by the board of directors of approved 335
amended articles of incorporation, the bank shall send to the 336
superintendent a copy of the amended articles of incorporation, 337
accompanied by a certificate containing a copy of the directors' 338
resolution adopting the amended articles of incorporation and a 339
statement of the manner of and basis for its adoption. The 340
certificate shall be signed by the bank's authorized 341
representatives in accordance with section 1103.19 of the 342
Revised Code. 343

(F) Upon receiving a certificate required by division (E) 344
of this section, the superintendent shall conduct whatever 345
examination the superintendent considers necessary to determine 346
if the manner of and basis for adoption of the amendment or 347
amended articles of incorporation comply with the requirements 348
of the Revised Code. 349

(G) (1) Within thirty days after receiving a certificate 350
required by division (E) of this section, the superintendent 351
shall approve or disapprove the amendment or amended articles of 352
incorporation. If the superintendent approves the amendment or 353
amended articles of incorporation, the superintendent shall 354
forward a certificate of that approval, a copy of the 355
certificate required by division (E) of this section, and a copy 356
of the amendment or amended articles of incorporation to the 357
secretary of state, who shall file the documents. Upon filing by 358
the secretary of state, the amendment or amended articles of 359
incorporation shall be effective. 360

(2) If the superintendent fails to approve or disapprove 361
the amendment or amended articles of incorporation within thirty 362
days after receiving a certificate required by division (E) of 363
this section, the bank shall forward a copy of the certificate 364
and a copy of the amendment or amended articles of incorporation 365
to the secretary of state, who shall file the documents. Upon 366
filing by the secretary of state, the amendment or amended 367
articles of incorporation shall be effective. 368

Sec. 1337.04. ~~A power of attorney for the conveyance, (A)~~ 369
As used in this section, "real property interest" means a deed, 370
mortgage, land installment contract, or lease of an interest in 371
real property must. 372

(B) A power of attorney used for the execution of a real 373

property instrument shall be properly executed and acknowledged 374
by the principal before the execution and acknowledgement of 375
such real property instrument executed by virtue of such power 376
of attorney. 377

For purposes of this section, if the execution and 378
acknowledgement of the power of attorney is dated the same date 379
as the execution and acknowledgment of the real property 380
instrument, the power of attorney shall be presumed to have been 381
executed and acknowledged before the execution and 382
acknowledgment of the real property instrument. 383

(C) A power of attorney used for the execution of a real 384
property instrument shall be recorded in the office of the 385
county recorder of the county in which such property is 386
situated, ~~previous to~~ before the recording of a deed, mortgage, 387
~~or lease~~ the real property instrument executed by virtue of such 388
power of attorney. 389

For purposes of this section, a power of attorney that is 390
known to have been recorded the same day, but after, the 391
recording of the real property instrument shall be considered to 392
have been recorded before the real property instrument. 393

If a power of attorney is not recorded before, or is not 394
known to have been recorded on the same day as, the recording of 395
the real property instrument executed by virtue of such power of 396
attorney, the power of attorney may be subsequently placed of 397
record as an attachment to a supporting affidavit made by any 398
person having knowledge of the facts or competent to testify 399
concerning them in open court, so long as the power of attorney 400
was executed and acknowledged not later than the day of the 401
execution of the real property instrument. The supporting 402
affidavit shall include all of the following: 403

(1) The name of the person appearing by record to be the 404
owner of the property described in the real property instrument 405
executed by virtue of the power of attorney at the time of the 406
recording of the affidavit; 407

(2) The permanent parcel number of the property; 408

(3) The legal description of the property subject to the 409
real property instrument executed by virtue of the power of 410
attorney; 411

(4) The official record reference of the real property 412
instrument executed by virtue of the power of attorney; 413

(5) If the power of attorney that the affidavit 414
accompanies is a photocopy of the power of attorney, rather than 415
the original, a statement that the photocopy is a true and 416
accurate copy and a statement regarding why the original is not 417
being recorded. 418

(D) The county recorder shall record the supporting 419
affidavit in the official records, indexed by the name of the 420
current record owner. 421

(E) Notwithstanding any contrary provision set forth in 422
this section, a real property instrument executed by virtue of a 423
power of attorney that has been of record for a period of ten 424
years or more shall be presumed valid and of full force and 425
effect if the power of attorney has not been placed of record. 426

(F) The amendments to this section by S.B. 94 of the 135th 427
general assembly have no effect on the rights of a bona fide 428
purchaser for value who acquired those rights without actual 429
knowledge or constructive notice of the power of attorney, the 430
real property instrument executed by virtue of the power of 431
attorney, or an affidavit that meets the requirements of 432

division (C) of this section. 433

(G) The amendments to this section by S.B. 94 of the 135th 434
general assembly have no effect on the law of constructive 435
notice or chain of title analysis set forth in *Spring Lakes* 436
Ltd. v. O.F.M. Co., 12 Ohio St.3d 333 (1984); *Ohio Turnpike* 437
Commission v. Spellman Outdoor Advertising Services, LLC, 2010- 438
Ohio-1705; and *Spellman Outdoor Advertising Services, LLC v.* 439
Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, 2016-Ohio-7152. 440

(H) The amendments to this section by S.B. 94 of the 135th 441
general assembly shall be given retroactive effect to the 442
fullest extent permitted under Section 28 of Article II, Ohio 443
Constitution. The amendments to this section shall not be given 444
retroactive effect if to do so would affect any accrued 445
substantive right or vested rights in any person or in any real 446
property instrument. 447

Sec. 2329.02. Any judgment or decree rendered by any court 448
of general jurisdiction, including district courts of the United 449
States, within this state shall be a lien upon lands and 450
tenements of each judgment debtor within any county of this 451
state from the time there is filed in the office of the clerk of 452
the court of common pleas of such county a certificate of such 453
judgment, setting forth ~~the~~ all of the following: 454

(A) The court in which the same was rendered, ~~the;~~ 455

(B) The title and number of the action, ~~the;~~ 456

(C) The names of the judgment creditors and judgment 457
debtors, ~~the;~~ 458

(D) The last known address, without further inquiry or 459
investigation, that is not a post office box, of each judgment 460
debtor; 461

<u>(E) The amount of the judgment and costs,</u> the;	462
<u>(F) The rate of interest, if the judgment provides for</u>	463
interest, and the date from which such interest accrues,the;	464
<u>(G) The date of rendition of the judgment,</u> and the;	465
<u>(H) The volume and page, or instrument number, if any, of</u>	466
the journal entry thereof.	467
No such judgment or decree shall be a lien upon any lands,	468
whether or not situated within the county in which such judgment	469
is rendered, registered under sections 5309.02 to 5309.98,	470
inclusive, and 5310.01 to 5310.21, inclusive, of the Revised	471
Code, until a certificate under the hand and official seal of	472
the clerk of the court in which the same is entered or of	473
record, stating the date and purport of the judgment, giving the	474
number of the case, the full names of the parties, plaintiff and	475
defendant, <u>the last known address that is not a post office box</u>	476
<u>of each defendant,</u> and the volume and page, or instrument	477
<u>number,</u> of the journal or record in which it is entered, or a	478
certified copy of such judgment, stating such facts, is filed	479
and noted in the office of the county recorder of the county in	480
which the land is situated, and a memorial of the same is	481
entered upon the register of the last certificate of title to	482
the land to be affected.	483
Such certificate shall be made by the clerk of the court	484
in which the judgment was rendered, under the seal of said	485
court, upon the order of any person in whose favor such judgment	486
was rendered or upon the order of any person claiming under him	487
<u>a person in whose favor such judgment was rendered,</u> and shall be	488
delivered to the party so ordering the same; and the fee	489
therefor shall be taxed in the costs of the action.	490

