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301.24 ELECTRIC BICYCLE.

“Electric bicycle” means a “class 1 electric bicycle”, a “class 2 electric bicycle”, or a “class 3 electric bicycle” as defined below.

(a) CLASS 1 ELECTRIC BICYCLE. Means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 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.

(b) CLASS 2 ELECTRIC BICYCLE. Means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 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.

(c) CLASS 3 ELECTRIC BICYCLE. Means a bicycle that is equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 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.

(ORC 4511.01(SSS) - (VVV)

301.25 ELECTRONIC.

“Electronic” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.

301.26 EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

“Emergency vehicle” means emergency vehicles of municipal, township or county departments

or public utility corporations, when identified as such as required by law, the Director of Public Safety, or local authorities, and motor vehicles when commandeered by a police officer.

(ORC 4511.01(D))

301.27 EXPLOSIVES.

“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 a sudden generation of highly heated gases, such that the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on contiguous objects, or of destroying life or limb. Manufactured articles shall not be held to be explosives when the individual units contain explosives in limited quantities of such nature or in such packing that it is impossible to procure a simultaneous or a destructive explosion of the units, to the injury of life, limb, or property by fire, friction, concussion, percussion, or by a detonator, such as fixed ammunition for small arms, firecrackers, or safety fuse matches. (ORC 4511.01(T))

301.28 EXPRESSWAY.

“Expressway” means a divided arterial street or highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access with an excess of fifty percent (50%) of all crossroads separated in grade.

(ORC 4511.01(ZZ))

301.29 FARM MACHINERY.

“Farm machinery” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.

301.30 FLAMMABLE LIQUID.

“Flammable liquid” means any liquid which has a flash point of 70°F or less, as determined by a tagliabue or equivalent closed cup test device.

(ORC 4511.01(U))

301.31 FREEWAY.

“Freeway” means a divided multi-lane highway for through traffic with crossroads separated in grade and with full control of access.

(ORC 4511.01(Y))

301.32 FUNERAL ESCORT VEHICLE.

“Funeral escort vehicle” means any motor vehicle, including a funeral hearse, while used to facilitate the movement of a funeral procession.

(ORC 4511.01(W))

301.33 GROSS WEIGHT.

“Gross weight” means the weight of a vehicle plus the weight of any load thereon.

(ORC 4511.01(V))

301.34 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE VEHICLE.

“Highway maintenance vehicle” means a vehicle used in snow and ice removal or road surface maintenance, including a snow plow, traffic line striper, road sweeper, mowing machine, asphalt distributing vehicle, or other such vehicle designed for use in specific highway maintenance activities.

(ORC 4511.01(Q))

301.35 HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

“Highway traffic signal” means a power-operated traffic control device by which traffic is warned or directed to take some specific action. The term includes a beacon, an in-road warning light, a lane-use control signal, and a traffic control signal. The term does not include a power-operated

sign, steadily illuminated pavement marker, gate, flashing light signal, warning light, or steady burning electric lamp.

(ORC 4511.01(MMM))

301.36 HYBRID BEACON.

“Hybrid beacon” means a special type of beacon that is intentionally placed in a dark mode where no indications are displayed between periods of operation and, when operated, displays both steady and flashing highway traffic signal indications. The term includes both of the following:

(a) An emergency-vehicle hybrid beacon used to warn and control traffic at an otherwise unsignalized location to assist authorized emergency vehicles in entering or crossing a street or highway;

(b) A pedestrian hybrid beacon used to warn and control traffic at an otherwise unsignalized location to assist pedestrians in crossing a street or highway at a marked crosswalk.

(ORC 4511.01(LL))

301.37 IN-ROAD WARNING LIGHT.

“In-road warning light” means a special type of highway traffic signal that is installed in the roadway surface to warn road users that they are approaching a condition on or adjacent to the roadway that might not be readily apparent and might require the road users to reduce speed or come to a complete stop.

