

CHAPTER 335  
Licensing; Accidents

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CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law

Deposit of driver's license as bond - see Ohio R.C. 2937.221

Motor vehicle licensing law - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 4503

Driver's license law - see Ohio R.C. Ch. 4507

Power of trial court of record to suspend or revoke license for certain violations - see Ohio R.C. 4507.16, 4507.34

State point system suspension - see Ohio R.C. 4507.40

State accident reports - see Ohio R.C. 4509.01(J), 4509.06, 4509.74, 5502.11

Glass removal from street after accident - see TRAF. 311.01

Motorized bicycle operator's license - see TRAF. 373.10

**335.01 OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE.**

(a)(1) No person, except those expressly exempted under sections 4507.03, 4507.04 and 4507.05 of the Revised Code, shall operate any motor vehicle upon a public road or highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this municipality unless the person has a valid driver's license issued under Chapter 4507 of the Revised Code or a commercial driver's license issued under Chapter 4506 of the Revised Code.

No person shall permit the operation of a motor vehicle upon any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking, knowing such operator does not have a valid driver's license or a commercial driver's license issued to such operator by the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

(2) No person, except a person expressly exempted under sections 4507.03, 4507.04, and 4507.05 of the Revised Code, shall operate any motorcycle upon a public road or highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this municipality unless the person has a valid license as a motorcycle operator that was issued upon application by the registrar of motor vehicles under Chapter 4507 of the Revised Code. The license shall be in the form of an endorsement, as determined by the registrar, upon a driver's or commercial driver's license, if the person has a valid license to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle, or in the form of a restricted license as provided in section 4507.14 of the Revised Code, if the person does not have a valid license to operate a motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle.

(b) No nonresident of Ohio shall drive any motor vehicle upon a street or highway of this Municipality unless he has in his possession a valid and current operator's or chauffeur's license issued to him by another jurisdiction recognized by the State of Ohio.

No nonresident of Ohio, upon demand of any police officer at any time or place, shall fail to prove lawful possession or his right to operate such motor vehicle, or fail to establish proper identity. (ORC 4507.04)

#### 335.02 POSSESSION OF MORE THAN ONE LICENSE PROHIBITED.

No person shall receive an operator's or chauffeur's license, or a motorcycle operator's endorsement of an operator's or chauffeur's license, unless and until he surrenders to the Registrar all valid licenses in his possession issued to him by another jurisdiction recognized by the State of Ohio. No person shall be permitted to have in his possession more than one valid license at any time. (ORC 4507.02)

#### 335.03 DRIVING WITH TEMPORARY INSTRUCTION PERMIT WITHOUT LICENSED DRIVER.

No person, who is the holder of a temporary instruction permit, issued by the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4507.05, shall drive a motor vehicle upon a street or highway, except when having such permit in his immediate possession and when accompanied by a licensed operator or chauffer who is actually occupying a seat beside the driver. (ORC 4507.05)

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#### 335.04 CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED.

No person shall:

- (a) Display, or cause or permit to be displayed, or possess any identification card, operator's or chauffeur's license, or temporary instruction permit knowing the same to be fictitious, or to have been canceled, revoked, suspended or altered;
- (b) Lend to a person not entitled thereto, or knowingly permit him to use any identification card, operator's or chauffeur's license, or temporary instruction permit issued to the person so lending or permitting the use thereof;
- (c) Display or represent as one's own, any identification card, operator's or chauffeur's license, or temporary instruction permit not issued to the person so displaying the same;
- (d) Fail to surrender to the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles, upon his demand, any identification card, operator's or chauffeur's license, or temporary instruction permit which has been suspended, canceled or revoked;
- (e) In any application for an identification card, operator's or chauffeur's license, or temporary instruction permit, or any renewal or duplicate thereof, knowingly conceal a material fact, or present any physician's statement required under Ohio R.C. 4507.08 or 4507.081 when knowing the same to be false or fictitious. (ORC 4507.30)

#### 335.05 OWNER OR OPERATOR ALLOWING ANOTHER TO DRIVE.

No person shall authorize or knowingly permit a motor vehicle owned by him or under his control to be driven by any person who has no legal right to do so or whose act of driving such vehicle would violate Ohio R.C. 4507.01 to 4507.39, inclusive.