When any such certificate is delivered to the clerk of the 491
court of common pleas of any county in this state, the same 492
shall be filed by such clerk, and ~~he~~the clerk shall docket and 493
index it under the names of the judgment creditors and the 494
judgment debtors in a judgment docket or similar record, which 495
shall show as to each judgment all of the matters set forth in 496
such certificate as required by this section. The fee for such 497
filing, docketing, and indexing shall be taxed as increased 498
costs of such judgment upon such judgment docket or similar 499
record and shall be included in the lien of the judgment. 500

When the clerk of any court, other than that rendering the 501
judgment, in whose office any such certificate is filed, has 502
docketed and indexed the same, ~~he~~the clerk shall indorse upon 503
such certificate the fact of such filing with the date thereof 504
and the volume and page of the docket entry of such certificate 505
and shall return the same so indorsed to the clerk of the court 506
in which the judgment was rendered, who shall note upon the 507
original docket the fact of the filing of said certificate, 508
showing the county in which the same was filed and the date of 509
such filing. When such certificate is filed, docketed, and 510
indexed in the office of the clerk of the court which rendered 511
the judgment, such clerk shall likewise indorse the certificate 512
and make like notation upon the original docket. 513

Each such judgment shall be deemed to have been rendered 514
in the county in which is kept the journal of the court 515
rendering the same, in which journal such judgment is entered. 516

Certificates or certified copies of judgments or decrees 517
of any courts of general jurisdiction, including district courts 518
of the United States, within this state, may be filed, 519
registered, noted, and memorials thereof entered, in the office 520

of the recorder of any county in which is situated land 521
registered under sections 5309.02 to 5309.98, ~~inclusive,~~ and 522
5310.01 to 5310.21, ~~inclusive,~~ of the Revised Code, for the 523
purpose of making such judgments liens upon such registered 524
land. 525

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code, 526
any judgment issued in a court of record may be transferred to 527
any other court of record. Any proceedings for collection may be 528
had on such judgment the same as if it had been issued by the 529
transferee court. 530

Sec. 4505.104. (A) A towing service or storage facility 531
that is in possession of a motor vehicle may obtain a 532
certificate of title to the vehicle as provided in division (B) 533
of this section if all of the following apply: 534

(1) The motor vehicle was towed or stored pursuant to 535
section 4513.60, 4513.61, or 4513.66 of the Revised Code. 536

(2) A search was made of the records of an applicable 537
entity listed in division (F)(1) of section 4513.601 of the 538
Revised Code to ascertain the identity of the owner and any 539
lienholder of the motor vehicle. 540

(3) Upon obtaining the identity in division (A)(2) of this 541
section, notice was sent to the last known address of the owner 542
and any lienholder, by certified or express mail with return 543
receipt requested, by certified mail with electronic tracking, 544
or by a commercial carrier service utilizing any form of 545
delivery requiring a signed receipt. The notice shall inform the 546
owner and lienholder that the towing service or storage facility 547
will obtain title to the motor vehicle if not claimed within 548
sixty days after the date the notice was received. 549

(4) The motor vehicle has been left unclaimed for sixty 550
days after one of the following: 551

(a) The date the notice sent under division (A) (3) of this 552
section was received, as evidenced by a receipt signed by any 553
person; 554

(b) The date the towing service or storage facility 555
received notification that the delivery of the notice sent under 556
division (A) (3) of this section was not possible. 557

(5) A sheriff, chief of a law enforcement agency, ~~or~~ state 558
highway patrol trooper, natural resources officer, or wildlife 559
officer, as applicable, has made a determination that the 560
vehicle or items in the vehicle are not necessary to a criminal 561
investigation. 562

(6) An agent of the towing service or storage facility 563
executes an affidavit, in a form established by the registrar of 564
motor vehicles not later than ninety days after September 30, 565
2021, affirming that conditions in divisions (A) (1) to (5) of 566
this section are met. 567

(B) The clerk of court shall issue a certificate of title, 568
free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to the towing 569
service or storage facility that presents an affidavit that 570
affirms that the conditions in divisions (A) (1) to (5) of this 571
section are met. 572

(C) After obtaining title to a motor vehicle under this 573
section, the towing service or storage facility shall retain any 574
money arising from the disposal of the vehicle. 575

(D) A towing service or storage facility that obtains 576
title to a motor vehicle under this section shall notify the 577
entity that ordered the motor vehicle into storage that the 578

motor vehicle has been so disposed. The towing service or 579
storage facility shall provide the notice on the last business 580
day of the month in which the service or facility obtained title 581
to the motor vehicle. 582

(E) As used in this section, ~~"towing"~~: 583

(1) "Towing service or storage facility" means any for- 584
hire motor carrier that removes a motor vehicle under the 585
authority of section 4513.60, 4513.61, or 4513.66 of the Revised 586
Code and any place to which such a for-hire motor carrier 587
delivers a motor vehicle towed under those sections. 588

(2) "Natural resources officer" means an officer appointed 589
pursuant to section 1501.24 of the Revised Code. 590

(3) "Wildlife officer" means an officer designated 591
pursuant to section 1531.13 of the Revised Code. 592

Sec. 4511.01. As used in this chapter and in Chapter 4513. 593
of the Revised Code: 594

(A) "Vehicle" means every device, including a motorized 595
bicycle and an electric bicycle, in, upon, or by which any 596
person or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway, 597
except that "vehicle" does not include any motorized wheelchair, 598
any electric personal assistive mobility device, any low-speed 599
micromobility device, any personal delivery device as defined in 600
section 4511.513 of the Revised Code, any device that is moved 601
by power collected from overhead electric trolley wires or that 602
is used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, or any 603
device, other than a bicycle, that is moved by human power. 604

(B) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle propelled or drawn 605
by power other than muscular power or power collected from 606
overhead electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, 607

electric bicycles, road rollers, traction engines, power 608
shovels, power cranes, and other equipment used in construction 609
work and not designed for or employed in general highway 610
transportation, hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, 611
ditch-digging machinery, farm machinery, and trailers designed 612
and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of 613
storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or 614
towed on a street or highway for a distance of no more than ten 615
miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less. 616

(C) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle, other than a 617
tractor, having a seat or saddle for the use of the operator and 618
designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with 619
the ground, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles known 620
as "motor-driven cycle," "motor scooter," "autocycle," "cab- 621
enclosed motorcycle," or "motorcycle" without regard to weight 622
or brake horsepower. 623

(D) "Emergency vehicle" means emergency vehicles of 624
municipal, township, or county departments or public utility 625
corporations when identified as such as required by law, the 626
director of public safety, or local authorities, and motor 627
vehicles when commandeered by a police officer. 628

(E) "Public safety vehicle" means any of the following: 629

(1) Ambulances, including private ambulance companies 630
under contract to a municipal corporation, township, or county, 631
and private ambulances and nontransport vehicles bearing license 632
plates issued under section 4503.49 of the Revised Code; 633

(2) Motor vehicles used by public law enforcement officers 634
or other persons sworn to enforce the criminal and traffic laws 635
of the state; 636

(3) Any motor vehicle when properly identified as required 637
by the director of public safety, when used in response to fire 638
emergency calls or to provide emergency medical service to ill 639
or injured persons, and when operated by a duly qualified person 640
who is a member of a volunteer rescue service or a volunteer 641
fire department, and who is on duty pursuant to the rules or 642
directives of that service. The state fire marshal shall be 643
designated by the director of public safety as the certifying 644
agency for all public safety vehicles described in division (E) 645
(3) of this section. 646

(4) Vehicles used by fire departments, including motor 647
vehicles when used by volunteer fire fighters responding to 648
emergency calls in the fire department service when identified 649
as required by the director of public safety. 650

Any vehicle used to transport or provide emergency medical 651
service to an ill or injured person, when certified as a public 652
safety vehicle, shall be considered a public safety vehicle when 653
transporting an ill or injured person to a hospital regardless 654
of whether such vehicle has already passed a hospital. 655

(5) Vehicles used by the motor carrier enforcement unit 656
for the enforcement of orders and rules of the public utilities 657
commission as specified in section 5503.34 of the Revised Code. 658

