

AN ACT

To amend sections 109.73, 109.77, 109.771, 109.78, 109.804, 147.01, 147.63, 169.16, 173.21, 173.391, 173.422, 503.41, 715.27, 903.07, 905.321, 917.09, 917.091, 921.06, 921.11, 921.12, 921.24, 921.26, 926.30, 928.02, 943.09, 956.05, 956.06, 1315.23, 1321.04, 1321.37, 1321.53, 1321.64, 1321.74, 1322.10, 1322.21, 1513.07, 1513.161, 1514.12, 1514.47, 1531.40, 1533.051, 1533.51, 1561.14, 1561.15, 1561.16, 1561.17, 1561.18, 1561.19, 1561.20, 1561.21, 1561.22, 1565.06, 1565.15, 1707.15, 1707.151, 1707.16, 1707.161, 1707.163, 1707.165, 1717.06, 3101.10, 3301.071, 3301.074, 3307.01, 3309.011, 3319.088, 3319.22, 3319.226, 3319.229, 3319.26, 3319.261, 3319.262, 3319.27, 3319.28, 3319.301, 3319.303, 3319.361, 3327.10, 3703.21, 3704.14, 3713.05, 3717.09, 3723.03, 3723.06, 3737.83, 3737.881, 3742.05, 3743.03, 3743.16, 3743.40, 3743.51, 3748.07, 3748.12, 3769.03, 3772.13, 3772.131, 3773.36, 3773.421, 3781.10, 3781.102, 3781.105, 3916.03, 3951.03, 3951.05, 3951.09, 4104.07, 4104.101, 4104.19, 4105.02, 4169.03, 4301.10, 4508.03, 4508.04, 4508.08, 4511.763, 4701.06, 4701.07, 4701.10, 4703.08, 4703.10, 4703.33, 4703.35, 4703.37, 4707.07, 4707.072, 4709.07, 4709.08, 4709.10, 4712.02, 4713.10, 4713.28, 4713.30, 4713.31, 4713.34, 4713.37, 4713.69, 4715.03, 4715.09, 4715.10, 4715.16, 4715.27, 4715.362, 4715.363, 4715.39, 4715.42, 4715.421, 4715.53, 4715.62, 4717.05, 4717.051, 4717.07, 4717.10, 4723.08, 4723.09, 4723.26, 4723.32, 4723.41, 4723.651, 4723.75, 4723.76, 4723.85, 4725.13, 4725.18, 4725.26, 4725.48, 4725.52, 4725.57, 4725.591, 4727.03, 4728.03, 4729.09, 4729.11, 4729.15, 4729.901, 4729.921, 4730.10, 4731.151, 4731.19, 4731.293, 4731.294, 4731.295, 4731.297, 4731.299, 4731.52, 4731.572, 4732.10, 4732.12, 4732.22, 4733.18, 4733.19, 4734.23, 4734.27, 4734.283, 4735.023, 4735.07, 4735.08, 4735.09, 4735.10, 4735.27, 4735.28, 4736.10, 4736.14, 4740.05, 4740.06, 4741.12, 4741.13, 4741.14, 4741.15, 4741.19, 4743.04, 4743.041, 4747.04, 4747.05, 4747.10, 4749.12, 4751.01, 4751.15, 4751.20, 4751.201, 4751.202, 4751.21, 4751.32, 4752.05, 4752.12, 4753.07, 4753.071, 4753.072, 4753.073, 4753.08, 4753.09, 4753.12, 4755.08, 4755.09, 4755.411, 4755.44, 4755.441, 4755.45, 4755.451, 4755.48, 4755.482, 4755.62, 4755.65, 4757.18, 4758.25, 4759.05, 4759.06, 4760.03, 4760.031, 4761.04, 4761.05, 4762.03, 4763.05, 4764.10, 4765.10, 4765.11, 4765.30, 4765.55, 4767.031, 4771.08, 4773.03, 4774.03, 4775.07, 4778.03, 4778.08, 4778.09, 4779.17, 4779.18, 4781.07, 4781.08, 4781.17, 4783.04, 5123.161, 5123.45, 5126.25, 5902.02,

5903.04, 6109.04, and 6111.46; to enact sections 3746.041, 4796.01, 4796.02, 4796.03, 4796.04, 4796.05, 4796.08, 4796.10, 4796.11, 4796.12, 4796.13, 4796.20, 4796.21, 4796.22, 4796.23, 4796.24, 4796.25, 4796.26, 4796.30, and 4796.35; and to repeal sections 921.08, 1322.24, 4707.12, 4740.08, and 4757.25 of the Revised Code to require an occupational licensing authority to issue a license or government certification to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state under certain circumstances, to specify that individuals may not register as credit services organizations, to specify that individuals may not be licensed as manufacturers or wholesalers of fireworks, and to maintain State Teacher Retirement System membership for certain school psychologists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 4796.01, 4796.02, 4796.03, 4796.04, 4796.05, 4796.08, 4796.10, 4796.11, 4796.12, 4796.13, 4796.20, 4796.21, 4796.22, 4796.23, 4796.24, 4796.25, 4796.26, 4796.30, and 4796.35 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4796.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "License" means an authorization evidenced by a license, certificate, registration, permit, card, or other authority that is issued or conferred by a licensing authority to an individual by which the individual has or claims the privilege to engage in a profession, occupation, or occupational activity over which the licensing authority has jurisdiction.

(B) "Licensing authority" means a state agency or political subdivision that issues licenses or government certifications.

(C) "State agency" has the same meaning as in section 1.60 of the Revised Code.

(D) "Political subdivision" means a county, township, municipal corporation, or any other body corporate and politic that is responsible for government activities in a geographic area smaller than that of the state.

(E) "Out-of-state occupational license" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, card, or other authority that is issued or conferred by one of the uniformed services or the government of another state to an individual by which the individual has or claims the privilege to engage in a profession, occupation, or occupational activity over which that service or state has jurisdiction.

(F)(1) "Government certification" means authorization from a licensing authority, one of the uniformed services, or the government of another state to an individual who meets qualifications related to a profession, occupation, or occupational activity to which both of the following apply:

(a) Only an individual holding the authorization may use a specific title or titles when advertising or holding the individual's self out to engage in the profession, occupation, or occupational activity.

(b) An individual is not required to have the authorization to engage in the profession, occupation, or occupational activity in the respective jurisdiction.

(2) "Government certification" does not include a license or an out-of-state occupational license.

(G) "Private certification" means authorization from a private organization to an individual who meets qualifications determined by the organization related to the performance of a profession, occupation, or occupational activity and by which the individual may hold the individual's self out as certified by the organization.

(H) "National standard" means a standard declared by a national organization to be the preferred standard for licensure of a profession if both of the following apply:

(1) The standard is required by at least forty-five states, including this state, to receive a license or government certification for the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity.

(2) The standard includes both of the following:

(a) A uniform quantitative minimum education or experience requirement;

(b) A requirement to pass a national examination.

(I) "Uniform quantitative minimum education or experience requirement" means a quantitative minimum education or experience requirement that is identical in all states that adopt a national standard.

(J) "National examination" means an examination that is substantially similar in all states that adopt a national standard.

(K) "Good standing" means that the individual's out-of-state occupational license, government certification, or private certification, as applicable, is not restricted or limited by the entity that regulates the out-of-state license, government certification, or private certification.

(L) "Armed forces of the United States" means the army, navy, air force, marine corps, space force, coast guard, or any other reserve components of those forces.

(M) "Uniformed services" means the armed forces of the United States; the commissioned corps of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration; the commissioned corps of the public health service; or any reserve components of those forces; and such other service as may be designated by congress.

Sec. 4796.02. For purposes of any law requiring a licensing authority to issue a license or government certification under this chapter to an individual who holds a license or government certification issued by another state, "another state," "any other state," and "home state" include the uniformed services. This section does not apply to any provision of a law governing a profession, occupation, or occupational activity that does not require an individual who holds a license or government certification in another state to be issued a license or government certification under this chapter.

Sec. 4796.03. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a licensing authority shall issue a license or government certification to an applicant if the licensing authority determines that all of the following apply:

(A) The applicant holds either of the following:

(1) A substantially similar out-of-state occupational license that authorizes the applicant to engage in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state;

(2) A government certification in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as

the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state from one of the uniformed services or a state that does not issue an out-of-state occupational license for the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the applicant has held the out-of-state occupational license or government certification for at least one year immediately preceding the date the application is submitted and has been actively engaged in the practice of the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state for at least one of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(2) A licensing authority may waive the requirement that an applicant has held the out-of-state occupational license or government certification for at least one year immediately preceding the date the application is submitted and has been actively engaged in the practice of the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for one of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(C) The applicant is in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the applicant holds an out-of-state occupational license or government certification to practice the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the applicant is applying in this state.

(D)(1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, the applicant was required to satisfy minimum education, training, or experience requirements or pass an examination to receive the out-of-state occupational license or government certification.

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply if the applicable law governing the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state does not require an applicant to do at least one of the following to receive the license or government certification:

(a) Satisfy minimum education, training, or experience requirements;

(b) Pass an examination.

(E) The applicant has not surrendered or had revoked a license, out-of-state occupational license, or government certification because of negligence or intentional misconduct related to the applicant's work in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the applicant is applying in this state.

(F) The applicant pays a fee to the licensing authority that is equal to one of the following, as determined by the licensing authority:

(1) The renewal fee for license or government certification holders under the applicable law;

(2) The initial licensure fee for applicants to be issued the license or government certification under the applicable law;

(3) The fee in effect before the effective date of this section for applicants who hold an out-of-state occupational license or government certification to be issued the license or government certification under the applicable law.

(G) The applicant has not been convicted of, found guilty pursuant to a judicial finding of, or plead guilty to a criminal offense for which a licensing authority may deny an application for a license or government certification or that would otherwise disqualify the applicant for the license or government certification under the applicable law of this state governing the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the applicant is applying.

Sec. 4796.04. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a licensing authority shall issue a license or government certification to an applicant if the licensing authority determines that all of the following apply:

(A)(1) Except as provided in division (A)(2) of this section, the applicant has held a private certification for at least two years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted and has been actively engaged in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state in a state that does not issue an out-of-state occupational license or government certification for the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity for at least two of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(2) A licensing authority may waive the requirement that an applicant has held the private certification for at least two years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted and has been actively engaged in the practice of the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for two of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(B) The applicant is in good standing with the private organization that issued the private certification.

(C) The applicant meets the requirements specified under divisions (E) to (G) of section 4796.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4796.05. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a licensing authority shall issue a license or government certification to an applicant if the licensing authority determines that an applicant satisfies divisions (B) and (C) of this section.

(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the applicant has been actively engaged in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state for at least three of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted in either of the following:

(a) A state that does not issue an out-of-state occupational license or government certification for the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity;

(b) Service of the uniformed services.

(2) A licensing authority may waive the requirement that an applicant has been actively engaged in the practice of the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for three of the five years immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(C) The applicant meets the requirements under divisions (E) to (G) of section 4796.03 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4796.08. (A) If a licensing authority requires an applicant to pass an examination on this state's laws and rules governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity to receive a license or government certification under the applicable law, a licensing authority may require an applicant to pass the examination to receive a license or government certification under this chapter.

(B) If a licensing authority requires an applicant under the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity to submit to a criminal records check to receive a license or government certification, the licensing authority shall require an applicant to submit to the criminal records check to receive a license or government certification under this chapter.

(C) If a licensing authority requires an applicant under the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity to satisfy a financial responsibility requirement to receive a license or government certification, the licensing authority shall require an applicant to satisfy the requirement to receive a license or government certification under this chapter.

(D) If a federal law, rule, or regulation requires the state to impose a requirement on an applicant with which the applicant must comply to receive a license or government certification as a condition for the state to receive federal funding, the licensing authority may require an applicant to satisfy that requirement to receive a license or government certification under this chapter.