(ORC 4511.01(ZZZ))

301.38 INTERSECTION.

“Intersection” means:

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

(b) If a highway includes two roadways separated by a median, then every crossing of each roadway of such divided highway by an intersecting highway constitutes a separate intersection if the opposing left-turn paths cross and there is sufficient interior storage for the design vehicle. As used in this division, “design vehicle” means the longest vehicle authorized under Ohio R.C. 5577.05 to operate on that roadway without a permit.

(c) At a location controlled by a highway traffic signal, regardless of the distance between the separate intersections as described in subsection (b) of this definition:

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

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

(3) Where a crosswalk is designated on a roadway on the departure from the intersection, the intersection includes the area that extends to the far side of the crosswalk. (ORC 4511.01(KK))

301.39 LANE-USE CONTROL SIGNAL.

“Lane-use control signal” means a signal face or comparable display on a full-matrix changeable message sign that displays indications to permit or prohibit the use of specific lanes of a roadway

or a shoulder where driving is sometimes authorized or to indicate the impending prohibition of such use.

(ORC 4511.01(AAAA))

301.40 LANED HIGHWAY.

“Laned highway” means a highway the roadway of which is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic.

(ORC 4511.01(GG))

301.41 LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES.

“Limited driving privileges” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.

301.42 LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

“Local authorities” means every county, municipal, and other local board or body having authority to adopt police regulations under the Constitution and laws of this state.

(ORC 4511.01(AA))

301.43 LOW-SPEED MICROMOBILITY DEVICE.

“Low-speed micromobility device” means a device weighing less than 100 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.

(ORC 4511.01(WWW))

301.44 MEDIAN.

“Median” means the portion of a highway separating opposing directions of the traveled way or the area between two roadways of a divided highway, measured from edge of traveled way to edge of traveled way. The median excludes turn lanes. The width of a median may be different between intersections, interchanges, and at opposite approaches of the same intersection.

(ORC 4511.01(NNN))

301.45 MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE OR MOTOR SCOOTER.

“Motor-driven cycle or motor scooter” has the same meaning as in Ohio R.C. 4501.01.

301.46 MOTOR VEHICLE.

“Motor vehicle” means every vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power or power collected from overhead electric trolley wires, except motorized bicycles, electric bicycles, road rollers, traction engines, power shovels, power cranes and other equipment used in construction work, and not designed for or employed in general highway transportation, hole-digging machinery, well-drilling machinery, ditch-digging machinery, farm machinery, and trailers designed and used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of storage and a marina, or in and around a marina, when drawn or towed on a street or highway for a distance of no more than ten miles and at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour or less.

(ORC 4511.01(B))

301.47 MOTORCYCLE.

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

(ORC 4511.01(C))

301.48 MOTORIZED BICYCLE OR MOPED.

“Motorized bicycle” or “moped” means any vehicle having either two tandem wheels or one wheel in the front and two wheels in the rear, that may be pedaled, and that is equipped with a

helper motor of not more than fifty cubic centimeters piston displacement that produces not more than one brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of not greater than twenty miles per hour on a level surface. The terms do not include an electric bicycle.

(ORC 4511.01(H))

301.49 MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIR.

“Motorized wheelchair” means any self-propelled vehicle designed for, and used by, a person with a disability and that is incapable of a speed in excess of eight miles per hour.

(ORC 4511.01(EEE))

301.50 MULTI-WHEEL AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR.

“Multi-wheel agricultural tractor” means a type of agricultural tractor that has two or more wheels or tires on each side of one axle at the rear of the tractor, is designed or used for drawing other vehicles or wheeled machinery, has no provision for carrying loads independently of the drawn vehicles or machinery, and is used principally for agricultural purposes.

(ORC 4511.01(GGG))

301.51 NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER.

“Natural resources officer” means an officer appointed pursuant to Ohio R.C. 1501.24.

(ORC 4511.01(XXX))

301.52 OPERATE.

“Operator” means to cause or have caused movement of a vehicle.

(ORC 4511.01(HHH))

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