(F) "School bus" means every bus designed for carrying 659
more than nine passengers that is owned by a public, private, or 660
governmental agency or institution of learning and operated for 661
the transportation of children to or from a school session or a 662
school function, or owned by a private person and operated for 663
compensation for the transportation of children to or from a 664
school session or a school function, provided "school bus" does 665
not include a bus operated by a municipally owned transportation 666

system, a mass transit company operating exclusively within the 667
territorial limits of a municipal corporation, or within such 668
limits and the territorial limits of municipal corporations 669
immediately contiguous to such municipal corporation, nor a 670
common passenger carrier certified by the public utilities 671
commission unless such bus is devoted exclusively to the 672
transportation of children to and from a school session or a 673
school function, and "school bus" does not include a van or bus 674
used by a licensed child care center or type A family child care 675
home to transport children from the child care center or type A 676
family child care home to a school if the van or bus does not 677
have more than fifteen children in the van or bus at any time. 678

(G) "Bicycle" means every device, other than a device that 679
is designed solely for use as a play vehicle by a child, that is 680
propelled solely by human power upon which a person may ride, 681
and that has two or more wheels, any of which is more than 682
fourteen inches in diameter. 683

(H) "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" means any vehicle 684
having either two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and 685
two wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is 686
equipped with a helper motor of not more than fifty cubic 687
centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than one 688
brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a 689
speed of not greater than twenty miles per hour on a level 690
surface. "Motorized bicycle" or "moped" does not include an 691
electric bicycle. 692

(I) "Commercial tractor" means every motor vehicle having 693
motive power designed or used for drawing other vehicles and not 694
so constructed as to carry any load thereon, or designed or used 695
for drawing other vehicles while carrying a portion of such 696

other vehicles, or load thereon, or both. 697

(J) "Agricultural tractor" means every self-propelling 698
vehicle designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled 699
machinery but having no provision for carrying loads 700
independently of such other vehicles, and used principally for 701
agricultural purposes. 702

(K) "Truck" means every motor vehicle, except trailers and 703
semitrailers, designed and used to carry property. 704

(L) "Bus" means every motor vehicle designed for carrying 705
more than nine passengers and used for the transportation of 706
persons other than in a ridesharing arrangement, and every motor 707
vehicle, automobile for hire, or funeral car, other than a 708
taxicab or motor vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement, 709
designed and used for the transportation of persons for 710
compensation. 711

(M) "Trailer" means every vehicle designed or used for 712
carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure and for 713
being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any such vehicle when 714
formed by or operated as a combination of a "semitrailer" and a 715
vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly known as a 716
"trailer dolly," a vehicle used to transport agricultural 717
produce or agricultural production materials between a local 718
place of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a 719
street or highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per 720
hour, and a vehicle designed and used exclusively to transport a 721
boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a 722
marina, when drawn or towed on a street or highway for a 723
distance of more than ten miles or at a speed of more than 724
twenty-five miles per hour. 725

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

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

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

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

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

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

(T) "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical mixture that is intended for the purpose of producing an explosion that contains any oxidizing and combustible units or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities, or packing that an ignition by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or by a detonator of any part of the compound or

mixture may cause such a sudden generation of highly heated 755
gases that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of 756
producing destructive effects on contiguous objects, or of 757
destroying life or limb. Manufactured articles shall not be held 758
to be explosives when the individual units contain explosives in 759
such limited quantities, of such nature, or in such packing, 760
that it is impossible to procure a simultaneous or a destructive 761
explosion of such units, to the injury of life, limb, or 762
property by fire, by friction, by concussion, by percussion, or 763
by a detonator, such as fixed ammunition for small arms, 764
firecrackers, or safety fuse matches. 765

(U) "Flammable liquid" means any liquid that has a flash 766
point of seventy degrees fahrenheit, or less, as determined by a 767
tagliabue or equivalent closed cup test device. 768

(V) "Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle plus the 769
weight of any load thereon. 770

(W) "Person" means every natural person, firm, co- 771
partnership, association, or corporation. 772

(X) "Pedestrian" means any natural person afoot. 773
"Pedestrian" includes a personal delivery device as defined in 774
section 4511.513 of the Revised Code unless the context clearly 775
suggests otherwise. 776

(Y) "Driver or operator" means every person who drives or 777
is in actual physical control of a vehicle, trackless trolley, 778
or streetcar. 779

(Z) "Police officer" means every officer authorized to 780
direct or regulate traffic, or to make arrests for violations of 781
traffic regulations. 782

(AA) "Local authorities" means every county, municipal, 783

and other local board or body having authority to adopt police regulations under the constitution and laws of this state. 784
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(BB) "Street" or "highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public as a thoroughfare for purposes of vehicular travel. 786
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(CC) "Controlled-access highway" means every street or highway in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same except at such points only and in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such street or highway. 789
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(DD) "Private road or driveway" means every way or place in private ownership used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission from the owner but not by other persons. 795
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(EE) "Roadway" means that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, except the berm or shoulder. If a highway includes two or more separate roadways the term "roadway" means any such roadway separately but not all such roadways collectively. 799
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(FF) "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines, intended for the use of pedestrians. 804
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(GG) "Laned highway" means a highway the roadway of which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic. 807
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(HH) "Through highway" means every street or highway as provided in section 4511.65 of the Revised Code. 810
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(II) "State highway" means a highway under the 812
jurisdiction of the department of transportation, outside the 813
limits of municipal corporations, provided that the authority 814
conferred upon the director of transportation in section 5511.01 815
of the Revised Code to erect state highway route markers and 816
signs directing traffic shall not be modified by sections 817
4511.01 to 4511.79 and 4511.99 of the Revised Code. 818

(JJ) "State route" means every highway that is designated 819
with an official state route number and so marked. 820

(KK) "Intersection" means: 821

(1) The area embraced within the prolongation or 822
connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, the lateral 823
boundary lines of the roadways of two highways that join one 824
another at, or approximately at, right angles, or the area 825
within which vehicles traveling upon different highways that 826
join at any other angle might come into conflict. The junction 827
of an alley or driveway with a roadway or highway does not 828
constitute an intersection unless the roadway or highway at the 829
junction is controlled by a traffic control device. 830

(2) If a highway includes two roadways that are thirty 831
feet or more apart, then every crossing of each roadway of such 832
divided highway by an intersecting highway constitutes a 833
separate intersection. If both intersecting highways include two 834
roadways thirty feet or more apart, then every crossing of any 835
two roadways of such highways constitutes a separate 836
intersection. 837

(3) At a location controlled by a traffic control signal, 838
regardless of the distance between the separate intersections as 839
described in division (KK) (2) of this section: 840

(a) If a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk has not been 841
designated on the roadway within the median between the separate 842
intersections, the two intersections and the roadway and median 843
constitute one intersection. 844

(b) Where a stop line, yield line, or crosswalk line is 845
designated on the roadway on the intersection approach, the area 846
within the crosswalk and any area beyond the designated stop 847
line or yield line constitute part of the intersection. 848

(c) Where a crosswalk is designated on a roadway on the 849
departure from the intersection, the intersection includes the 850
area that extends to the far side of the crosswalk. 851

(LL) "Crosswalk" means: 852

(1) That part of a roadway at intersections ordinarily 853
included within the real or projected prolongation of property 854
lines and curb lines or, in the absence of curbs, the edges of 855
the traversable roadway; 856

(2) Any portion of a roadway at an intersection or 857
elsewhere, distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines 858
or other markings on the surface; 859

(3) Notwithstanding divisions (LL) (1) and (2) of this 860
section, there shall not be a crosswalk where local authorities 861
have placed signs indicating no crossing. 862

(MM) "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set 863
apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and 864
protected or marked or indicated by adequate signs as to be 865
plainly visible at all times. 866