Sec. 4796.10. If an applicant would be disqualified from obtaining a license or government certification under this chapter because of a conviction, judicial finding of guilt, or plea of guilty to a disqualifying criminal offense as described in division (G) of section 4796.03 of the Revised Code, the licensing authority may, in accordance with rules adopted under section 4796.30 of the Revised Code, issue a restricted or limited license or government certification to the applicant, provided the limitation or restriction is relevant to the offense.

Sec. 4796.11. If the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity allows or requires a licensing authority to take disciplinary action against an applicant, including but not limited to refusing to issue, limiting, or restricting a license or government certification for a reason that is not related to minimum education, training, or experience requirements or an examination requirement, the licensing authority may apply the applicable provision of law to an applicant under this chapter in the same manner as to an applicant for an initial license under the applicable law.

Sec. 4796.12. If the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity allows a licensing authority to determine the fitness to practice of an applicant who has not been engaged in the practice of the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for a period of time specified in that law and to impose terms and conditions on the applicant to receive a license or government certification, the licensing authority may apply the requirements of that law to an applicant under this chapter.

Sec. 4796.13. If the law governing the applicable profession, occupation, or occupational activity allows or requires a licensing authority to deny an applicant a license or government certification if the applicant was subject to discipline by an entity that regulates a license, out-of-state occupational license, or government certification, the licensing authority may apply the applicable provision of law to an applicant under this chapter.

Sec. 4796.20. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a licensing authority shall provide an applicant with a written decision to issue or reject a license or government certification under this chapter or take any other action under this chapter within sixty days after receiving a complete application. For purposes of this division, an application shall not be considered complete until any required examination or criminal records check under divisions (A) and (B) of section 4796.08 of the Revised Code is complete.

(B) If an applicant is the subject of a complaint, allegation, or investigation that relates to information provided in the application, unprofessional conduct, a violation of a law regulating a profession, occupation, or occupational activity, or an alleged crime pending before a court, administrative agency, licensing authority, or other entity that regulates a license, out-of-state

occupational license, or government certification, a licensing authority shall not issue or deny a license or government certification to the applicant under this chapter until the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved to the satisfaction of the licensing authority. A licensing authority shall provide the applicant with a written decision to issue or reject a license or government certification under this chapter or take any other action under this chapter within sixty days after the complaint, allegation, or investigation is resolved to the satisfaction of the licensing authority.

Sec. 4796.21. An applicant who is issued a license or government certification under this chapter is subject to the laws regulating the practice of the applicable occupation or profession in this state and is subject to the licensing authority's jurisdiction.

An applicant who is issued a license or government certification under this chapter may practice the applicable occupation or profession in this state only within the scope and practice that is permitted under Ohio law and that does not exceed the applicant's training.

Sec. 4796.22. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a license or government certification issued under this chapter shall be considered a license or government certification issued under the laws regulating the practice of the applicable occupation or profession in this state. Provisions of law applicable to a license or government certification issued to an applicant who does not obtain a license or government certification under this chapter apply in the same manner to licenses and government certifications issued under this chapter.

(B) A licensing authority may, for purposes of verifying licensure status in this state with an entity that licenses the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity in another state, require an applicant issued a license or government certification under this chapter to satisfy a national standard to have that license or government certification verified as a license or government certification issued by this state. A licensing authority may require satisfaction of a national standard under this division only if both of the following apply:

(1) An applicant for a license or government certification under the laws of this state governing the profession, occupation, or occupational activity is required to satisfy the national standard to receive the license or government certification.

(2) The licensing authority posts notice of the requirement to satisfy the national standard on the web site maintained by the licensing authority.

(C) If a licensing authority elects to require satisfaction of a national standard under division (B) of this section and the law governing the license or government certification in effect immediately before the effective date of this section required an applicant who holds an out-of-state occupational license or government certification to satisfy a requirement that is less restrictive than a requirement described in division (B), (C), (D), (E), or (F) of section 4796.03 of the Revised Code to receive the license or government certification, the licensing authority shall do the following:

(1) Apply the less restrictive requirement to an applicant who satisfied the national standard;

(2) Apply the requirements of section 4796.03, 4796.04, or 4796.05 of the Revised Code to an applicant who did not satisfy the national standard.

Sec. 4796.23. A licensing authority may prohibit an individual who is issued a license or government certification under this chapter from using the license or government certification to obtain a substantially similar license or government certification in another state if the licensing authority determines that allowing the individual to do so would jeopardize any reciprocal licensing

agreement with the other state that is in effect on the effective date of this section.

Sec. 4796.24. An individual who holds a license issued pursuant to an interstate licensure compact to which Ohio is a party is not required to obtain a license under this chapter to practice in this state.

A licensing authority may prohibit an individual who is issued a license under this chapter from using the license to obtain a license through an interstate licensure compact if the licensing authority determines that allowing the individual to do so would jeopardize the state's membership in the compact.

Sec. 4796.25. This chapter does not apply to any of the following:

(A) Licenses issued under Chapter 3796. of the Revised Code;

(B) Licenses issued pursuant to rules prescribed under Section 5 of Article IV, Ohio Constitution;

(C) Commercial fishing licenses issued under section 1533.342 of the Revised Code;

(D) Licenses issued under Chapter 4506. of the Revised Code;

(E) Physician certificates to recommend treatment with medical marijuana issued under section 4731.30 of the Revised Code;

(F) Money transmitter licenses issued under section 1315.04 of the Revised Code;

(G) Lottery sales agent licenses issued under section 3770.05 of the Revised Code;

(H) Licenses issued under Chapter 3905. of the Revised Code;

(I) Fantasy contest operator licenses issued under section 3774.02 of the Revised Code;

(J) Teledentistry permits issued under section 4715.43 of the Revised Code;

(K) Physician training certificates issued under section 4731.291 of the Revised Code;

(L) Podiatrist training certificates issued under section 4731.573 of the Revised Code;

(M) Licenses issued under Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code;

(N) Licenses issued by a political subdivision to an individual by which the individual has or claims the privilege to act as a tradesperson as defined in section 4740.01 of the Revised Code in the political subdivision's jurisdiction.

Sec. 4796.26. Notwithstanding any requirement in the Revised Code that a licensing authority grant a license or government certification in accordance with this chapter, the licensing authority shall not grant the license or government certification under this chapter unless both of the following apply:

(A) The applicant is applying for the license or government certification in the applicant's capacity as an individual;

(B) One of the following applies:

(1) If the applicant seeks licensure or certification under section 4796.03 or 4796.04 of the Revised Code, the applicant held the applicable out-of-state occupational license, government certification, or private certification in the applicant's capacity as an individual;

(2) If the applicant seeks licensure or certification under section 4796.05 of the Revised Code, the applicant personally engaged in the profession, occupation, or occupational activity in a state that does not issue the occupational license or government certification for which the applicant is applying in this state.

Sec. 4796.30. Each licensing authority shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this

chapter, including rules regarding issuing restricted or limited licenses or government certifications under section 4796.10 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4796.35. A political subdivision shall not prohibit an individual who holds a license or government certification issued by a state agency under this chapter from engaging in the respective profession, occupation, or occupational activity in the political subdivision's jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. That sections 109.73, 109.77, 109.771, 109.78, 109.804, 147.01, 147.63, 169.16, 173.21, 173.391, 173.422, 503.41, 715.27, 903.07, 905.321, 917.09, 917.091, 921.06, 921.11, 921.12, 921.24, 921.26, 926.30, 928.02, 943.09, 956.05, 956.06, 1315.23, 1321.04, 1321.37, 1321.53, 1321.64, 1321.74, 1322.10, 1322.21, 1513.07, 1513.161, 1514.12, 1514.47, 1531.40, 1533.051, 1533.51, 1561.14, 1561.15, 1561.16, 1561.17, 1561.18, 1561.19, 1561.20, 1561.21, 1561.22, 1565.06, 1565.15, 1707.15, 1707.151, 1707.16, 1707.161, 1707.163, 1707.165, 1717.06, 3101.10, 3301.071, 3301.074, 3307.01, 3309.011, 3319.088, 3319.22, 3319.226, 3319.229, 3319.26, 3319.261, 3319.262, 3319.27, 3319.28, 3319.301, 3319.303, 3319.361, 3327.10, 3703.21, 3704.14, 3713.05, 3717.09, 3723.03, 3723.06, 3737.83, 3737.881, 3742.05, 3743.03, 3743.16, 3743.40, 3743.51, 3748.07, 3748.12, 3769.03, 3772.13, 3772.131, 3773.36, 3773.421, 3781.10, 3781.102, 3781.105, 3916.03, 3951.03, 3951.05, 3951.09, 4104.07, 4104.101, 4104.19, 4105.02, 4169.03, 4301.10, 4508.03, 4508.04, 4508.08, 4511.763, 4701.06, 4701.07, 4701.10, 4703.08, 4703.10, 4703.33, 4703.35, 4703.37, 4707.07, 4707.072, 4709.07, 4709.08, 4709.10, 4712.02, 4713.10, 4713.28, 4713.30, 4713.31, 4713.34, 4713.37, 4713.69, 4715.03, 4715.09, 4715.10, 4715.16, 4715.27, 4715.362, 4715.363, 4715.39, 4715.42, 4715.421, 4715.53, 4715.62, 4717.05, 4717.051, 4717.07, 4717.10, 4723.08, 4723.09, 4723.26, 4723.32, 4723.41, 4723.651, 4723.75, 4723.76, 4723.85, 4725.13, 4725.18, 4725.26, 4725.48, 4725.52, 4725.57, 4725.591, 4727.03, 4728.03, 4729.09, 4729.11, 4729.15, 4729.901, 4729.921, 4730.10, 4731.151, 4731.19, 4731.293, 4731.294, 4731.295, 4731.297, 4731.299, 4731.52, 4731.572, 4732.10, 4732.12, 4732.22, 4733.18, 4733.19, 4734.23, 4734.27, 4734.283, 4735.023, 4735.07, 4735.08, 4735.09, 4735.10, 4735.27, 4735.28, 4736.10, 4736.14, 4740.05, 4740.06, 4741.12, 4741.13, 4741.14, 4741.15, 4741.19, 4743.04, 4743.041, 4747.04, 4747.05, 4747.10, 4749.12, 4751.01, 4751.15, 4751.20, 4751.201, 4751.202, 4751.21, 4751.32, 4752.05, 4752.12, 4753.07, 4753.071, 4753.072, 4753.073, 4753.08, 4753.09, 4753.12, 4755.08, 4755.09, 4755.411, 4755.44, 4755.441, 4755.45, 4755.451, 4755.48, 4755.482, 4755.62, 4755.65, 4757.18, 4758.25, 4759.05, 4759.06, 4760.03, 4760.031, 4761.04, 4761.05, 4762.03, 4763.05, 4764.10, 4765.10, 4765.11, 4765.30, 4765.55, 4767.031, 4771.08, 4773.03, 4774.03, 4775.07, 4778.03, 4778.08, 4778.09, 4779.17, 4779.18, 4781.07, 4781.08, 4781.17, 4783.04, 5123.161, 5123.45, 5126.25, 5902.02, 5903.04, 6109.04, and 6111.46 be amended and section 3746.041 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 109.73. (A) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall recommend rules to the attorney general with respect to all of the following:

(1) The approval, or revocation of approval, of peace officer training schools administered by the state, counties, municipal corporations, public school districts, technical college districts, and the department of natural resources;

(2) Minimum courses of study, attendance requirements, and equipment and facilities to be required at approved state, county, municipal, and department of natural resources peace officer

training schools;

(3) Minimum qualifications for instructors at approved state, county, municipal, and department of natural resources peace officer training schools;

(4) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace officers appointed to probationary terms shall complete before being eligible for permanent appointment, which requirements shall include training in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code; crisis intervention training; and training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect cases; and training in handling violations of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code; and the time within which such basic training shall be completed following appointment to a probationary term;

(5) The requirements of minimum basic training that peace officers not appointed for probationary terms but appointed on other than a permanent basis shall complete in order to be eligible for continued employment or permanent appointment, which requirements shall include training in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, crisis intervention training, and training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect cases, and training in handling violations of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code, and the time within which such basic training shall be completed following appointment on other than a permanent basis;

(6) Categories or classifications of advanced in-service training programs for peace officers, including programs in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, in crisis intervention, and in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect cases, and in handling violations of section 2905.32 of the Revised Code, and minimum courses of study and attendance requirements with respect to such categories or classifications;

(7) Permitting persons, who are employed as members of a campus police department appointed under section 1713.50 of the Revised Code; who are employed as police officers by a qualified nonprofit corporation police department pursuant to section 1702.80 of the Revised Code; who are appointed and commissioned as bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions police officers, as railroad police officers, or as hospital police officers pursuant to sections 4973.17 to 4973.22 of the Revised Code; or who are appointed and commissioned as amusement park police officers pursuant to section 4973.17 of the Revised Code, to attend approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if the private college or university that established the campus police department; qualified nonprofit corporation police department; bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, credit union, or association of banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or credit unions; railroad company; hospital; or amusement park sponsoring the police officers pays the entire cost of the training and certification and if trainee vacancies are available;

(8) Permitting undercover drug agents to attend approved peace officer training schools, other

than the Ohio peace officer training academy, and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of basic training programs, if, for each undercover drug agent, the county, township, or municipal corporation that employs that undercover drug agent pays the entire cost of the training and certification;

(9)(a) The requirements for basic training programs for bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of courts of record of this state and for criminal investigators employed by the state public defender that those persons shall complete before they may carry a firearm while on duty;

(b) The requirements for any training received by a bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state or by a criminal investigator employed by the state public defender prior to June 6, 1986, that is to be considered equivalent to the training described in division (A)(9)(a) of this section.