(ORC 4507.33) (Ordinance 47-97 Passed 3-10-97)

#### 335.06 DISPLAY OF LICENSE.

The operator or chauffer of a motor vehicle shall display his license, or furnish satisfactory proof that he has such license, upon demand of any peace officer or of any person damaged or injured in any collision in which such licensee may be involved. When a demand is properly made and the operator or chauffeur has his license on or about his person, he shall not refuse to display such license. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence that such person does not have his license on or about his person shall be prima-facie evidence of his not having obtained such license.

(ORC 4507.35)

**335.07 DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION.**

(a) No person whose driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating privilege has been suspended under any provision of the Revised Code or under any applicable law in any other jurisdiction in which the person's license or permit was issued shall operate any motor vehicle upon the public roads and highways or upon any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking within this municipality during the period of suspension unless the person is granted limited driving privileges and is operation the vehicle in accordance with the terms of the limited driving privileges.

(b) No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking in this municipality in violation of any restriction of the person's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit imposed under division (D) of section 4506.10 or under section 4507.14 of the Revised Code.  
(Ord. No. 231-03. Passed 12/22/03.)

**335.08 OPERATION OR SALE WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.**

No person shall:

- (a) Operate in this Municipality a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title is required without having such certificate in accordance with Ohio R.C. 4505.01 to 4505.19, inclusive, or upon which the certificate of title has been canceled;
- (b) Display or display for sale or sell as a dealer or acting on behalf of a dealer, a motor vehicle without having obtained a manufacturer's or importer's certificate or a certificate of title therefor as provided in Ohio R.C. 4505.01 to 4505.19, inclusive;
- (c) Fail to surrender any certificate of title or any certificate of registration or license plates upon cancellation of the same by the Ohio Registrar of Motor Vehicles and notice thereof as prescribed in Ohio R.C. 4505.01 to 4505.19, inclusive;
- (d) Fail to surrender the certificate of title to the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas as provided in Ohio R.C. 4505.19, inclusive, in case of the destruction or dismantling or change of a motor vehicle in such respect that it is not the motor vehicle described in the certificate of title;
- (e) Violate Ohio R.C. 4505.01 to 4505.19, inclusive, for which no penalty is otherwise provided, or any lawful rules of regulations promulgated pursuant to such sections.

This section does not apply to persons engaged in the business of warehousing or transporting motor vehicles for the purpose or salvage disposition. (ORC 4505.18)

335.09 DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES; EXPIRED OR UNLAWFUL PLATES.

- (a) No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display on the front and rear of such motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration mark, including any validation sticker issued under Ohio R.C. 4503.191, furnished by the Ohio Director of Highway Safety, except those persons expressly exempted by Ohio R.C. Chapter 4503 (Motor Vehicle Licensing Law) and except that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or dealer therein, the holder of an in-transit permit, and the owner or operator of a house trailer, trailer or semi-trailer shall display on the rear only. Such number plates shall be securely fastened so as not to swing. (ORC 4503.21)
- (b) No persons who is the owner of a motor vehicle which is parked or operated upon the public streets or highways shall fail to annually file the application for registration or to pay the tax therefor, as required by Ohio R.C. Chapter 4503.
- (c) No persons shall park or operate upon the public streets of highways a motor vehicle acquired from a former owner who has registered the same in Ohio, while such vehicle displays the distinctive number or identification mark assigned to it upon its original registration. (ORC 4549.11)
- (d) No person who is the owner of a motor vehicle and a resident of Ohio shall park or operate such motor vehicle upon the public streets or highways, while it displays a distinctive number or identification mark issued by or under the authority of another state, without complying with the laws of Ohio relating to the registration and identification of motor vehicles. (ORC 4549.12)
- (e) No person shall park or operate any vehicle upon any public street or highway upon which is displayed an expired license plate or an expired validation sticker.
- (f) No person shall park or operate any vehicle upon any public street or highway upon which are displayed any license plates not legally registered and issued for such vehicle, or upon which are displayed any license plates that were issued on an application for registration that contains any false statement by the applicant.