(NN) "Business district" means the territory fronting upon 867
a street or highway, including the street or highway, between 868

successive intersections within municipal corporations where 869
fifty per cent or more of the frontage between such successive 870
intersections is occupied by buildings in use for business, or 871
within or outside municipal corporations where fifty per cent or 872
more of the frontage for a distance of three hundred feet or 873
more is occupied by buildings in use for business, and the 874
character of such territory is indicated by official traffic 875
control devices. 876

(OO) "Residence district" means the territory, not 877
comprising a business district, fronting on a street or highway, 878
including the street or highway, where, for a distance of three 879
hundred feet or more, the frontage is improved with residences 880
or residences and buildings in use for business. 881

(PP) "Urban district" means the territory contiguous to 882
and including any street or highway which is built up with 883
structures devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses 884
situated at intervals of less than one hundred feet for a 885
distance of a quarter of a mile or more, and the character of 886
such territory is indicated by official traffic control devices. 887

(QQ) "Traffic control device" means a flagger, sign, 888
signal, marking, or other device used to regulate, warn, or 889
guide traffic, placed on, over, or adjacent to a street, 890
highway, private road open to public travel, pedestrian 891
facility, or shared-use path by authority of a public agency or 892
official having jurisdiction, or, in the case of a private road 893
open to public travel, by authority of the private owner or 894
private official having jurisdiction. 895

(RR) "Traffic control signal" means any highway traffic 896
signal by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and 897
permitted to proceed. 898

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(XX) "Alley" means a street or highway intended to provide

access to the rear or side of lots or buildings in urban 928
districts and not intended for the purpose of through vehicular 929
traffic, and includes any street or highway that has been 930
declared an "alley" by the legislative authority of the 931
municipal corporation in which such street or highway is 932
located. 933

(YY) "Freeway" means a divided multi-lane highway for 934
through traffic with all crossroads separated in grade and with 935
full control of access. 936

(ZZ) "Expressway" means a divided arterial highway for 937
through traffic with full or partial control of access with an 938
excess of fifty per cent of all crossroads separated in grade. 939

(AAA) "Thruway" means a through highway whose entire 940
roadway is reserved for through traffic and on which roadway 941
parking is prohibited. 942

(BBB) "Stop intersection" means any intersection at one or 943
more entrances of which stop signs are erected. 944

(CCC) "Arterial street" means any United States or state 945
numbered route, controlled access highway, or other major radial 946
or circumferential street or highway designated by local 947
authorities within their respective jurisdictions as part of a 948
major arterial system of streets or highways. 949

(DDD) "Ridesharing arrangement" means the transportation 950
of persons in a motor vehicle where such transportation is 951
incidental to another purpose of a volunteer driver and includes 952
ridesharing arrangements known as carpools, vanpools, and 953
buspools. 954

(EEE) "Motorized wheelchair" means any self-propelled 955
vehicle designed for, and used by, a person with a disability 956

and that is incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per 957
hour. 958

(FFF) "Child care center" and "type A family child care 959
home" have the same meanings as in section 5104.01 of the 960
Revised Code. 961

(GGG) "Multi-wheel agricultural tractor" means a type of 962
agricultural tractor that has two or more wheels or tires on 963
each side of one axle at the rear of the tractor, is designed or 964
used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery, has no 965
provision for carrying loads independently of the drawn vehicles 966
or machinery, and is used principally for agricultural purposes. 967

(HHH) "Operate" means to cause or have caused movement of 968
a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley. 969

(III) "Predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense" means 970
any of the following: 971

(1) A violation of section 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 972
4511.132, 4511.16, 4511.20, 4511.201, 4511.21, 4511.211, 973
4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 974
4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 975
4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 976
4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.432, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 977
4511.452, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.48, 4511.481, 4511.49, 4511.50, 978
4511.511, 4511.522, 4511.53, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.56, 4511.57, 979
4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.66, 4511.661, 980
4511.68, 4511.70, 4511.701, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 981
4511.713, 4511.72, 4511.73, 4511.763, 4511.771, 4511.78, or 982
4511.84 of the Revised Code; 983

(2) A violation of division (A)(2) of section 4511.17, 984
divisions (A) to (D) of section 4511.51, or division (A) of 985

section 4511.74 of the Revised Code;	986
(3) A violation of any provision of sections 4511.01 to 4511.76 of the Revised Code for which no penalty otherwise is provided in the section that contains the provision violated;	987 988 989
(4) A violation of section 4511.214 of the Revised Code;	990
(5) A violation of a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to any section or provision set forth or described in division (III) (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section.	991 992 993 994
(JJJ) "Road service vehicle" means wreckers, utility repair vehicles, and state, county, and municipal service vehicles equipped with visual signals by means of flashing, rotating, or oscillating lights.	995 996 997 998
(KKK) "Beacon" means a highway traffic signal with one or more signal sections that operate in a flashing mode.	999 1000
(LLL) "Hybrid beacon" means a type of beacon that is intentionally placed in a dark mode between periods of operation where no indications are displayed and, when in operation, displays both steady and flashing traffic control signal indications.	1001 1002 1003 1004 1005
(MMM) "Highway traffic signal" means a power-operated traffic control device by which traffic is warned or directed to take some specific action. "Highway traffic signal" does not include a power-operated sign, steadily illuminated pavement marker, warning light, or steady burning electric lamp.	1006 1007 1008 1009 1010
(NNN) "Median" means the area between two roadways of a divided highway, measured from edge of traveled way to edge of traveled way, but excluding turn lanes. The width of a median	1011 1012 1013

may be different between intersections, between interchanges, 1014
and at opposite approaches of the same intersection. 1015

(OOO) "Private road open to public travel" means a private 1016
toll road or road, including any adjacent sidewalks that 1017
generally run parallel to the road, within a shopping center, 1018
airport, sports arena, or other similar business or recreation 1019
facility that is privately owned but where the public is allowed 1020
to travel without access restrictions. "Private road open to 1021
public travel" includes a gated toll road but does not include a 1022
road within a private gated property where access is restricted 1023
at all times, a parking area, a driving aisle within a parking 1024
area, or a private grade crossing. 1025

(PPP) "Shared-use path" means a bikeway outside the 1026
traveled way and physically separated from motorized vehicular 1027
traffic by an open space or barrier and either within the 1028
highway right-of-way or within an independent alignment. A 1029
shared-use path also may be used by pedestrians, including 1030
skaters, joggers, users of manual and motorized wheelchairs, and 1031
other authorized motorized and non-motorized users. A shared-use 1032
path does not include any trail that is intended to be used 1033
primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other 1034
similar uses, or any other single track or natural surface trail 1035
that has historically been reserved for nonmotorized use. 1036

(QQQ) "Highway maintenance vehicle" means a vehicle used 1037
in snow and ice removal or road surface maintenance, including a 1038
snow plow, traffic line striper, road sweeper, mowing machine, 1039
asphalt distributing vehicle, or other such vehicle designed for 1040
use in specific highway maintenance activities. 1041

(RRR) "Waste collection vehicle" means a vehicle used in 1042
the collection of garbage, refuse, trash, or recyclable 1043

materials. 1044

(SSS) "Electric bicycle" means a "class 1 electric bicycle," a "class 2 electric bicycle," or a "class 3 electric bicycle" as defined in this section. 1045
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(TTT) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour. 1048
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(UUU) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that may provide assistance regardless of whether the rider is pedaling and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty miles per hour. 1053
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(VVV) "Class 3 electric bicycle" means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty watts that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight miles per hour. 1059
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(WWW) "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. 1065
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(XXX) "Natural resources officer" means an officer appointed pursuant to section 1501.24 of the Revised Code. 1070
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(YYY) "Wildlife officer" means an officer designated 1072

pursuant to section 1531.13 of the Revised Code. 1073

Sec. 4513.61. (A) The sheriff of a county or chief of a 1074
law enforcement agency of a municipal corporation, township, 1075
port authority, conservancy district, university campus police 1076
department, park district police force, or township or joint 1077
police district, within the sheriff's or chief's respective 1078
territorial jurisdiction, or a state highway patrol trooper, 1079
natural resources officer, or wildlife officer, upon 1080
notification to the sheriff ~~or,~~ chief, or department of natural 1081
resources, as applicable, of such action and of the location of 1082
the place of storage, may order into storage any motor vehicle, 1083
including an abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined in section 1084
4513.63 of the Revised Code, that: 1085

