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301.71 SCHOOL BUS.

“School bus” means every bus designed for carrying more than nine passengers that is owned by a public, private, or governmental agency or institution of learning and operated for the transportation of children to or from a school session or a school function, or owned by a private person and operated for compensation for the transportation of children to or from a school session or a school function. The term does not include any of the following:

(a) A bus operated by a municipally owned transportation system, a mass transit company operating exclusively within the territorial limits of a municipal corporation, or within such limits and the territorial limits of municipal corporations immediately contiguous to such municipal corporation, nor a common passenger carrier certified by the public utilities commission unless such bus is devoted exclusively to the transportation of children to and from a school session or a school function;

(b) A van or bus used by a licensed child care center or type A family child care home to transport children from the child care center or type A family child care home to a school if the van or bus does not have more than fifteen children in the van or bus at any time;

(c) An alternative vehicle as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.76.

(ORC 4511.01(F))

301.72 SEMITRAILER.

“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.

(ORC 4511.01(N))

301.73 SHARED-USE PATH.

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

(ORC 4511.01(PPP))

301.74 SHOULDER.

“Shoulder” means a longitudinal area contiguous with the traveled way that is used for accommodating vehicles that are stopped for an emergency and for lateral support of base and surface courses; graded for emergency stopping; either paved or unpaved; and when paved, may be open for parttime travel by some or all vehicles or may also be available for use by pedestrians or bicycles in the absence of other pedestrian or bicycle facilities.

(ORC 4511.01(KKKK))

301.75 SIDEWALK.

“Sidewalk” means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines or easements of private property, that is paved or improved, and is intended for the use of pedestrians.

(ORC 4511.01(FF))

301.76 SITE ROADWAY OPEN TO PUBLIC TRAVEL.

“Site roadway open to public travel” means a roadway or bikeway on site of a shopping center, office park, airport, school, university, sports arena, recreational park, or other similar business, government, or recreation facility that is publicly or privately owned but where the public is allowed to travel without full-time access restrictions. The term does not include a roadway where access is restricted at all times by gates or guards to residents, employees, or other specifically authorized persons, a parking area, a driving aisle within a parking area, or a private highway-rail grade crossing.

(ORC 4511.01(OOO))

301.77 STANDING.

“Standing” when prohibited, means any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.

301.78 STATE.

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

301.79 STATE HIGHWAY.

“State highway” means a highway under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, outside the limits of municipalities, provided that the authority conferred upon the Director of Transportation in Ohio R.C. 5511.01 to erect state highway route markers and signs directing traffic shall not be modified by Ohio R.C. 4511.01 through 4511.79 and 4511.99.

(ORC 4511.01(II))

301.80 STATE ROUTE.

“State route” means every highway which is designated with an official state route number and so marked. (ORC 4511.01(JJ))

301.81 STOP.

“Stop” when required, means a complete cessation of movement.

301.82 STOP INTERSECTION.

“Stop intersection” means any intersection at one or more entrances of which stop signs are erected. (ORC 4511.01(BBB))

301.83 STOPPING.

“Stopping” when prohibited, means any halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.

301.84 STREET OR HIGHWAY.

“Street or highway” means a general term for denoting a public way for purposes of travel by vehicles and vulnerable road users, including the entire area within the right-of-way.

(ORC 4511.01(BB))

301.85 THROUGH HIGHWAY.

“Through highway” means every street or highway as provided in Ohio R.C. 4511.65, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(ORC 4511.01(HH))

301.86 THRUWAY.

“Thruway” means a through highway whose entire roadway is reserved for through traffic and on which roadway parking is prohibited.

(ORC 4511.01(AAA))

301.87 TRAFFIC.

“Traffic” means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, streetcars, and other devices, either singly or together, while using for purposes of travel any highway or site roadway open to public travel.

(ORC 4511.01(TT))

301.88 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE.

“Traffic control device” means a flagger, sign, signal, marking, channelization device, or other device that uses colors, shapes, symbols, words, sounds, or tactile information for the primary purpose of communicating a regulatory, warning, or guidance message to road users on a street, highway, site roadway open to public travel, pedestrian facility, bikeway, or pathway.

(ORC 4511.01(QQ))

301.89 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.

“Traffic control signal” means a highway traffic signal placed at an intersection, movable bridge, fire station, mid-block crosswalk, alternating one-way sections of a single lane road, private driveway, or other location that requires conflicting traffic to be directed to stop and permitted to proceed in an orderly manner. The term includes a vehicular signal indication, a pedestrian signal indication, and a bicycle symbol signal indication. The term does not include an emergency-vehicle hybrid beacon or a pedestrian hybrid beacon.

(ORC 4511.01(RR))

301.90 TRAILER.

“Trailer” means every vehicle designed or used for carrying persons or property wholly on its own structure, and for being drawn by a motor vehicle, including any vehicle when formed by or operated as a combination of a semitrailer and a vehicle of the dolly type, such as that commonly

known as a trailer dolly, a vehicle used to transport agricultural produce or agricultural production materials between a local place of storage or supply and the farm when drawn or towed on a street or highway at a speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour and a vehicle 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 more than ten miles or at a speed of more than twenty-five miles per hour.

(ORC 4511.01(M))

301.91 TRAIN.

“Train” means one or more locomotives coupled, with or without cars, that operates on rails or tracks and to which all other traffic is required by law to yield the right-of-way at highway-rail grade crossings.

(ORC 4511.01(Q))

301.92 TRUCK.

“Truck” means every motor vehicle, except trailers and semitrailers, designed and used to carry property. (ORC 4511.01(K))

301.93 TWO-STAGE BICYCLE TURN BOX.

“Two-stage bicycle turn box” means a designated area at an intersection that is intended to provide bicyclists a place to wait for traffic to clear before proceeding in a different direction of travel. (ORC 4511.01(CCCC))

301.94 TYPE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME.

“Type A family child care home” has the same meaning as set forth in Ohio R.C. 5104.01.

301.95 URBAN DISTRICT.

“Urban district” means the territory contiguous to and including any street or highway which is built up with structures devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet for a distance of one-quarter of a mile or more, and the character of the territory is indicated by official traffic-control devices.

(ORC 4511.01(PP))

301.96 VEHICLE.

“Vehicle” means every device, including a bicycle, motorized bicycle and an electric bicycle, in, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a highway. The term does not include any motorized wheelchair, any electric personal assistive mobility device, any low-speed micromobility device, any personal delivery device as defined in Ohio R.C. 4511.513, any device that is moved by power collected from overhead electric trolley wires or that is used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, or any device that is moved by human power.

(ORC 4511.01(A))

301.97 WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLE.

“Waste collection vehicle” means a vehicle used in the collection of garbage, refuse, trash, or recyclable materials.

(ORC 4511.01(RRR))

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