(10) Establishing minimum qualifications and requirements for certification for dogs utilized by law enforcement agencies;

(11) Establishing minimum requirements for certification of persons who are employed as correction officers in a full-service jail, five-day facility, or eight-hour holding facility or who provide correction services in such a jail or facility;

(12) Establishing requirements for the training of humane society agents under section 1717.061 of the Revised Code, including, without limitation, a requirement that the agents receive instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and training techniques, including customary owner-performed practices;

(13) Permitting tactical medical professionals to attend approved peace officer training schools, including the Ohio peace officer training academy, to receive training of the type described in division (A)(14) of this section and to receive certificates of satisfactory completion of training programs described in that division;

(14) The requirements for training programs that tactical medical professionals shall complete to qualify them to carry firearms while on duty under section 109.771 of the Revised Code, which requirements shall include at least the firearms training specified in division (A) of section 109.748 of the Revised Code;

(15) Procedures and requirements for a portion of basic training that peace officers complete in proper interactions with civilians during traffic stops and other in-person encounters as specified in division (B)(4) of section 109.803 of the Revised Code and including the topics of instruction listed for active duty peace officers under divisions (B)(4)(a) to (d) of that section.

(B) The commission shall appoint an executive director, with the approval of the attorney general, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the commission. The executive director shall perform such duties assigned by the commission. The executive director shall receive a salary fixed pursuant to Chapter 124. of the Revised Code and reimbursement for expenses within the amounts available by appropriation. The executive director may appoint officers, employees, agents, and consultants as the executive director considers necessary, prescribe their duties, and provide for reimbursement of their expenses within the amounts available for reimbursement by appropriation and with the approval of the commission.

(C) The commission may do all of the following:

(1) Recommend studies, surveys, and reports to be made by the executive director regarding

the carrying out of the objectives and purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(2) Visit and inspect any peace officer training school that has been approved by the executive director or for which application for approval has been made;

(3) Make recommendations, from time to time, to the executive director, the attorney general, and the general assembly regarding the carrying out of the purposes of sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code;

(4) Report to the attorney general from time to time, and to the governor and the general assembly at least annually, concerning the activities of the commission;

(5) Establish fees for the services the commission offers under sections 109.71 to 109.79 of the Revised Code, including, but not limited to, fees for training, certification, and testing;

(6) Perform such other acts as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers and duties of the commission as set forth in sections 109.71 to 109.77 of the Revised Code.

(D) In establishing the requirements, under division (A)(12) of this section, the commission may consider any portions of the curriculum for instruction on the topic of animal husbandry practices, if any, of the Ohio state university college of veterinary medicine. No person or entity that fails to provide instruction on traditional animal husbandry methods and training techniques, including customary owner-performed practices, shall qualify to train a humane society agent for appointment under section 1717.06 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) As used in this division, "license" has the same meaning as in section 4796.01 of the Revised Code, except that it includes a certificate of completion of a training program required under sections 109.71 to 109.804 of the Revised Code. "License" does not include a certificate of completion of a firearm basic training program under division (B)(1) of section 109.78 of the Revised Code or a certificate of completion of any firearm requalification training program.

(2) Notwithstanding any requirement for a license issued by the commission, the commission shall issue a license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(a) The individual holds a license in another state.

(b) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the license is required in this state in a state that does not require such a license.

Sec. 109.77. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Felony" has the same meaning as in section 109.511 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Companion animal" has the same meaning as in section 959.131 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Notwithstanding any general, special, or local law or charter to the contrary, and except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall receive an original appointment on a permanent basis as any of the following unless the person previously has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program:

(a) A peace officer of any county, township, municipal corporation, regional transit authority, or metropolitan housing authority;

(b) A natural resources law enforcement staff officer, forest-fire investigator, wildlife officer, or natural resources officer of the department of natural resources;

(c) An employee of a park district under section 511.232 or 1545.13 of the Revised Code;

(d) An employee of a conservancy district who is designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code;

(e) A state university law enforcement officer;

(f) A special police officer employed by the department of mental health and addiction services pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or the department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code;

(g) An enforcement agent of the department of public safety whom the director of public safety designates under section 5502.14 of the Revised Code;

(h) A special police officer employed by a port authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code;

(i) A special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at a municipal airport, or other municipal air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a security program and is governed by aviation security rules of the transportation security administration of the United States department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended;

(j) A gaming agent employed under section 3772.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) Every person who is appointed on a temporary basis or for a probationary term or on other than a permanent basis as any of the following shall forfeit the appointed position unless the person previously has completed satisfactorily or, within the time prescribed by rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.74 of the Revised Code, satisfactorily completes a state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program for temporary or probationary officers and is awarded a certificate by the director attesting to the satisfactory completion of the program:

(a) A peace officer of any county, township, municipal corporation, regional transit authority, or metropolitan housing authority;

(b) A natural resources law enforcement staff officer, park officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife officer, or state watercraft officer of the department of natural resources;

(c) An employee of a park district under section 511.232 or 1545.13 of the Revised Code;

(d) An employee of a conservancy district who is designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code;

(e) A special police officer employed by the department of mental health and addiction services pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or the department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code;

(f) An enforcement agent of the department of public safety whom the director of public safety designates under section 5502.14 of the Revised Code;

(g) A special police officer employed by a port authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code;

(h) A special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at a municipal airport, or

other municipal air navigation facility, that has scheduled operations, as defined in section 119.3 of Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 14 C.F.R. 119.3, as amended, and that is required to be under a security program and is governed by aviation security rules of the transportation security administration of the United States department of transportation as provided in Parts 1542. and 1544. of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended.

(3) For purposes of division (B) of this section, a state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program, regardless of whether the program is to be completed by peace officers appointed on a permanent or temporary, probationary, or other nonpermanent basis, shall include training in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code, crisis intervention training, and training on companion animal encounters and companion animal behavior. The requirement to complete training in the handling of the offense of domestic violence, other types of domestic violence-related offenses and incidents, and protection orders and consent agreements issued or approved under section 2919.26 or 3113.31 of the Revised Code does not apply to any person serving as a peace officer on March 27, 1979, and the requirement to complete training in crisis intervention does not apply to any person serving as a peace officer on April 4, 1985. Any person who is serving as a peace officer on April 4, 1985, who terminates that employment after that date, and who subsequently is hired as a peace officer by the same or another law enforcement agency shall complete training in crisis intervention as prescribed by rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.742 of the Revised Code. No peace officer shall have employment as a peace officer terminated and then be reinstated with intent to circumvent this section.

(4) Division (B) of this section does not apply to any person serving on a permanent basis on March 28, 1985, as a park officer, forest officer, preserve officer, wildlife officer, or state watercraft officer of the department of natural resources or as an employee of a park district under section 511.232 or 1545.13 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on March 6, 1986, as an employee of a conservancy district designated pursuant to section 6101.75 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on January 10, 1991, as a preserve officer of the department of natural resources, to any person employed on a permanent basis on July 2, 1992, as a special police officer by the department of mental health and addiction services pursuant to section 5119.08 of the Revised Code or by the department of developmental disabilities pursuant to section 5123.13 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on May 17, 2000, as a special police officer employed by a port authority under section 4582.04 or 4582.28 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on March 19, 2003, as a special police officer employed by a municipal corporation at a municipal airport or other municipal air navigation facility described in division (A)(19) of section 109.71 of the Revised Code, to any person serving on a permanent basis on June 19, 1978, as a state university law enforcement officer pursuant to section 3345.04 of the Revised Code and who, immediately prior to June 19, 1978, was serving as a special police officer designated under authority of that section, or to any person serving on a permanent basis on September 20, 1984, as a liquor control investigator, known after June 30, 1999, as an enforcement agent of the department of public safety, engaged in the enforcement of Chapters 4301. and 4303. of the Revised Code.

(5) Division (B) of this section does not apply to any person who is appointed as a regional transit authority police officer pursuant to division (Y) of section 306.35 of the Revised Code if, on or before July 1, 1996, the person has completed satisfactorily an approved state, county, municipal, or department of natural resources peace officer basic training program and has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of such an approved program and if, on July 1, 1996, the person is performing peace officer functions for a regional transit authority.

(C) No person, after September 20, 1984, shall receive an original appointment on a permanent basis as a veterans' home police officer designated under section 5907.02 of the Revised Code unless the person previously has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of an approved police officer basic training program. Every person who is appointed on a temporary basis or for a probationary term or on other than a permanent basis as a veterans' home police officer designated under section 5907.02 of the Revised Code shall forfeit that position unless the person previously has completed satisfactorily or, within one year from the time of appointment, satisfactorily completes an approved police officer basic training program.

(D) No bailiff or deputy bailiff of a court of record of this state and no criminal investigator who is employed by the state public defender shall carry a firearm, as defined in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code, while on duty unless the bailiff, deputy bailiff, or criminal investigator has done or received one of the following:

(1) Has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission, which certificate attests to satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, or municipal basic training program for bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of courts of record and for criminal investigators employed by the state public defender that has been recommended by the Ohio peace officer training commission;

(2) Has successfully completed a firearms training program approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission prior to employment as a bailiff, deputy bailiff, or criminal investigator;

(3) Prior to June 6, 1986, was authorized to carry a firearm by the court that employed the bailiff or deputy bailiff or, in the case of a criminal investigator, by the state public defender and has received training in the use of firearms that the Ohio peace officer training commission determines is equivalent to the training that otherwise is required by division (D) of this section.

(E)(1) Before a person seeking a certificate completes an approved peace officer basic training program, the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission shall request the person to disclose, and the person shall disclose, any previous criminal conviction of or plea of guilty of that person to a felony.

(2) Before a person seeking a certificate completes an approved peace officer basic training program, the executive director shall request a criminal history records check on the person. The executive director shall submit the person's fingerprints to the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, which shall submit the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history records check.

Upon receipt of the executive director's request, the bureau of criminal identification and investigation and the federal bureau of investigation shall conduct a criminal history records check

on the person and, upon completion of the check, shall provide a copy of the criminal history records check to the executive director. The executive director shall not award any certificate prescribed in this section unless the executive director has received a copy of the criminal history records check on the person to whom the certificate is to be awarded.