(1) Has come into the possession of the sheriff, chief, ~~or~~ 1086
state highway patrol trooper, or officer as a result of the 1087
performance of the sheriff's, chief's, ~~or~~ trooper's, or 1088
officer's duties; or 1089

(2) Has been left on a public street or other property 1090
open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel, or upon or 1091
within the right-of-way of any road or highway, for forty-eight 1092
hours or longer without notification to the sheriff ~~or,~~ chief, 1093
or department of the reasons for leaving the motor vehicle in 1094
such place. However, when such a motor vehicle constitutes an 1095
obstruction to traffic it may be ordered into storage 1096
immediately unless either of the following applies: 1097

(a) The vehicle was involved in an accident and is subject 1098
to section 4513.66 of the Revised Code; 1099

(b) The vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle. If the 1100
vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, the sheriff, chief, ~~or~~ 1101

~~state highway patrol trooper, or officer~~ shall allow the owner 1102
or operator of the vehicle the opportunity to arrange for the 1103
removal of the motor vehicle within a period of time specified 1104
by the sheriff, chief, ~~or state highway patrol trooper, or~~ 1105
officer. If the sheriff, chief, ~~or state highway patrol trooper,~~ 1106
or officer determines that the vehicle cannot be removed within 1107
the specified period of time, the sheriff, chief, ~~or state~~ 1108
~~highway patrol trooper, or officer~~ shall order the removal of 1109
the vehicle. 1110

Subject to division (C) of this section, the sheriff ~~or,~~ 1111
chief, or department shall designate the place of storage of any 1112
motor vehicle so ordered removed. 1113

(B) If the sheriff, chief, ~~or a state highway patrol~~ 1114
~~trooper, or officer~~ issues an order under division (A) of this 1115
section and arranges for the removal of a motor vehicle by a 1116
towing service, the towing service shall deliver the motor 1117
vehicle to the location designated by the sheriff ~~or,~~ chief, or 1118
department not more than two hours after the time it is removed. 1119

(C) (1) The sheriff ~~or,~~ chief, or department shall cause a 1120
search to be made of the records of an applicable entity listed 1121
in division (F) (1) of section 4513.601 of the Revised Code to 1122
ascertain the identity of the owner and any lienholder of a 1123
motor vehicle ordered into storage by the sheriff ~~or,~~ chief, or 1124
~~by a state highway patrol trooper, or officer~~ within five 1125
business days of the removal of the vehicle. Upon obtaining such 1126
identity, the sheriff ~~or,~~ chief, or department shall send or 1127
cause to be sent to the owner ~~or and any~~ lienholder at the 1128
owner's ~~or and any~~ lienholder's last known address by certified 1129
or express mail with return receipt requested, by certified mail 1130
with electronic tracking, or by a commercial carrier service 1131

utilizing any form of delivery requiring a signed receipt. The 1132
notice shall inform the owner ~~or~~ and any lienholder that the 1133
motor vehicle will be declared a nuisance and disposed of if not 1134
claimed within ten days of the date of the sending of the 1135
notice. 1136

(2) The owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle may 1137
reclaim the motor vehicle upon payment of any expenses or 1138
charges incurred in its removal and storage, and presentation of 1139
proof of ownership, which may be evidenced by a certificate of 1140
title or memorandum certificate of title to the motor vehicle, a 1141
certificate of registration for the motor vehicle, or a lease 1142
agreement. Upon presentation of proof of ownership evidenced as 1143
provided above, the owner of the motor vehicle also may retrieve 1144
any personal items from the vehicle without retrieving the 1145
vehicle and without paying any fee. However, a towing service or 1146
storage facility may charge an after-hours retrieval fee 1147
established by the public utilities commission in rules adopted 1148
under section 4921.25 of the Revised Code if the owner retrieves 1149
the personal items after hours, unless the towing service or 1150
storage facility fails to provide the notice required under 1151
division (B) (3) of section 4513.69 of the Revised Code, if 1152
applicable. However, the owner shall not do either of the 1153
following: 1154

(a) Retrieve any personal item that has been determined by 1155
the sheriff, chief, ~~or a state highway patrol trooper,~~ or 1156
officer, as applicable, to be necessary to a criminal 1157
investigation; 1158

(b) Retrieve any personal item from a vehicle if it would 1159
endanger the safety of the owner, unless the owner agrees to 1160
sign a waiver of liability. 1161

For purposes of division (C) (2) of this section, "personal items" do not include any items that are attached to the vehicle.

(3) If the owner or lienholder of the motor vehicle reclaims it after a search of the applicable records has been conducted and after notice has been sent to the owner ~~or~~ and any lienholder as described in this section, and the search was conducted by the place of storage, and the notice was sent to the motor vehicle owner by the place of storage, the owner or lienholder shall pay to the place of storage a processing fee of twenty-five dollars, in addition to any expenses or charges incurred in the removal and storage of the vehicle.

(D) If the owner or lienholder makes no claim to the motor vehicle within ten days of the date of sending the notice, and if the vehicle is to be disposed of at public auction as provided in section 4513.62 of the Revised Code, the sheriff ~~or~~ , chief, or department, without charge to any party, shall file with the clerk of courts of the county in which the place of storage is located an affidavit showing compliance with the requirements of this section. Upon presentation of the affidavit, the clerk, without charge, shall issue a salvage certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, to the sheriff ~~or~~ , chief, or department. If the vehicle is to be disposed of to a motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility as provided in section 4513.62 of the Revised Code, the sheriff ~~or~~ , chief, or department shall execute in triplicate an affidavit, as prescribed by the registrar of motor vehicles, describing the motor vehicle and the manner in which it was disposed of, and that all requirements of this section have been complied with. The sheriff ~~or~~ , chief, or department shall retain the original of the affidavit for the sheriff's ~~or~~

, chief's, or department's records, and shall furnish two copies 1193
to the motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility. Upon 1194
presentation of a copy of the affidavit by the motor vehicle 1195
salvage dealer, the clerk of courts, within thirty days of the 1196
presentation, shall issue a salvage certificate of title, free 1197
and clear of all liens and encumbrances. 1198

(E) Whenever a motor vehicle salvage dealer or other 1199
facility receives an affidavit for the disposal of a motor 1200
vehicle as provided in this section, the dealer or facility 1201
shall not be required to obtain an Ohio certificate of title to 1202
the motor vehicle in the dealer's or facility's own name if the 1203
vehicle is dismantled or destroyed and both copies of the 1204
affidavit are delivered to the clerk of courts. 1205

(F) No towing service or storage facility shall fail to 1206
comply with this section. 1207

Sec. 4513.62. An unclaimed motor vehicle ordered into 1208
storage pursuant to division (A) (1) of section 4513.60 or 1209
section 4513.61 of the Revised Code is subject to one of the 1210
following: 1211

(A) The sheriff of the county or the chief of a law 1212
enforcement agency of the municipal corporation, township, port 1213
authority, conservancy district, university campus police 1214
department, park district police force, or township or joint 1215
police district, or the department of natural resources may 1216
dispose of it with a motor vehicle salvage dealer or scrap metal 1217
processing facility as defined in section 4737.05 of the Revised 1218
Code, or with any other facility owned by or under contract with 1219
the county, municipal corporation, port authority, conservancy 1220
district, university campus, park district, ~~or~~ township, or 1221
department for the disposal of such motor vehicles. 1222