335.10 LICENSE PLATES TO BE UNOBSTRUCTED.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle, upon which license plates are required by law to be displayed, unless the license plates legally registered and issued for such vehicle shall be fastened in such a manner, and not covered, obscured or concealed by any part or accessory of such vehicle or by any foreign substance or material, to be readable in its entirety from left to right.

335.11 USE OF ILLEGAL LICENSE PLATES; TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION.

(a) No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle upon the streets of this Municipality if it displays a distinctive number or identification mark which:

- (1) Is fictitious;
- (2) Is a counterfeit or an unlawfully made copy of any distinctive number or identification mark;
- (3) Belongs to another motor vehicle, provided that this section does not apply to a person who fails to comply with the transfer of registration provisions of Ohio R.C. 4503.12. (ORC 4549.08)

(b) Upon the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle, the registration of such motor vehicle shall expire, and the original owner shall immediately remove such number plates from such motor vehicle. The transfer of such number plates from the motor vehicle for which originally issued to a motor vehicle purchased by the same person in whose name the original number plates were issued shall be done within a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

(ORC 4503.12) (Ord. 48-97. Passed 3-10-97.)

335.12 STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT UPON STREETS; COLLISION WITH UNATTENDED VEHICLE.

In case of accident to or collision with persons or property upon any of the public streets of highways, due to the driving or operation thereon of any motor vehicle, the person so driving or operating such motor vehicle, having knowledge of such accident or collision, shall immediately stop his motor vehicle at the scene of the accident or collision and shall remain at the scene of such accident or collision until he has given his name and address and, if he is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle, together with the registered number of such motor vehicle, to any person injured in such accident or collision or to the operator, occupant, owner or attendant of any motor vehicle damaged in such accident or collision, or to any police officer at the scene of such accident or collision.

In the event the injured person is unable to comprehend and record the information required to be given by this section, the other driver involved in such accident or collision shall forthwith notify the nearest police authority concerning the location of the accident or collision, and his name, address and the registered number of the motor vehicle he was operating, and then remain at the scene of the accident or collision until a police officer arrives, unless removed from the scene by an emergency vehicle operated by a political subdivision or an ambulance.

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If such accident or collision is with an unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle, the operator so colliding with such motor vehicle shall securely attach the information required to be given in this section, in writing, to a conspicuous place in or on such unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle. (ORC 4549.02)

**335.13 STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT UPON PROPERTY OTHER THAN STREETS.**

In case of accident or collision resulting in injury or damage to persons or property upon any public or private property other than public streets or highways, due to the driving or operation thereon of any motor vehicle, the person so driving or operating such motor vehicle, having knowledge of such accident or collision, shall stop, and, upon request of the person injured or damaged, or any other person, shall give such person his name and address, and, if he is not the owner, the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle, together with the registered number of such motor vehicle, and, if available, exhibit his operator's or chauffeur's license.

If the owner or person in charge of such damaged property is not furnished such information, the driver of the motor vehicle involved in the accident or collision shall within twenty-four hours after such accident or collision, forward to the police offices the same information required to be given to the owner or person in control of such damaged property and give the date, time and location of the accident or collision.

If such accident of collision is with an unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle, the operator so colliding with such motor vehicle shall securely attach the information required to be given in this section, in writing, to a conspicuous place in or on such unoccupied or unattended motor vehicle. (ORC 4549.021)

**335.14 VEHICLE ACCIDENT RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO REALTY.**

The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in damage to real property or personal property attached to such real property, legally upon or adjacent to a public street or highway, shall immediately stop and take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of such property of such fact, of his name and his address, and of the registration number of the vehicle he is driving and shall, upon request and if available, exhibit his operator's or chauffeur's license.

If the owner or person in charge of such property cannot be located after reasonable search, the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident resulting in damage to such property shall, within twenty-four hours after such accident, forward to the police offices the same information required to be given to the owner or person in control of such property and give the location of the accident and a description of the damage insofar as it is known.  
(ORC 4549.03)

335.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 303.99 for misdemeanor classifications and penalties.)