(3) The executive director of the commission shall not award a certificate prescribed in this section to a person who has been convicted of or has pleaded guilty to a felony or who fails to disclose any previous criminal conviction of or plea of guilty to a felony as required under division (E)(1) of this section.

(4) The executive director of the commission shall revoke the certificate awarded to a person as prescribed in this section, and that person shall forfeit all of the benefits derived from being certified as a peace officer under this section, if the person, before completion of an approved peace officer basic training program, failed to disclose any previous criminal conviction of or plea of guilty to a felony as required under division (E)(1) of this section.

(F)(1) Regardless of whether the person has been awarded the certificate or has been classified as a peace officer prior to, on, or after October 16, 1996, the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission shall revoke any certificate that has been awarded to a person as prescribed in this section if the person does either of the following:

(a) Pleads guilty to a felony committed on or after January 1, 1997;

(b) Pleads guilty to a misdemeanor committed on or after January 1, 1997, pursuant to a negotiated plea agreement as provided in division (D) of section 2929.43 of the Revised Code in which the person agrees to surrender the certificate awarded to the person under this section.

(2) The executive director of the commission shall suspend any certificate that has been awarded to a person as prescribed in this section if the person is convicted, after trial, of a felony committed on or after January 1, 1997. The executive director shall suspend the certificate pursuant to division (F)(2) of this section pending the outcome of an appeal by the person from that conviction to the highest court to which the appeal is taken or until the expiration of the period in which an appeal is required to be filed. If the person files an appeal that results in that person's acquittal of the felony or conviction of a misdemeanor, or in the dismissal of the felony charge against that person, the executive director shall reinstate the certificate awarded to the person under this section. If the person files an appeal from that person's conviction of the felony and the conviction is upheld by the highest court to which the appeal is taken or if the person does not file a timely appeal, the executive director shall revoke the certificate awarded to the person under this section.

(G)(1) If a person is awarded a certificate under this section and the certificate is revoked pursuant to division (E)(4) or (F) of this section, the person shall not be eligible to receive, at any time, a certificate attesting to the person's satisfactory completion of a peace officer basic training program.

(2) The revocation or suspension of a certificate under division (E)(4) or (F) of this section shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(H)(1) A person who was employed as a peace officer of a county, township, or municipal corporation of the state on January 1, 1966, and who has completed at least sixteen years of full-time active service as such a peace officer, or equivalent service as determined by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission, may receive an original appointment on a permanent

basis and serve as a peace officer of a county, township, or municipal corporation, or as a state university law enforcement officer, without complying with the requirements of division (B) of this section.

(2) Any person who held an appointment as a state highway trooper on January 1, 1966, may receive an original appointment on a permanent basis and serve as a peace officer of a county, township, or municipal corporation, or as a state university law enforcement officer, without complying with the requirements of division (B) of this section.

(I) No person who is appointed as a peace officer of a county, township, or municipal corporation on or after April 9, 1985, shall serve as a peace officer of that county, township, or municipal corporation unless the person has received training in the handling of missing children and child abuse and neglect cases from an approved state, county, township, or municipal police officer basic training program or receives the training within the time prescribed by rules adopted by the attorney general pursuant to section 109.741 of the Revised Code.

(J) No part of any approved state, county, or municipal basic training program for bailiffs and deputy bailiffs of courts of record and no part of any approved state, county, or municipal basic training program for criminal investigators employed by the state public defender shall be used as credit toward the completion by a peace officer of any part of the approved state, county, or municipal peace officer basic training program that the peace officer is required by this section to complete satisfactorily.

(K) This section does not apply to any member of the police department of a municipal corporation in an adjoining state serving in this state under a contract pursuant to section 737.04 of the Revised Code.

(L) The executive director of the commission shall issue a certificate of completion of a training program required under this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a certificate of completion of such a program in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the certificate is required in this state in a state that does not require completion of such a training program.

Sec. 109.771. (A) A tactical medical professional may carry firearms while on duty in the same manner, to the same extent, and in the same areas as a law enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency the professional is serving, if all of the following apply:

(1) The law enforcement agency that the tactical medical professional is serving has specifically authorized the professional to carry firearms while on duty.

(2) The tactical medical professional has done or received one of the following:

(a) The professional has been awarded a certificate by the executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission, which certificate attests to satisfactory completion of an approved state, county, or municipal basic training program or a program at the Ohio peace officer training academy that qualifies the professional to carry firearms while on duty and that conforms to the rules adopted under section 109.748 of the Revised Code.

(b) Prior to or during employment as a tactical medical professional and prior to ~~the effective~~

~~date of this section June 1, 2018~~, the professional has successfully completed a firearms training program, other than one described in division (A)(2)(a) of this section, that was approved by the Ohio peace officer training commission.

(B) A tactical medical professional to whom division (A) of this section applies and who is carrying one or more firearms under authority of that division has protection from potential civil or criminal liability for any conduct occurring while carrying the firearm or firearms to the same extent as a law enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency the professional is serving has such protection.

(C) The executive director of the commission shall issue a certificate of completion of a training program required under this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a certificate of completion of such a program in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a tactical medical professional who carries a firearm while on duty in a state that does not require completion of such a training program.

Sec. 109.78. (A) The executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission, on behalf of the commission and in accordance with rules promulgated by the attorney general, shall certify persons who have satisfactorily completed approved training programs designed to qualify persons for positions as special police, security guards, or persons otherwise privately employed in a police capacity and issue appropriate certificates to such persons. Application for approval of a training program designed to qualify persons for such positions shall be made to the commission. An application for approval shall be submitted to the commission with a fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars, which fee shall be refunded if the application is denied. Such programs shall cover only duties and jurisdiction of such security guards and special police privately employed in a police capacity when such officers do not qualify for training under section 109.71 of the Revised Code. A person attending an approved basic training program administered by the state shall pay to the agency administering the program the cost of the person's participation in the program as determined by the agency. A person attending an approved basic training program administered by a county or municipal corporation shall pay the cost of the person's participation in the program, as determined by the administering subdivision, to the county or the municipal corporation. A person who is issued a certificate for satisfactory completion of an approved basic training program shall pay to the commission a fee of fifteen dollars. A duplicate of a lost, spoliated, or destroyed certificate may be issued upon application and payment of a fee of fifteen dollars. Such certificate or the completion of twenty years of active duty as a peace officer shall satisfy the educational requirements for appointment or commission as a special police officer or special deputy of a political subdivision of this state.

(B)(1) The executive director of the Ohio peace officer training commission, on behalf of the commission and in accordance with rules promulgated by the attorney general, shall certify basic firearms training programs, and shall issue certificates to class A, B, or C licensees or prospective class A, B, or C licensees under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code and to registered or prospective employees of such class A, B, or C licensees who have satisfactorily completed a basic firearms training program of the type described in division (A)(1) of section 4749.10 of the Revised Code.

Application for approval of a basic firearms training program shall be made to the commission. An application shall be submitted to the commission with a fee of one hundred dollars, which fee shall be refunded if the application is denied.

A person who is issued a certificate for satisfactory completion of an approved basic firearms training program shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the commission. A duplicate of a lost, spoliated, or destroyed certificate may be issued upon application and payment of a fee of five dollars.

(2) The executive director, on behalf of the commission and in accordance with rules promulgated by the attorney general, also shall certify firearms requalification training programs and instructors for the annual requalification of class A, B, or C licensees under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code and registered or prospective employees of such class A, B, or C licensees who are authorized to carry a firearm under section 4749.10 of the Revised Code. Application for approval of a training program or instructor for such purpose shall be made to the commission. Such an application shall be submitted to the commission with a fee of fifty dollars, which fee shall be refunded if the application is denied.

(3) The executive director, upon request, also shall review firearms training received within three years prior to November 23, 1985, by any class A, B, or C licensee or prospective class A, B, or C licensee, or by any registered or prospective employee of any class A, B, or C licensee under Chapter 4749. of the Revised Code to determine if the training received is equivalent to a basic firearms training program that includes twenty hours of handgun training and five hours of training in the use of other firearms, if any other firearm is to be used. If the executive director determines the training was received within the three-year period and that it is equivalent to such a program, the executive director shall issue written evidence of approval of the equivalency training to the licensee or employee.

(C) There is hereby established in the state treasury the peace officer private security fund, which shall be used by the Ohio peace officer training commission to administer the training program to qualify persons for positions as special police, security guards, or other private employment in a police capacity, as described in division (A) of this section, and the training program in basic firearms and the training program for firearms requalification, both as described in division (B) of this section. All fees paid to the commission by applicants for approval of a training program designed to qualify persons for such private police positions, basic firearms training program, or a firearms requalification training program or instructor, as required by division (A) or (B) of this section, by persons who satisfactorily complete a private police training program or a basic firearms training program, as required by division (A) or (B) of this section, or by persons who satisfactorily requalify in firearms use, as required by division (B)(2) of section 4749.10 of the Revised Code, shall be transmitted to the treasurer of state for deposit in the fund. The fund shall be used only for the purpose set forth in this division.

(D)(1) Subject to division (D)(2) of this section, no public or private educational institution or superintendent of the state highway patrol shall employ a person as a special police officer, as a security guard, or for a similar law enforcement or security position, who has not received a certificate of having satisfactorily completed an approved basic peace officer training program, unless the person has completed twenty years of active duty as a peace officer.

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section does not apply to a person who is employed by a school

district board of education or governing body of a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, or chartered nonpublic school and who has been authorized by a board or governing body to voluntarily go armed within a school safety zone within which the board or governing body has authority, if both of the following apply with respect to the employment and person:

(a) The person is within the category of persons authorized to go armed within a school safety zone specified under division (D)(1)(d) of section 2923.122 of the Revised Code.

(b) The person is not being employed as a special police officer or security officer.

(E) The general assembly, in amending division (D) of this section pursuant to H.B. 99 of the 134th general assembly, hereby declares that the purpose of those amendments is to expressly overrule the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court in the case *Gabbard v. Madison Local School Dist. Bd. of Edn.*, Slip Opinion No. 2021-Ohio-2067.

(F) The executive director of the commission shall issue a certificate of completion of a training program required under division (A) of this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a certificate of completion of such a program in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the certificate is required in this state in a state that does not require completion of such a training program.

Sec. 109.804. (A)(1) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall develop and conduct a chief of police training course lasting forty hours for newly appointed chiefs of police appointed on or after January 1, 2018. The commission shall determine the course topics, which shall include diversity training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and community-police relations, and shall establish criteria for what constitutes successful completion of the course. The commission shall conduct the course at the Ohio peace officer training academy and shall offer the course at least semiannually.

(2) The executive director of the commission shall issue a certificate of completion of a training program required under this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to a newly appointed chief of police if either of the following applies:

(a) The person holds a certificate of completion of such a program in another state.

(b) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a chief of police in a state that does not require completion of such a training program.

(B) A newly appointed chief of police may request an equivalency exemption from a portion of the forty hours of the chief of police training course by submitting to the Ohio peace officer training commission, not more than ten calendar days following the person's appointment as a chief of police, evidence of training or qualification in the subject area of the exempted portion.

(C) Upon presentation of evidence by a newly appointed chief of police that because of a medical disability or other good cause the newly appointed chief of police is unable to complete the chief of police training course, the Ohio peace officer training commission may defer the requirement for the newly appointed chief of police to complete the chief of police training course until the

disability or cause terminates.

(D) A newly appointed chief of police appointed on or after January 1, 2018, shall attend a chief of police training course conducted by the Ohio peace officer training commission pursuant to division (A) of this section not later than six months after the person's appointment as a chief of police. While attending the chief of police training course, a newly appointed chief of police shall receive compensation in the same manner and amounts as if carrying out the powers and duties of the office of chief of police. The costs of conducting the chief of police training course shall be paid from state funds appropriated to the attorney general. The cost of meals, lodging, and travel of a newly appointed chief of police attending the chief of police training course shall be paid from the budget of the entity for which the newly appointed chief of police was appointed.