(B) The sheriff, chief, department, or a licensed 1223
auctioneer may sell the motor vehicle at public auction, after 1224
giving notice thereof by advertisement, published once a week 1225
for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation 1226
in the county or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised 1227
Code. 1228

(C) A towing service or storage facility may obtain title 1229
to the motor vehicle in accordance with section 4505.104 of the 1230
Revised Code. 1231

~~Any moneys—~~(D) (1) Except as provided in division (D) (2) of 1232
this section, money accrued pursuant to division (A) or (B) of 1233
this section that are in excess of the expenses resulting from 1234
the removal and storage of the vehicle shall be credited to the 1235
general fund of the county, municipal corporation, port 1236
authority, township, conservancy district, university campus, 1237
park district, or joint police district, as the case may be. 1238

(2) Any money accrued by the department of natural 1239
resources pursuant to division (A) or (B) of this section that 1240
is in excess of the expenses resulting from the removal and 1241
storage of the vehicle shall be credited as follows: 1242

(a) To the wildlife fund created under section 1531.17 of 1243
the Revised Code if the unclaimed motor vehicle was removed from 1244
property under the control or jurisdiction of the division of 1245
wildlife; 1246

(b) To the state park fund created under section 1546.21 1247
of the Revised Code if the unclaimed motor vehicle was removed 1248
from property under the control or jurisdiction of the 1249
department of natural resources other than property under the 1250
control or jurisdiction of the division of wildlife. 1251

Sec. 4513.63. ~~"Abandoned~~ As used in this section, 1252
"abandoned junk motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle meeting 1253
all of the following requirements: 1254

~~(A)~~ (1) Left on private property for forty-eight hours or 1255
longer without the permission of the person having the right to 1256
the possession of the property, on a public street or other 1257
property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or 1258
parking, or upon or within the right-of-way of any road or 1259
highway, for forty-eight hours or longer; 1260

~~(B)~~ (2) Three years old, or older; 1261

~~(C)~~ (3) Extensively damaged, such damage including but not 1262
limited to any of the following: missing wheels, tires, motor, 1263
or transmission; 1264

~~(D)~~ (4) Apparently inoperable; 1265

~~(E)~~ (5) Having a fair market value of one thousand five 1266
hundred dollars or less. 1267

(B) The sheriff of a county or chief of a law enforcement 1268
agency of a municipal corporation, township, port authority, 1269
conservancy district, university campus police department, park 1270
district police force, or township or joint police district, 1271
within the sheriff's or chief's respective territorial 1272
jurisdiction, or a state highway patrol trooper, natural 1273
resources officer, or wildlife officer, upon notification to the 1274
sheriff ~~or,~~ chief, or department of natural resources of such 1275
action, shall order any abandoned junk motor vehicle to be 1276
photographed by a law enforcement officer. The officer shall 1277
record the make of motor vehicle, the serial number when 1278
available, and shall also detail the damage or missing equipment 1279
to substantiate the value of one thousand five hundred dollars 1280

or less. The sheriff ~~or~~, chief, or department shall thereupon 1281
immediately dispose of the abandoned junk motor vehicle to a 1282
motor vehicle salvage dealer as defined in section 4738.01 of 1283
the Revised Code or a scrap metal processing facility as defined 1284
in section 4737.05 of the Revised Code which is under contract 1285
to the county, township, port authority, conservancy district, 1286
university campus, park district, or municipal corporation, or 1287
department, or to any other facility owned by or under contract 1288
with the county, township, port authority, conservancy district, 1289
university campus, park district, or municipal corporation, or 1290
department for the destruction of such motor vehicles. The 1291
records and photograph relating to the abandoned junk motor 1292
vehicle shall be retained by the law enforcement agency or 1293
department ordering the disposition of such vehicle for a period 1294
of at least two years. The law enforcement agency or department 1295
shall execute in quadruplicate an affidavit, as prescribed by 1296
the registrar of motor vehicles, describing the motor vehicle 1297
and the manner in which it was disposed of, and that all 1298
requirements of this section have been complied with, and, 1299
within thirty days of disposing of the vehicle, shall sign and 1300
file the affidavit with the clerk of courts of the county in 1301
which the motor vehicle was abandoned. The clerk of courts shall 1302
retain the original of the affidavit for the clerk's files, 1303
shall furnish one copy thereof to the registrar, one copy to the 1304
motor vehicle salvage dealer or other facility handling the 1305
disposal of the vehicle, and one copy to the law enforcement 1306
agency or department ordering the disposal, who shall file such 1307
copy with the records and photograph relating to the disposal. 1308
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(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 1310
section, any money arising from the disposal of an abandoned 1311

junk motor vehicle shall be deposited in the general fund of the 1312
county, township, port authority, conservancy district, 1313
university campus, park district, or the municipal corporation, 1314
as the case may be. 1315

(2) Any money arising from the disposal of an abandoned 1316
junk motor vehicle by the department of natural resources shall 1317
be deposited as follows: 1318

(a) To the wildlife fund created under section 1531.17 of 1319
the Revised Code if the abandoned junk motor vehicle was removed 1320
from property under the control or jurisdiction of the division 1321
of wildlife; 1322

(b) To the state park fund created under section 1546.21 1323
of the Revised Code if the abandoned junk motor vehicle was 1324
removed from property under the control or jurisdiction of the 1325
department of natural resources other than property under the 1326
control or jurisdiction of the division of wildlife. 1327

(D) Notwithstanding section 4513.61 of the Revised Code, 1328
any motor vehicle meeting the requirements of divisions ~~(C),~~ 1329
~~(D), and (E)~~ (A) (3), (4), and (5) of this section which has 1330
remained unclaimed by the owner or lienholder for a period of 1331
ten days or longer following notification as provided in section 1332
4513.61 of the Revised Code may be disposed of as provided in 1333
this section. 1334

Sec. 4513.64. (A) No person shall willfully leave an 1335
abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined in section 4513.63 of 1336
the Revised Code on private property for more than seventy-two 1337
hours without the permission of the person having the right to 1338
the possession of the property, or on a public street or other 1339
property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or 1340

parking, or upon or within the right-of-way of any road or 1341
highway, for forty-eight hours or longer without notification to 1342
the sheriff of the county or chief of a law enforcement agency 1343
of the municipal corporation, township, port authority, 1344
conservancy district, university campus police department, park 1345
district police force, or township or joint police district, or 1346
to the department of natural resources of the reasons for 1347
leaving the motor vehicle in such place. 1348

For purposes of this section, the fact that a motor 1349
vehicle has been so left without permission or notification is 1350
prima-facie evidence of abandonment. 1351

Nothing contained in sections 4513.60, 4513.61, and 1352
4513.63 of the Revised Code shall invalidate the provisions of 1353
municipal ordinances or township resolutions regulating or 1354
prohibiting the abandonment of motor vehicles on streets, 1355
highways, public property, or private property within municipal 1356
corporations or townships. 1357

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 1358
misdemeanor and shall also be assessed any costs incurred by the 1359
county, township, joint police district, port authority, 1360
conservancy district, university campus, park district, ~~or~~ 1361
municipal corporation, or department in disposing of the 1362
abandoned junk motor vehicle that is the basis of the violation, 1363
less any money accruing to the county, township, joint police 1364
district, port authority, conservancy district, university 1365
campus, park district, ~~or~~ municipal corporation, or department 1366
from this disposal of the vehicle. 1367

Sec. 4513.65. (A) For purposes of this section, "junk 1368
motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle meeting the requirements 1369
of divisions ~~(B), (C), (D), and (E)~~ (A) (2), (3), (4), and (5) of 1370

section 4513.63 of the Revised Code that is left uncovered in 1371
the open on private property for more than seventy-two hours 1372
with the permission of the person having the right to the 1373
possession of the property, except if the person is operating a 1374
junk yard or scrap metal processing facility licensed under 1375
authority of sections 4737.05 to 4737.12 of the Revised Code, or 1376
regulated under authority of a political subdivision; or if the 1377
property on which the motor vehicle is left is not subject to 1378
licensure or regulation by any governmental authority, unless 1379
the person having the right to the possession of the property 1380
can establish that the motor vehicle is part of a bona fide 1381
commercial operation; or if the motor vehicle is a collector's 1382
vehicle. 1383