(E) As used in this section:

"Newly appointed chief of police" means a person appointed chief of police under section 505.49, 737.05, or 737.15 of the Revised Code or any administrative official that is responsible for the daily administration and supervision of peace officers in a law enforcement agency who did not hold the office of chief of police on the date the person was appointed chief of police.

"Law enforcement agency" means a municipal or township police department, or any other entity authorized by statute to appoint peace officers to enforce criminal laws and who have the statutory power of arrest. "Law enforcement agency" does not include a county sheriff's office, the state highway patrol, or the bureau of criminal identification and investigation.

Sec. 147.01. (A) The secretary of state may appoint and commission as notaries public as many persons who meet the qualifications of division (B) of this section as the secretary of state considers necessary.

(B) In order for a person to qualify to be appointed and commissioned as a notary public, except as provided in division (F) of this section, the person shall demonstrate to the secretary of state that the person satisfies all of the following:

(1) The person has attained the age of eighteen years.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, the person is a legal resident of this state.

(b) The person is not a legal resident of this state, but is an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court, and has the person's principal place of business or the person's primary practice in this state.

(3)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(3)(b) of this section, the person has submitted a criminal records check report completed within the preceding six months in accordance with section 147.022 of the Revised Code demonstrating that the applicant has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(b) An attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state shall not be required to submit a criminal records check when applying to be appointed a notary public.

(4)(a) Except as provided in divisions (B)(4)(b) and (c) of this section, the person has successfully completed an educational program and passed a test administered by the entities authorized by the secretary of state as required under section 147.021 of the Revised Code.

(b) An attorney who is commissioned as a notary public in this state prior to September 20,

2019, shall not be required to complete an education program or pass a test as required in division (B)(4)(a) of this section.

(c) Any attorney who applies to become commissioned as a notary public in this state after September 20, 2019, shall not be required to pass a test as required in division (B)(4)(a) of this section, but shall be required to complete an education program required by that division.

(C) A notary public shall be appointed and commissioned as a notary public for the state. The secretary of state may revoke a commission issued to a notary public upon presentation of satisfactory evidence of official misconduct or incapacity.

(D) The secretary of state shall oversee the processing of notary public applications and shall issue all notary public commissions. The secretary of state shall oversee the creation and maintenance of the online database of notaries public commissioned in this state pursuant to section 147.051 of the Revised Code. The secretary of state may perform all other duties as required by this section. The entities authorized by the secretary of state pursuant to section 147.021 or 147.63 of the Revised Code shall administer the educational program and required test or course of instruction and examination, as applicable.

(E) All submissions to the secretary of state for receiving and renewing commissions, or notifications made under section 147.05 of the Revised Code, shall be done electronically.

(F) The secretary of state shall appoint and commission as a notary public for the state an applicant who is commissioned or licensed as a notary public in another state in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 147.63. (A) A notary public who has been duly appointed and commissioned under section 147.01 of the Revised Code, and who is a resident of this state, may apply to the secretary of state to be authorized to act as an online notary public during the term of that notary public's commission. A state resident commissioned as a notary public qualifies to be an online notary public by paying the fee described in section 147.631 of the Revised Code and submitting to the secretary of state an application in the form prescribed by the secretary that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the applicant will comply with the standards adopted in rules under section 147.62 of the Revised Code and that the applicant is otherwise qualified to be an online notary.

(B)(1) Before an individual may be authorized to act as an online notary public, that individual shall successfully complete a course of instruction approved by the secretary of state and pass an examination based on the course. The content of the course shall include notarial rules, procedures, and ethical obligations pertaining to online notarization contained in sections 147.60 to 147.66 of the Revised Code or in any other law or rules of this state. The course may be taken in conjunction with the educational program required under section 147.021 of the Revised Code for a notary public commission.

(2) The secretary of state shall approve one business entity comprised of bar associations with statewide scope and regional presence that have expertise and experience in notary laws and processes to provide the course and administer the examination to become an online notary.

(C) The application required under division (A) of this section shall be transmitted electronically to the secretary of state and shall include all of the following information:

(1) The applicant's full legal name and official notary public name to be used in acting as an online notary public;

(2) A description of the technology the applicant intends to use in performing online notarizations;

(3) A certification that the applicant will comply with the rules adopted under section 147.62 of the Revised Code;

(4) An electronic mail address of the applicant;

(5) Any decrypting instructions, keys, codes, or software necessary to enable the application to be read;

(6) Proof of successful completion of the course and passage of the examination required under division (B) of this section;

(7) A disclosure of any and all license or commission revocations or other professional disciplinary actions taken against the applicant;

(8) Any other information that the secretary of state may require.

(D)(1) If the secretary of state is satisfied that an applicant meets the standards adopted in rules under section 147.62 of the Revised Code, and that the applicant is otherwise qualified to be an online notary public, then the secretary shall issue to the applicant a written authorization to perform online notarizations.

The secretary of state shall issue a written authorization to perform online notarizations to an applicant who holds an authorization or license to perform online notarizations in another state in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code.

(2) Except as provided in division (D)(4) of this section, the authorization shall expire when the notary public's commission expires or is revoked under section 147.03, 147.031, or 147.032 of the Revised Code.

(3)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(5) of this section, the authorization shall be renewed when the notary public's commission is renewed.

(b) An authorization to perform online notarizations that is set to expire shall not be renewed unless the notary submits to the secretary of state through the entity authorized in this section all of the following:

(i) A fee, set by the secretary of state, of not more than four times the fee prescribed in division (B)(2) of section 147.031 of the Revised Code;

(ii) An application for renewal on a form prescribed by the secretary;

(iii) Evidence of having completed continuing education, as required under division (G) of this section.

(c) If a notary public's online notarization authorization expires before the notary submits the application for renewal, the secretary of state shall not renew that expired authorization but shall permit that person to apply for a new online notarization authorization.

(4) An authorization to perform online notarizations granted to an attorney admitted to the practice of law in this state by the Ohio supreme court shall expire on the earlier of five years after the date the authorization is granted or when the attorney's term of office as a notary public ends.

(5) An attorney authorized to perform online notarizations may apply to renew the attorney's authorization three months prior to the authorization's expiration date.

(6)(a) The secretary may deny an application for an online notary public if any of the required information is missing or incorrect on the application form.

(b) The secretary may also deny an application if the technology the applicant identifies pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section does not conform to the standards developed by the secretary pursuant to section 147.62 of the Revised Code.

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting an online notary public from receiving, installing, and utilizing a software update to the technology that the online notary public disclosed pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section if that software update does not result in a technology that is materially different from the technology that the online notary public disclosed pursuant to division (C)(2) of this section.

(F)(1) If a notary public changes either the hardware or the software that the notary intends to use to carry out online notarizations, then the notary shall inform the secretary of this intent on a form prescribed by the secretary.

(2) If the secretary determines that the new hardware or software does not meet the standards prescribed in rules under section 147.62 of the Revised Code, then the secretary may suspend or revoke the notary's authority to perform online notarizations.

(G)(1) The secretary of state shall not renew an online notarization authorization unless the applicant has completed continuing education as required under rules adopted pursuant to division (G)(2) of this section.

(2) The secretary shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code related to continuing education requirements for an online notarization authorization. The rules shall specify the number of hours of continuing education a notary must complete over the duration of the notary's license and may specify content to be included in the continuing education.

Sec. 169.16. (A) No person, on behalf of any other person, shall engage in any activity for the purpose of locating, delivering, recovering, or assisting in the recovery of unclaimed funds or contents of a safe deposit box, and receive a fee, compensation, commission, or other remuneration for such activity, without first having obtained a certificate of registration from the director of commerce in accordance with this section.

(B) An application for a certificate of registration shall be in writing and in the form prescribed by the director. The application shall be accompanied by a recent full-face color photograph of the applicant and notarized reference letters from two reputable witnesses. The application shall, at a minimum, provide all of the following:

(1) The applicant's full name, home address, and work address;

(2) The name, address, and telephone number of the two witnesses who have provided the reference letters;

(3) A statement that the applicant has not, during the five-year period immediately preceding the submission of the application, violated division (A) of this section on or after the effective date of this section, or division (C) of section 169.13 of the Revised Code;

(4) A statement that the applicant has not been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, any disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code;

(5) The notarized signature of the applicant immediately following an acknowledgment that any false or perjured statement subjects the applicant to criminal liability under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code.

(C) Upon the filing of the application with the division of unclaimed funds, the division may

investigate the applicant to verify the information provided in the application and to determine the applicant's eligibility for a certificate of registration under this section. False information on an application is grounds for the denial or revocation of the applicant's certificate of registration.

~~(D) The~~ (1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, the director shall issue a certificate of registration to an applicant if the director finds that the following conditions are met:

~~(1) (a)~~ The applicant has not, during the five-year period immediately preceding the submission of the application, violated division (A) of this section on or after the effective date of this section, or division (C) of section 169.13 of the Revised Code;

~~(2) (b)~~ The applicant has not been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, any disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

~~(3) (c)~~ The applicant's general fitness command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the applicant's business will be conducted honestly and fairly.

(2) The director shall issue a certificate of registration in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license or certificate of registration in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the certificate of registration is required in this state in a state that does not issue such a license or certificate of registration.

~~(E) The~~ A certificate of registration issued pursuant to ~~division (D) of this section~~ may be renewed annually if the director finds that the following conditions are met:

(1) The applicant submits a renewal application form prescribed by the director.

(2) The applicant meets the conditions set forth in divisions (D)(1)(a) and ~~(3) (c)~~ of this section.

(3) The applicant has not, during the ten-year period immediately preceding the submission of the renewal application but excluding any time before the initial issuance of the certificate of registration, been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, any felony or any offense involving moral turpitude, including theft, attempted theft, falsification, tampering with records, securing writings by deception, fraud, forgery, and perjury.

(4) The applicant's certificate of registration is not subject to an order of revocation by the director.

Sec. 173.21. (A) The office of the state long-term care ombudsman program, through the state long-term care ombudsman and the regional long-term care ombudsman programs, shall require each representative of the office to complete a training and certification program in accordance with this section and to meet the continuing education requirements established under this section.

(B) The department of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code specifying the content of training programs for representatives of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman program. Training for representatives other than those who are volunteers providing services through regional long-term care ombudsman programs shall include instruction regarding federal, state, and local laws, rules, and policies on long-term care facilities and community-based long-term care services; investigative techniques; and other topics considered relevant by the department and shall consist of the following:

(1) A minimum of forty clock hours of basic instruction, which shall be completed before the trainee is permitted to handle complaints without the supervision of a representative of the office certified under this section;

(2) An additional sixty clock hours of instruction, which shall be completed within the first fifteen months of employment;

(3) An internship of twenty clock hours, which shall be completed within the first twenty-four months of employment, including instruction in, and observation of, basic nursing care and long-term care provider operations and procedures. The internship shall be performed at a site that has been approved as an internship site by the state long-term care ombudsman.

(4) One of the following, which shall be completed within the first twenty-four months of employment:

(a) Observation of a survey conducted by the director of health to certify a nursing facility to participate in the medicaid program;

(b) Observation of an inspection conducted by the director of mental health and addiction services to license a residential facility under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults.

(5) Any other training considered appropriate by the department.

(C) Any person who for a period of at least six months prior to June 11, 1990, served as an ombudsman through the long-term care ombudsman program established by the department of aging under section 173.01 of the Revised Code shall not be required to complete a training program. Such a person and persons who complete a training program shall take an examination administered by the department of aging. On attainment of a passing score, the person shall be certified by the department as a representative of the office. The department shall issue the person an identification card, which the representative shall show at the request of any person with whom the representative deals while performing the representative's duties and which shall be surrendered at the time the representative separates from the office.

(D) The state ombudsman and each regional program shall conduct training programs for volunteers on their respective staffs in accordance with the rules of the department of aging adopted under division (B) of this section. Training programs may be conducted that train volunteers to complete some, but not all, of the duties of a representative of the office. Each regional office shall bear the cost of training its representatives who are volunteers. On completion of a training program, the representative shall take an examination administered by the department of aging. On attainment of a passing score, a volunteer shall be certified by the department as a representative authorized to perform services specified in the certification. The department shall issue an identification card, which the representative shall show at the request of any person with whom the representative deals while performing the representative's duties and which shall be surrendered at the time the representative separates from the office. Except as a supervised part of a training program, no volunteer shall perform any duty unless the volunteer is certified as a representative having received appropriate training for that duty.

(E) The state ombudsman shall provide technical assistance to regional programs conducting training programs for volunteers and shall monitor the training programs.

(F) Prior to scheduling an observation of a certification survey or licensing inspection for

purposes of division (B)(4) of this section, the state ombudsman shall obtain permission to have the survey or inspection observed from both the long-term care facility at which the survey or inspection is to take place and, as the case may be, the director of health or director of mental health and addiction services.

(G) Notwithstanding the requirements for a certification under this section, the department shall issue a certificate as a representative of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman program in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to a person if either of the following applies:

(1) The person holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a representative of a state long-term care ombudsman program in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(H) The department of aging shall establish continuing education requirements for representatives of the office.

Sec. 173.391. (A) Subject to section 173.381 of the Revised Code and except as provided in division (I) of this section, the department of aging or its designee shall do all of the following in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code:

(1) Certify a provider to provide services, including community-based long-term care services, under a program the department administers if the provider satisfies the requirements for certification established by rules adopted under division (B) of this section and pays the fee, if any, established by rules adopted under division (G) of this section;

(2) When required to do so by rules adopted under division (B) of this section, take one or more of the following disciplinary actions against a provider certified under division (A)(1) of this section:

(a) Issue a written warning;

(b) Require the submission of a plan of correction or evidence of compliance with requirements identified by the department;

(c) Suspend referrals;

(d) Remove clients;

(e) Impose a fiscal sanction such as a civil monetary penalty or an order that unearned funds be repaid;

(f) Suspend the certification;

(g) Revoke the certification;

(h) Impose another sanction.

(3) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, hold hearings when there is a dispute between the department or its designee and a provider concerning actions the department or its designee takes regarding a decision not to certify the provider under division (A)(1) of this section or a disciplinary action under divisions (A)(2)(e) to (h) of this section.

(B) The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing certification requirements and standards for determining which type of disciplinary action to take under division (A)(2) of this section in individual situations. The rules shall establish procedures for all of the following:

- (1) Ensuring that providers comply with sections 173.38 and 173.381 of the Revised Code;
- (2) Evaluating the services provided by the providers to ensure that the services are provided in a quality manner advantageous to the individual receiving the services;
- (3) In a manner consistent with section 173.381 of the Revised Code, determining when to take disciplinary action under division (A)(2) of this section and which disciplinary action to take;
- (4) Determining what constitutes another sanction for purposes of division (A)(2)(h) of this section.

(C) The procedures established in rules adopted under division (B)(2) of this section shall require that all of the following be considered as part of an evaluation described in division (B)(2) of this section:

- (1) The provider's experience and financial responsibility;
- (2) The provider's ability to comply with standards for the services, including community-based long-term care services, that the provider provides under a program the department administers;
- (3) The provider's ability to meet the needs of the individuals served;
- (4) Any other factor the director considers relevant.

(D) The rules adopted under division (B)(3) of this section shall specify that the reasons disciplinary action may be taken under division (A)(2) of this section include good cause, including misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, confirmed abuse or neglect, financial irresponsibility, or other conduct the director determines is injurious, or poses a threat, to the health or safety of individuals being served.

(E) Subject to division (F) of this section, the department is not required to hold hearings under division (A)(3) of this section if any of the following conditions apply:

(1) Rules adopted by the director of aging pursuant to this chapter require the provider to be a party to a provider agreement; hold a license, certificate, or permit; or maintain a certification, any of which is required or issued by a state or federal government entity other than the department of aging, and either of the following is the case:

(a) The provider agreement has not been entered into or the license, certificate, permit, or certification has not been obtained or maintained.

(b) The provider agreement, license, certificate, permit, or certification has been denied, revoked, not renewed, or suspended or has been otherwise restricted.

(2) The provider's certification under this section has been denied, suspended, or revoked for any of the following reasons:

(a) A government entity of this state, other than the department of aging, has terminated or refused to renew any of the following held by, or has denied any of the following sought by, a provider: a provider agreement, license, certificate, permit, or certification. Division (E)(2)(a) of this section applies regardless of whether the provider has entered into a provider agreement in, or holds a license, certificate, permit, or certification issued by, another state.

(b) The provider or a principal owner or manager of the provider who provides direct care has entered a guilty plea for, or has been convicted of, an offense materially related to the medicaid program.

(c) A principal owner or manager of the provider who provides direct care has entered a

guilty plea for, been convicted of, or been found eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction for an offense listed or described in divisions (A)(3)(a) to (e) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, but only if the provider, principal owner, or manager does not meet standards specified by the director in rules adopted under section 173.38 of the Revised Code.

(d) The department or its designee is required by section 173.381 of the Revised Code to deny or revoke the provider's certification.

(e) The United States department of health and human services has taken adverse action against the provider and that action impacts the provider's participation in the medicaid program.

(f) The provider has failed to enter into or renew a provider agreement with the PASSPORT administrative agency, as that term is defined in section 173.42 of the Revised Code, that administers programs on behalf of the department of aging in the region of the state in which the provider is certified to provide services.

(g) The provider has not billed or otherwise submitted a claim to the department for payment under the medicaid program in at least two years.

(h) The provider denied or failed to provide the department or its designee access to the provider's facilities during the provider's normal business hours for purposes of conducting an audit or structural compliance review.

(i) The provider has ceased doing business.

(j) The provider has voluntarily relinquished its certification for any reason.

(3) The provider's provider agreement with the department of medicaid has been suspended under section 5164.36 of the Revised Code.

(4) The provider's provider agreement with the department of medicaid is denied or revoked because the provider or its owner, officer, authorized agent, associate, manager, or employee has been convicted of an offense that caused the provider agreement to be suspended under section 5164.36 of the Revised Code.

(F) If the department does not hold hearings when any condition described in division (E) of this section applies, the department shall send a notice to the provider describing a decision not to certify the provider under division (A)(1) of this section or the disciplinary action the department is taking under divisions (A)(2)(e) to (h) of this section. The notice shall be sent to the provider's address that is on record with the department and may be sent by regular mail.

(G) The director of aging may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing a fee to be charged by the department of aging or its designee for certification issued under division (A) of this section.

(H) Any amounts collected by the department or its designee under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the provider certification fund, which is hereby created. Money credited to the fund shall be used to pay for services, including community-based long-term care services, to pay for administrative costs associated with provider certification under this section, and to pay for administrative costs related to the publication of the Ohio long-term care consumer guide.

(I) The director shall certify a provider in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The provider is licensed or certified in another state.

(2) The provider has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a provider of community-based long-term care services under a state program in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 173.422. (A) The department of aging shall certify individuals who meet certification requirements established by rule to provide long-term care consultations for purposes of sections 173.42 and 173.421 of the Revised Code. The director of aging shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing the certification process and requirements. The rules shall specify the education, experience, or training in long-term care a person must have to qualify for certification.

(B) Notwithstanding the requirements for a certification under division (A) of this section, the department shall issue a certification to provide long-term care consultations in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to a person if either of the following applies:

(1) The person holds a license or certification in another state.

(2) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a provider of long-term care consultations in a state that does not issue that license or certification.

Sec. 503.41. (A) A board of township trustees, by resolution, may regulate and require the registration of massage establishments and their employees within the unincorporated territory of the township. In accordance with sections 503.40 to 503.49 of the Revised Code, for that purpose, the board, by a majority vote of all members, may adopt, amend, administer, and enforce regulations within the unincorporated territory of the township.

(B) A board may adopt regulations and amendments under this section only after public hearing at not fewer than two regular sessions of the board. The board shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township, or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code, notice of the public hearings, including the time, date, and place, once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the hearings. The board shall make available proposed regulations or amendments to the public at the office of the board.

(C) Regulations or amendments adopted by the board are effective thirty days after the date of adoption unless, within thirty days after the adoption of the regulations or amendments, the township fiscal officer receives a petition, signed by a number of qualified electors residing in the unincorporated area of the township equal to not less than ten per cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in the area at the most recent general election at which a governor was elected, requesting the board to submit the regulations or amendments to the electors of the area for approval or rejection at the next primary or general election occurring at least ninety days after the board receives the petition.

No regulation or amendment for which the referendum vote has been requested is effective unless a majority of the votes cast on the issue is in favor of the regulation or amendment. Upon certification by the board of elections that a majority of the votes cast on the issue was in favor of the regulation or amendment, the regulation or amendment takes immediate effect.

(D) The board shall make available regulations it adopts or amends to the public at the office of the board and shall cause to be published once a notice of the availability of the regulations in a newspaper of general circulation in the township within ten days after their adoption or amendment.

(E) Nothing in sections 503.40 to 503.49 of the Revised Code shall be construed to allow a board of township trustees to regulate the practice of any limited branch of medicine specified in section 4731.15 of the Revised Code or the practice of providing therapeutic massage by a licensed physician, a licensed chiropractor, a licensed podiatrist, a licensed nurse, or any other licensed health professional. As used in this division, "licensed" means licensed, certified, or registered to practice in this state.

(F) If a township adopts regulations to require the registration of massage establishments and their employees, the township shall comply with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 715.27. (A) Any municipal corporation may:

(1) Regulate the erection of fences, billboards, signs, and other structures, within the municipal corporation, and provide for the removal and repair of insecure billboards, signs, and other structures;

(2) Regulate the construction and repair of wires, poles, plants, and all equipment to be used for the generation and application of electricity;

(3) Provide for the licensing of house movers; plumbers; sewer tappers; vault cleaners; and specialty contractors who are not required to hold a valid license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code;

(4) Require all specialty contractors other than those who hold a valid license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code, to successfully complete an examination, test, or demonstration of technical skills, and may impose a fee and additional requirements for a license or registration to engage in their respective occupations within the jurisdiction of the municipal corporation.

(B) No municipal corporation shall require any specialty contractor who holds a valid license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code to complete an examination, test, or demonstration of technical skills to engage in the type of contracting for which the license is held, within the municipal corporation.

(C) A municipal corporation may require a specialty contractor who holds a valid license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code to register with the municipal corporation and pay any fee the municipal corporation imposes before that specialty contractor may engage within the municipal corporation in the type of contracting for which the license is held. Any fee shall be the same for all specialty contractors who engage in the same type of contracting. A municipal corporation may require a bond and proof of all of the following:

(1) Insurance pursuant to division (B)(4) of section 4740.06 of the Revised Code;

(2) Compliance with Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised Code;

(3) Registration with the tax department of the municipal corporation.

If a municipal corporation requires registration, imposes such a fee, or requires a bond or proof of the items listed in divisions (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, the municipal corporation immediately shall permit a contractor who presents proof of holding a valid license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code, who registers, pays the fee, obtains a bond, and submits the proof described under divisions (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, as required, to engage in the type of contracting for which the license is held, within the municipal corporation.

(D) A municipal corporation may revoke the registration of a contractor registered with that

municipal corporation for good cause shown. Good cause shown includes the failure of a contractor to maintain a bond or the items listed in divisions (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, if the municipal corporation requires those.

(E) A municipal corporation that licenses specialty contractors pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section may accept, for purposes of satisfying its licensing requirements, a valid license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code that a specialty contractor holds, for the construction, replacement, maintenance, or repair of one-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling houses or accessory structures incidental to those dwelling houses.

(F) A municipal corporation shall not register a specialty contractor who is required to hold a license under Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code but does not hold a valid license issued under that chapter.

(G) If a municipal corporation regulates a profession, occupation, or occupational activity under this section, the municipal corporation shall comply with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code.