No political subdivision shall prevent a person from 1384
storing or keeping, or restrict a person in the method of 1385
storing or keeping, any collector's vehicle on private property 1386
with the permission of the person having the right to the 1387
possession of the property; except that a political subdivision 1388
may require a person having such permission to conceal, by means 1389
of buildings, fences, vegetation, terrain, or other suitable 1390
obstruction, any unlicensed collector's vehicle stored in the 1391
open. 1392

The sheriff of a county, or chief of a law enforcement 1393
agency of a municipal corporation or port authority, or 1394
conservancy district within the sheriff's or chief's respective 1395
territorial jurisdiction, a state highway patrol trooper, a 1396
natural resources officer, a wildlife officer, a board of 1397
township trustees, the legislative authority of a municipal 1398
corporation or port authority, or the zoning authority of a 1399
township or a municipal corporation, may send notice, by 1400
certified mail with return receipt requested, to the person 1401

having the right to the possession of the property on which a 1402
junk motor vehicle is left, that within ten days of receipt of 1403
the notice, the junk motor vehicle either shall be covered by 1404
being housed in a garage or other suitable structure, or shall 1405
be removed from the property. 1406

No person shall willfully leave a junk motor vehicle 1407
uncovered in the open for more than ten days after receipt of a 1408
notice as provided in this section. The fact that a junk motor 1409
vehicle is so left is prima-facie evidence of willful failure to 1410
comply with the notice, and each subsequent period of thirty 1411
days that a junk motor vehicle continues to be so left 1412
constitutes a separate offense. 1413

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor 1414
misdemeanor. 1415

Sec. 4513.66. (A) If a motor vehicle accident occurs on 1416
any highway, public street, or other property open to the public 1417
for purposes of vehicular travel and if any motor vehicle, 1418
cargo, or personal property that has been damaged or spilled as 1419
a result of the motor vehicle accident is blocking the highway, 1420
street, or other property or is otherwise endangering public 1421
safety, a public safety official may do either of the following 1422
without the consent of the owner but with the approval of the 1423
law enforcement agency conducting any investigation of the 1424
accident: 1425

(1) Remove, or order the removal of, the motor vehicle if 1426
the motor vehicle is unoccupied, cargo, or personal property 1427
from the portion of the highway, public street, or property 1428
ordinarily used for vehicular travel on the highway, public 1429
street, or other property open to the public for purposes of 1430
vehicular travel. 1431

(2) If the motor vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle, 1432
allow the owner or operator of the vehicle the opportunity to 1433
arrange for the removal of the motor vehicle within a period of 1434
time specified by the public safety official. If the public 1435
safety official determines that the motor vehicle cannot be 1436
removed within the specified period of time, the public safety 1437
official shall remove or order the removal of the motor vehicle. 1438

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 1439
section, the department of transportation, any employee of the 1440
department of transportation, or a public safety official who 1441
authorizes or participates in the removal of any unoccupied 1442
motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property as authorized by 1443
division (A) of this section, regardless of whether the removal 1444
is executed by a private towing service, is not liable for civil 1445
damages for any injury, death, or loss to person or property 1446
that results from the removal of that unoccupied motor vehicle, 1447
cargo, or personal property. Further, except as provided in 1448
division (B) (2) of this section, if a public safety official 1449
authorizes, employs, or arranges to have a private towing 1450
service remove any unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal 1451
property as authorized by division (A) of this section, that 1452
private towing service is not liable for civil damages for any 1453
injury, death, or loss to person or property that results from 1454
the removal of that unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal 1455
property. 1456

(2) Division (B) (1) of this section does not apply to any 1457
of the following: 1458

(a) Any person or entity involved in the removal of an 1459
unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property pursuant 1460
to division (A) of this section if that removal causes or 1461

contributes to the release of a hazardous material or to 1462
structural damage to the roadway; 1463

(b) A private towing service that was not authorized, 1464
employed, or arranged by a public safety official to remove an 1465
unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property under this 1466
section; 1467

(c) Except as provided in division (B) (2) (d) of this 1468
section, a private towing service that was authorized, employed, 1469
or arranged by a public safety official to perform the removal 1470
of the unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property but 1471
the private towing service performed the removal in a negligent 1472
manner; 1473

(d) A private towing service that was authorized, 1474
employed, or arranged by a public safety official to perform the 1475
removal of the unoccupied motor vehicle, cargo, or personal 1476
property that was endangering public safety but the private 1477
towing service performed the removal in a reckless manner. 1478

(C) As used in this section: 1479

(1) "Public safety official" means any of the following: 1480

(a) The sheriff of the county, or the chief of a law 1481
enforcement agency in the municipal corporation, township, port 1482
authority, conservancy district, university campus police 1483
department, park district police force, or township or joint 1484
police district, in which the accident occurred; 1485

(b) A state highway patrol trooper; 1486

(c) The chief of the fire department having jurisdiction 1487
where the accident occurred; 1488

(d) A duly authorized subordinate acting on behalf of an 1489

official specified in divisions (C) (1) (a) to (c) of this 1490
section; 1491

(e) A natural resources officer or a wildlife officer. 1492

(2) "Hazardous material" has the same meaning as in 1493
section 2305.232 of the Revised Code. 1494

Sec. 4513.69. (A) A storage facility shall ensure that the 1495
facility remains open during both of the following periods of 1496
time to allow a vehicle owner or lienholder to retrieve a 1497
vehicle in the possession of the storage facility: 1498

(1) Any time during which a towing service is towing a 1499
vehicle pursuant to section 4513.601 of the Revised Code and the 1500
vehicle will be held by the storage facility; 1501

(2) Between nine o'clock in the morning and noon on the 1502
day after any day during which the storage facility accepted for 1503
storage a vehicle towed under section 4513.60, 4513.601, or 1504
4513.61 of the Revised Code. 1505

(B) (1) A storage facility that accepts for storage 1506
vehicles towed under section 4513.60, 4513.601, or 4513.61 of 1507
the Revised Code shall ensure that a notice is conspicuously 1508
posted at the entrance to the storage facility that states the 1509
telephone number at which the owner or lienholder of a vehicle 1510
may contact the owner or a representative of the storage 1511
facility for the purpose of determining whether the person may 1512
retrieve a vehicle or personal items when the storage facility 1513
is closed. The storage facility also shall provide that 1514
telephone number to the sheriff of a county or chief of a law 1515
enforcement agency of a municipal corporation, township, port 1516
authority, conservancy district, or township or joint police 1517
district, or the department of natural resources, as applicable. 1518

The storage facility shall ensure that a process is in place for 1519
purposes of answering calls at all times day or night. 1520

(2) After receiving a call from the owner or lienholder of 1521
a vehicle who seeks to recover a vehicle that was towed pursuant 1522
to section 4513.601 of the Revised Code, the storage facility 1523
shall ensure that, within three hours of receiving the phone 1524
call, a representative of the storage facility is available to 1525
release the vehicle upon being presented with proof of ownership 1526
of the vehicle, which may be evidenced by a certificate of title 1527
to the vehicle, a certificate of registration for the motor 1528
vehicle, or a lease agreement, and payment of an after-hours 1529
vehicle retrieval fee established under section 4921.25 of the 1530
Revised Code along with all other applicable fees. 1531

(3) If a storage facility receives a call from a person 1532
who seeks to recover personal items from a vehicle that was 1533
towed pursuant to section 4513.60 or 4513.61 of the Revised Code 1534
and the storage facility is not open to the public, the storage 1535
facility shall notify the person that an after-hours retrieval 1536
fee applies and shall state the amount of the fee as established 1537
by the public utilities commission in rules adopted under 1538
section 4921.25 of the Revised Code. The storage facility shall 1539
allow the person to retrieve personal items in accordance with 1540
division (D) (2) of section 4513.60 or division (C) (2) of section 1541
4513.61 of the Revised Code, but shall not charge an after-hours 1542
retrieval fee unless notice is provided in accordance with this 1543
division. 1544