(H) As used in this section, "specialty contractor" means a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor, plumbing contractor, or hydronics contractor, as those contractors are described in Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 903.07. (A) On and after the date that is established in rules by the director of agriculture, both of the following apply:

(1) The management and handling of manure at a major concentrated animal feeding facility, including the land application of manure or the removal of manure from a manure storage or treatment facility, shall be conducted only by or under the supervision of a person holding a livestock manager certification issued under this section. A person managing or handling manure who is acting under the instructions and control of a person holding a livestock manager certification is considered to be under the supervision of the certificate holder if the certificate holder is responsible for the actions of the person and is available when needed even though the certificate holder is not physically present at the time of the manure management or handling.

(2) No person shall transport and land apply annually or buy, sell, or land apply annually the volume of manure established in rules adopted by the director under division (D)(5) of section 903.10 of the Revised Code unless the person holds a livestock manager certification issued under this section.

(B) The Except as provided in division (D) of this section, the director shall issue a livestock manager certification to a person who has submitted a complete application for certification on a form prescribed and provided by the director, together with the appropriate application fee, and who has completed successfully the required training and has passed the required examination. The director may suspend or revoke a livestock manager certification and may reinstate a suspended or revoked livestock manager certification in accordance with rules.

(C) Information required to be included in an application for a livestock manager certification, the amount of the application fee, requirements regarding training and the examination, requirements governing the management and handling of manure, including the land application of manure, and requirements governing the keeping of records regarding the handling of manure, including the land application of manure, shall be established in rules.

(D) The director shall issue a livestock manager certification in accordance with Chapter

4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

- (1) The individual holds a certification in another state.
- (2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a livestock manager in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 905.321. (A) Beginning September thirtieth of the third year after ~~the effective date of this section~~ August 21, 2014, no person shall apply fertilizer for the purposes of agricultural production unless that person has been certified to do so by the director of agriculture under this section and rules or is acting under the instructions and control of a person who is so certified.

(B) ~~A~~ Except as otherwise provided in this division, a person shall be certified to apply fertilizer for purposes of agricultural production in accordance with rules. A person that has been so certified shall comply with requirements and procedures established in those rules.

The director shall issue a certification to apply fertilizer for purposes of agricultural production in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

- (1) The individual holds a license or certification in another state.
- (2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a fertilizer applicator in a state that does not issue that license or certification.

(C) A person that has been licensed as a commercial applicator under section 921.06 of the Revised Code or as a private applicator under section 921.11 of the Revised Code may apply to be certified under this section, but shall not be required to pay the application fee for certification established in rules adopted under section 905.322 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 917.09. (A) The director of agriculture may issue the following types of licenses:

- (1) Producer;
- (2) Processor;
- (3) Milk dealer;
- (4) Raw milk retailer;
- (5) Weigher, sampler, or tester;
- (6) Milk hauler.

(B) The director may adopt rules establishing categories for each type of license that are based on the grade or type of dairy product with which the licensee is involved.

(C) Except as provided in section 917.091 of the Revised Code and division (J) of this section, no person shall act as or hold the person's self out as a producer; processor; milk dealer; raw milk retailer; weigher, sampler, or tester; or milk hauler unless the person holds a valid license issued by the director under this section.

(D) Each person desiring a license shall submit to the director a license application on a form prescribed by the director, accompanied by a license fee in an amount specified in rules adopted under section 917.02 of the Revised Code. The applicant shall specify on the application the type of license and category requested and shall include any other information required by rules adopted under section 917.02 of the Revised Code.

(E) Each applicant for a weigher, sampler, or tester license or registration, prior to issuance of

the license or registration, shall pass an examination that is given in accordance with section 917.08 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under section 917.02 of the Revised Code.

Each applicant for any other type of license issued under this section, prior to issuance of the license, shall pass an inspection that is made in accordance with rules adopted under section 917.02 of the Revised Code.

(F) The director shall not issue a license to an applicant unless the director determines, through an inspection or otherwise, that the applicant is in compliance with the requirements set forth in this chapter and the rules adopted under it.

(G) Examinations that must be passed prior to issuance of a weigher, sampler, or tester license, inspections that must be passed prior to issuance of any other type of license issued under this section, procedures for issuing and renewing licenses, and license terms and renewal periods shall comply with rules adopted under section 917.02 of the Revised Code.

(H) Suspension and revocation of licenses shall comply with section 917.22 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under section 917.02 of the Revised Code.

(I) Each licensed weigher, sampler, and tester annually shall meet the continuing education requirements established in rules adopted under division (B) of section 917.02 of the Revised Code.

(J) A person whose religion prohibits the person from obtaining a license under this section, in place of a license, shall register with the director as a producer; processor; milk dealer; raw milk retailer; weigher, sampler, or tester; or milk hauler.

The person claiming the exemption from licensure shall register on a form prescribed by the director and shall meet any other registration requirements contained in rules adopted under section 917.02 of the Revised Code. Upon receiving the person's registration form and determining that the person has satisfied all requirements for registration, the director shall notify the person that the person is registered to lawfully operate as a producer; processor; milk dealer; raw milk retailer; weigher, sampler, or tester; or milk hauler.

A registrant is subject to all provisions governing licensees, such as provisions concerning testing, sampling, and inspection of dairy products. A registrant is subject to provisions governing issuance of a temporary weigher, sampler, or tester license under section 917.091 of the Revised Code. A registration shall be renewed, suspended, and revoked under the same terms as a license.

(K) Notwithstanding the requirements for a license or registration under this section, the director shall issue a license or registration to operate as a producer; processor; milk dealer; raw milk retailer; weigher, sampler, or tester; or milk hauler, as applicable, in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a license or registration in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a producer; processor; milk dealer; raw milk retailer; weigher, sampler, or tester; or milk hauler, as applicable, in a state that does not issue the applicable license or registration.

Sec. 917.091. The director of agriculture may issue a temporary weigher, sampler, or tester license to an applicant upon determining that the applicant has met all qualifications for licensure under section 917.09 of the Revised Code except successful completion of an examination. A temporary weigher, sampler, or tester license is effective for ninety days from the date of issuance.

An applicant who has not taken an examination for licensure may receive no more than three temporary weigher, sampler, or tester licenses. An applicant who takes and fails an examination for licensure may receive no more than two temporary weigher, sampler, or tester licenses. Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code does not apply to a temporary license issued under this section.

Sec. 921.06. (A)(1) No individual shall do any of the following without having a commercial applicator license issued by the director of agriculture:

- (a) Apply pesticides for a pesticide business without direct supervision;
- (b) Apply pesticides as part of the individual's duties while acting as an employee of the United States government, a state, county, township, or municipal corporation, or a park district, port authority, or sanitary district created under Chapter 1545., 4582., or 6115. of the Revised Code, respectively;
- (c) Apply restricted use pesticides. Division (A)(1)(c) of this section does not apply to a private applicator or an immediate family member or a subordinate employee of a private applicator who is acting under the direct supervision of that private applicator.
- (d) If the individual is the owner of a business other than a pesticide business or an employee of such an owner, apply pesticides at any of the following publicly accessible sites that are located on the property:
 - (i) Food service operations that are licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code;
 - (ii) Retail food establishments that are licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code;
 - (iii) Golf courses;
 - (iv) Rental properties of more than four apartment units at one location;
 - (v) Hospitals or medical facilities as defined in section 3701.01 of the Revised Code;
 - (vi) Child day-care centers or school child day-care centers as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code;
 - (vii) Facilities owned or operated by a school district established under Chapter 3311. of the Revised Code, including an educational service center, a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, or a chartered or nonchartered nonpublic school that meets minimum standards established by the state board of education;
 - (viii) State institutions of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, nonprofit institutions holding a certificate of authorization pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Revised Code, institutions holding a certificate of registration from the state board of career colleges and schools and program authorization for an associate or bachelor's degree program issued under section 3332.05 of the Revised Code, and private institutions exempt from regulation under Chapter 3332. of the Revised Code as prescribed in section 3333.046 of the Revised Code;
 - (ix) Food processing establishments as defined in section 3715.021 of the Revised Code;
 - (x) Any other site designated by rule.
- (e) Conduct authorized diagnostic inspections.

(2) Divisions (A)(1)(a) to (d) of this section do not apply to an individual who is acting as a trained serviceperson under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator.

(3) Licenses shall be issued for a period of time established by rule and shall be renewed in accordance with deadlines established by rule. The fee for each such license shall be established by rule. If a license is not issued or renewed, the application fee shall be retained by the state as payment

for the reasonable expense of processing the application. The director shall by rule classify by pesticide-use category licenses to be issued under this section. A single license may include more than one pesticide-use category. No individual shall be required to pay an additional license fee if the individual is licensed for more than one category.

The fee for each license or renewal does not apply to an applicant who is an employee of the department of agriculture whose job duties require licensure as a commercial applicator as a condition of employment.

(B) Application for a commercial applicator license shall be made on a form prescribed by the director. Each application for a license shall state the pesticide-use category or categories of license for which the applicant is applying and other information that the director determines essential to the administration of this chapter.

~~(C)~~ ~~If (1) Except as provided in division (C)(2) of this section,~~ if the director finds that the applicant is competent to apply pesticides and conduct diagnostic inspections and that the applicant has passed both the general examination and each applicable pesticide-use category examination as required under division (A) of section 921.12 of the Revised Code, the director shall issue a commercial applicator license limited to the pesticide-use category or categories for which the applicant is found to be competent. If the director rejects an application, the director may explain why the application was rejected, describe the additional requirements necessary for the applicant to obtain a license, and return the application. The applicant may resubmit the application without payment of any additional fee.

(2) The director shall issue a commercial applicator license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(a) The individual holds a commercial applicator license in another state.

(b) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a commercial applicator in a state that does not issue that license.

A license issued under this division shall be limited to the pesticide-use category or categories for which the applicant is licensed in another state or has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification in that state.

(D)(1) A person who is a commercial applicator shall be deemed to hold a private applicator's license for purposes of applying pesticides on agricultural commodities that are produced by the commercial applicator.

(2) A commercial applicator shall apply pesticides only in the pesticide-use category or categories in which the applicator is licensed under this chapter.

(E) All money collected under this section shall be credited to the pesticide, fertilizer, and lime program fund created in section 921.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 921.11. (A)(1) No individual shall apply restricted use pesticides unless the individual is one of the following:

(a) Licensed under section 921.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) Licensed under division (B) of this section;

(c) A trained serviceperson who is acting under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator;

(d) An immediate family member or a subordinate employee of a private applicator who is acting under the direct supervision of that private applicator.

(2) No individual shall directly supervise the application of a restricted use pesticide unless the individual is one of the following:

(a) Licensed under section 921.06 of the Revised Code;

(b) Licensed under division (B) of this section.

(B) ~~The~~ (1) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, the director of agriculture shall adopt rules to establish standards and procedures for the licensure of private applicators. An individual shall apply for a private applicator license to the director, on forms prescribed by the director. The individual shall include in the application the pesticide-use category or categories of the license for which the individual is applying and any other information that the director determines is essential to the administration of this chapter. The fee for each license shall be established by rule. Licenses shall be issued for a period of time established by rule and shall be renewed in accordance with deadlines established by rule. If a license is not issued or renewed, the state shall retain any fee submitted as payment for reasonable expenses of processing the application.

(2) The director shall issue a private applicator license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(a) The individual holds a private applicator license in another state.

(b) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a private applicator in a state that does not issue that license.

A license issued under this division shall be limited to the pesticide-use category or categories for which the applicant is licensed in another state or has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification in that state.

(C) An individual who is licensed under this section shall use or directly supervise the use of a restricted use pesticide only for the purpose of producing agricultural commodities on property that is owned or rented by the individual or the individual's employer.

(D) All money collected under this section shall be credited to the pesticide, fertilizer, and lime program fund created in section 921.22 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 921.12. (A) The director of agriculture shall require each applicant for a license by examination under section 921.06 or 921.11 of the Revised Code to be examined on the applicant's knowledge and competency in each of the following:

(1) This chapter and rules adopted under it;

(2) The proper use, handling, and application of pesticides and, if the applicant is applying for a license under section 921.06 of the Revised Code, in the conducting of diagnostic inspections in the pesticide-use categories for which the applicant has applied.