(C) No storage facility shall fail to comply with division 1545
(A) or (B) of this section. 1546

Sec. 5301.234. (A) A mortgage encumbering real property 1547
granted to secure the repayment of funds used to satisfy a 1548

mortgage or lien on such real property shall be subrogated to 1549
the priority of the mortgage or lien that was satisfied to the 1550
extent of the amount satisfied if both of the following apply: 1551

(1) The intent of the parties to the new mortgage is that 1552
the new mortgage would have the priority of the mortgage or lien 1553
satisfied. 1554

(2) The expectation of the holder of a subordinate 1555
mortgage or lien at the time that it received its interest was 1556
that it would be junior to the mortgage or lien that was 1557
satisfied. 1558

(B) A mortgagee seeking to be subrogated pursuant to 1559
division (A) of this section to the priority of a lien that the 1560
mortgagee has satisfied shall not be denied subrogation for any 1561
of the following reasons: 1562

(1) The mortgagee meets any of the following criteria: 1563

(a) The mortgagee is engaged in the business of lending. 1564

(b) The mortgagee had actual knowledge or constructive 1565
notice of the mortgage or lien over which the mortgagee would 1566
gain priority through subrogation. 1567

(c) The mortgagee or a third party committed a mistake or 1568
was negligent. 1569

(2) The lien for which the mortgagee seeks to be 1570
subrogated was released. 1571

(3) The mortgagee obtained a title insurance policy. 1572

(C) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the 1573
holder of a subordinate mortgage or lien shall retain the same 1574
subordinate position that such person would have had if the 1575

prior mortgage or lien had not been satisfied. 1576

Sec. 5323.02. (A) An owner of residential rental property 1577
shall file with the county auditor of the county in which the 1578
property is located the following information: 1579

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the owner; 1580

(2) If the residential rental property is owned by a 1581
trust, business trust, estate, partnership, limited partnership, 1582
limited liability company, association, corporation, or any 1583
other business entity, the name, address, and telephone number 1584
of the following: 1585

(a) A trustee, in the case of a trust or business trust; 1586

(b) The executor or administrator, in the case of an 1587
estate; 1588

(c) A general partner, in the case of a partnership or a 1589
limited partnership; 1590

(d) A member, manager, or officer, in the case of a 1591
limited liability company; 1592

(e) An associate, in the case of an association; 1593

(f) An officer, in the case of a corporation; 1594

(g) A member, manager, or officer, in the case of any 1595
other business entity. 1596

(3) The street address and permanent parcel number of the 1597
residential rental property. 1598

(B) The information required under division (A) of this 1599
section shall be filed and maintained on the tax list or the 1600
real property record. 1601

(C) An owner of residential rental property shall update 1602
the information required under division (A) of this section 1603
within sixty days after any change in the information occurs. 1604

(D) The county auditor shall provide an owner of 1605
residential rental property located in a county that has a 1606
population of more than two hundred thousand according to the 1607
most recent decennial census with notice pursuant to division 1608
(B) of section 323.131 of the Revised Code of the requirement to 1609
file the information required under division (A) of this section 1610
and the requirement to update that information under division 1611
(C) of this section. 1612

(E) The owner of residential real property shall comply 1613
with the requirements under divisions (A) and (C) of this 1614
section within sixty days after receiving the notice provided 1615
under division (D) of this section, division (D) of section 1616
319.202, or division (B) of section 323.131 of the Revised Code. 1617

(F) Any agent designated by the owner to manage the 1618
property on the owner's behalf may file or update any 1619
information, or do anything otherwise required by this section, 1620
on the owner's behalf. 1621

Section 2. That existing sections 317.13, 317.32, 317.36, 1622
1113.13, 1337.04, 2329.02, 4505.104, 4511.01, 4513.61, 4513.62, 1623
4513.63, 4513.64, 4513.65, 4513.66, 4513.69, and 5323.02 of the 1624
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1625

Section 3. That Section 413.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th 1626
General Assembly be amended to read as follows: 1627

Sec. 413.10. 1628

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A			TOS TREASURER OF STATE		
B			General Revenue Fund		
C	GRF	090321	Operating Expenses	\$6,478,000	\$5,432,000
D	GRF	090406	Treasury Management System Lease Rental Payments	\$1,120,000	\$1,120,000
E	<u>GRF</u>	<u>090409</u>	<u>County Recorder Electronic Record Modernization Program</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,500,000</u>
F	TOTAL GRF	General Revenue Fund		\$7,598,000	\$6,552,000 <u>\$11,052,000</u>
G			Dedicated Purpose Fund Group		
H	4E90	090603	Securities Lending Income	\$10,022,465	\$11,068,905
I	4X90	090614	Political Subdivision Obligation	\$35,000	\$35,000
J	5770	090605	Investment Pool Reimbursement	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
K	5C50	090602	County Treasurer Education	\$250,000	\$250,000
L	<u>5BD1</u>	<u>090576</u>	<u>County Recorder Electronic Record Supplement</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

M	6050	090609	Treasurer of State Administrative Fund	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
N	TOTAL DPF Dedicated Purpose Fund Group			\$13,807,465	\$14,853,905 <u>\$16,353,905</u>
O	Fiduciary Fund Group				
P	4250	090635	Tax Refunds	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
Q	TOTAL FID Fiduciary Fund Group			\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
R	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS			\$33,405,465	\$33,405,905
S	<u>TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS</u>			<u>\$33,405,465</u>	<u>\$39,405,905</u>

Section 4. That existing Section 413.10 of H.B. 33 of the 1630
135th General Assembly is hereby repealed. 1631

Section 5. COUNTY RECORDER ELECTRONIC RECORD MODERNIZATION 1632
FUND 1633

The County Recorder Electronic Modernization Fund (Fund 1634
5BD1) is created in the state treasury. Money in the fund shall 1635
be used to distribute funds to reimburse counties under the 1636
County Recorder Electronic Record Modernization Program, for use 1637
by county recorder's offices to implement the requirements set 1638
forth in divisions (E) and (F) of section 317.13 of the Revised 1639
Code, upon the effective date of that section, as amended by 1640
this act. The Treasurer of State shall reimburse counties on a 1641
rolling basis until the appropriation is expended. Counties that 1642
meet the requirements set forth in divisions (E) and (F) of 1643
section 317.13 of the Revised Code on the effective date of that 1644
section, as amended by this act, are ineligible for funds under 1645

the Program. To be eligible for reimbursement under the Program, 1646
an expense must be incurred on or after the effective date of 1647
section 317.13 of the Revised Code as amended by this act; 1648
expenses incurred before the effective date of section 317.13 of 1649
the Revised Code, as amended by this act, are not eligible for 1650
reimbursement. A county that receives funds under the Program 1651
shall credit those funds to the Recorder's Technology Fund at 1652
least to the extent necessary to reimburse the fund for money 1653
the county recorder spent to implement the requirements set 1654
forth in divisions (E) and (F) of section 317.13 of the Revised 1655
Code, as amended by this act. 1656

On July 1, 2023, or as soon as possible thereafter, the 1657
Treasurer of State shall transfer \$1,500,000 cash from the 1658
Assurance Fund in the custody of the Treasurer of State, to the 1659
County Recorder Electronic Modernization Fund (Fund 5BD1). 1660

Section 6. If a county utilizes funds received under 1661
Section 5 of this act to implement the requirements set forth in 1662
divisions (E) and (F) of section 317.13 of the Revised Code as 1663
amended by this act, it shall be within the county recorder's 1664
discretion whether to hire new staff or enter into a contract 1665
with a private entity in order to implement those requirements. 1666