(B) Each application for renewal of a license provided for in section 921.06 of the Revised Code shall be filed prior to the deadline established by rule. If filed after the deadline, a penalty of fifty per cent shall be assessed and added to the original fee and shall be paid by the applicant before the renewal license is issued. However, if a license issued under section 921.06 or 921.11 of the Revised Code is not renewed within one hundred eighty days after the date of expiration, the licensee shall be required to take another examination on this chapter and rules adopted under it and on the

proper use, handling, and application of pesticides and, if applicable, the proper conducting of diagnostic inspections in the pesticide-use categories for which the licensee has been licensed.

(C) A person who fails to pass an examination under division (A) or (B) of this section is not entitled to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for that failure.

(D) The holder of a commercial applicator license may renew the license within one hundred eighty days after the date of expiration without re-examination unless the director determines that a new examination is necessary to insure that the holder continues to meet the requirements of changing technology and to assure a continuing level of competence and ability to use pesticides safely and properly.

(E) The holder of a private applicator license may renew the license within one hundred eighty days after the date of expiration without re-examination unless the director determines that a new examination is necessary to insure that the holder continues to meet the requirements of changing technology and to assure a continuing level of competence and ability to use pesticides safely and properly.

(F) Instead of requiring a commercial applicator or private applicator to complete re-examination successfully under division (D) or (E) of this section, the director may require, in accordance with criteria established by rule, the commercial applicator or private applicator to participate in training programs that are designed to foster knowledge of new technology and to ensure a continuing level of competence and ability to use pesticides safely and properly. The director or the director's representative may provide the training or may authorize a third party to do so. In order for such authorization to occur, the third party and its training program shall comply with standards and requirements established by rule.

Sec. 921.24. No person shall do any of the following:

(A) Apply, use, directly supervise such application or use, or recommend a pesticide for use inconsistent with the pesticide's labeling, treatment standards, or other restrictions imposed by the director of agriculture;

(B) Act as a commercial applicator without being licensed to do so;

(C) Use any restricted use pesticide, unless the person is licensed to do so, is a trained serviceperson acting under the direct supervision of a commercial applicator, or is an immediate family member or a subordinate employee of a private applicator under the direct supervision of that private applicator;

(D) Refuse or fail to keep or maintain records required by the director in rules adopted under this chapter, or to make reports when and as required by the director in rules adopted under this chapter;

(E) Falsely or fraudulently represent the effect of pesticides or methods to be utilized;

(F) Apply known ineffective or improper materials;

(G) Operate in a negligent manner, which includes the operation of faulty or unsafe equipment;

(H) Impersonate any federal, state, county, or municipal official;

(I) Make false or fraudulent records, invoices, or reports;

(J) Fail to provide training to trained servicepersons in the application of pesticides;

(K) Fail to provide direct supervision as specified in rules adopted under division (C) of

section 921.16 of the Revised Code;

- (L) Distribute a misbranded or adulterated pesticide;
- (M) Use fraud or misrepresentation in making application for a license or registration or renewal of a license or registration;
- (N) Refuse, fail, or neglect to comply with any limitation or restriction of a license or registration issued under this chapter or rules adopted thereunder;
- (O) Aid or abet a licensee or another person in violating this chapter or rules adopted thereunder;
- (P) Make a false or misleading statement in an inspection concerning any infestation of pests or the use of pesticides;
- (Q) Refuse or fail to comply with this chapter, the rules adopted thereunder, or any lawful order of the director;
- (R) Distribute restricted use pesticides to the ultimate user without a pesticide dealer's license;
- (S) Except as provided in division (F) of section 921.26 of the Revised Code, distribute restricted use pesticides to an ultimate user who is not licensed under section 921.06, ~~921.08~~, or 921.11 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under this chapter;
- (T) Use any pesticide that is under an experimental use permit contrary to the provisions of the permit;
- (U) Engage in fraudulent business practices;
- (V) Dispose of any pesticide product or container in such a manner as to have unreasonable adverse effects on the environment;
- (W) Display any pesticide in any manner to produce unreasonable adverse effects on the environment, or to contaminate adjacent food, feed, or other products;
- (X) Apply any pesticide by aircraft without being licensed as a commercial applicator;
- (Y) Distribute a pesticide that is not registered with the director;
- (Z) Fail to properly supervise a trained serviceperson.

Sec. 921.26. (A) The penalties provided for violations of this chapter do not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Any carrier while lawfully engaged in transporting a pesticide or device within this state, if that carrier, upon request, permits the director of agriculture to copy all records showing the transactions in the movement of the pesticides or devices;
- (2) Public officials of this state and the federal government, other than commercial applicators employed by the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision, while engaged in the performance of their official duties in administering state or federal pesticide laws or rules, or while engaged in pesticide research;
- (3) The manufacturer or shipper of a pesticide for experimental use only by or under supervision of an agency of this state or of the federal government authorized by law to conduct research in the field of pesticides, provided that the manufacturer or shipper is not required to obtain an experimental use permit from the United States environmental protection agency;
- (4) The manufacturer or shipper of a substance being tested in which its purpose only is to determine its value for pesticide purposes or to determine its toxicity or other properties, and from

which the user does not expect to receive any benefit in pest control from its use;

(5) Persons conducting laboratory research involving pesticides;

(6) Persons who incidentally use pesticides. The incidental use shall involve only the application of general use pesticides. If a person incidentally uses a pesticide, the pesticide shall be applied in strict accordance with the manufacturer's label for general use purposes. If further applications are necessary following the incidental use application, a pesticide applicator shall apply the pesticide.

(B) No pesticide or device shall be considered in violation of this chapter when intended solely for export to a foreign country, and when prepared or packed according to the specifications or directions of the purchaser. If the pesticide or device is not so exported, this chapter applies.

(C) No person who is licensed, regulated, or registered under section 921.02, 921.03, 921.06, ~~921.08~~, 921.09, 921.11, or 921.13 of the Revised Code shall be required to obtain a license or permit to operate or to be otherwise regulated in such capacity by any local ordinance, or to meet any other condition except as otherwise provided by statute or rule of the United States or of this state.

(D) Section 921.09 of the Revised Code does not apply to an individual who uses only ground equipment for the individual or for the individual's neighbors, provided that the individual meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Is licensed under section 921.11 of the Revised Code;

(2) Operates farm property and operates and maintains pesticide application equipment primarily for the individual's own use;

(3) Is not regularly engaged in the business of applying pesticides for hire or does not publicly hold oneself out as a pesticide applicator;

(4) Meets any other requirement established by rule.

(E) Section 921.06 of the Revised Code relating to licenses and requirements for their issuance does not apply to licensed physicians or veterinarians applying pesticides to human beings or other animals during the normal course of their practice, provided that they are not regularly engaged in the business of applying pesticides for hire amounting to a principal or regular occupation or do not publicly hold themselves out as commercial applicators.

(F) Division (S) of section 921.24 of the Revised Code does not apply to a pesticide dealer who distributes restricted use pesticides to a nonresident who is licensed in another state having a state plan approved by the United States environmental protection agency.

Sec. 926.30. (A) No licensed handler or employee of a licensed handler who receives an agricultural commodity from a producer, either for sale or for storage under a bailment agreement, shall perform a quality test on the commodity for the purpose of applying a premium, discount, or conditioning charge unless the person making the test has passed an examination on the subject that is approved by the director of agriculture. ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in division (D) of this section, ~~upon~~ application by a person who has passed the examination, the director shall issue to the person an agricultural commodity tester certificate that shall be valid for a period of three years. Except as otherwise provided in this division, an agricultural commodity tester shall pass an examination on agricultural commodity testing approved by the director prior to each renewal of a certificate. The director may exempt from the examination requirement for certificate renewal an agricultural commodity tester who, during the year prior to expiration of the certificate, successfully completes

training on agricultural commodity testing that has been approved by the director. The director shall establish by rule standards that such training must meet in order to be approved by the director. The rules shall require the training to include instructions in the use of the official grain standards of the United States as a basis for determining the quality of the commodities tested by an agricultural commodity tester. An agricultural commodity tester certificate issued prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ July 29, 1998, shall be considered to be valid until the date on which, at the time of issuance, it was scheduled to expire. Upon expiration of the certificate, the examination requirement for renewal shall apply.

(B) The director may determine that retraining or review is necessary for the tester as a result of changes in or amendments to the official grain standards of the United States, or if the director has reason to believe that retraining is necessary as a result of complaints relating to the tester's inability to accurately test commodities according to the official grain standards. A fee to cover the cost of issuing certificates and administering the educational program shall be established by rule of the director adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and shall be deposited into the commodity handler regulatory program fund created in section 926.19 of the Revised Code.

(C) The director may suspend or revoke the certificate of an agricultural commodity tester in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for failure or inability of the tester to apply the official grain standards of the United States in testing the quality of an agricultural commodity.

(D) The director shall issue an agricultural commodity tester certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a agricultural commodity tester in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 928.02. (A)(1) The director of agriculture shall establish a program to monitor and regulate hemp cultivation and processing in this state. Under the program, the director shall issue hemp cultivation licenses and hemp processing licenses in accordance with rules adopted under section 928.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) As authorized by the director, the department of agriculture or a university may cultivate or process hemp without a hemp cultivation license or hemp processing license for research purposes.

(B) Except as authorized under division (A)(2) or (E) of this section, any person that wishes to cultivate hemp shall apply for and obtain a hemp cultivation license from the director in accordance with rules adopted under section 928.03 of the Revised Code. Except as authorized under division (A)(2) or (E) of this section, any person that wishes to process hemp shall apply for and obtain a hemp processing license from the director in accordance with those rules. Such licenses are valid for three years unless earlier suspended or revoked by the director.

(C) The department, a university, or any person may, without a hemp cultivation license or hemp processing license, possess, buy, or sell hemp or a hemp product.

(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the addition of hemp or a hemp product to any other product does not adulterate that other product.

(E) The director shall issue a hemp cultivation license or hemp processing license in

accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds the applicable license in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a hemp cultivator or hemp processor in a state that does not issue the applicable license.

Sec. 943.09. ~~Licenses~~ (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, licenses shall be issued by the department of agriculture to weighers under such rules and regulations as the department shall prescribe. Each weigher shall display his the weigher's license in a conspicuous place on or adjacent to the weighing facility operated by such weigher. A weigher's license may be revoked for a violation of section 943.11 of the Revised Code or of the rules and regulations of the department relating thereto. The license of any weigher convicted of a violation of such section shall be promptly revoked. A weigher's license, unless revoked, shall expire on the thirty-first day of March of each year and shall be renewed according to the standard renewal procedure of sections 4745.01 to 4745.03, inclusive, of the Revised Code.

(B) The director of agriculture shall issue a weigher's license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a license in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a weigher in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 956.05. (A)(1) No person shall act as or perform the functions of a dog broker in this state without a dog broker license issued by the director of agriculture in accordance with this section and rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) The director shall not issue a license under this section unless the director determines that the applicant will act as or perform the functions of a dog broker in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(B) A person who is proposing to act as or perform the functions of a dog broker shall submit an application for a license to the director. During the month of December, but before the first day of January of the next year, a person who is proposing to continue to act as or perform the functions of a dog broker shall obtain a license from the director for the following year.

(C) The director shall issue a dog broker license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to a person if either of the following applies:

(1) The person holds a license in another state.

(2) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a dog broker in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 956.06. (A)(1) No person shall operate an animal rescue for dogs without first registering with the director of agriculture in accordance with division (C) of this section or rules adopted under section 956.03 of the Revised Code, as applicable. A registration is valid for one year.

(2) A registration may be renewed. An application for renewal shall be submitted to the director at least ninety days prior to the expiration of the registration.

(3) The director shall not charge a registration fee to an animal rescue for dogs. However, if a person fails to renew a registration prior to its expiration, the director shall charge the person a late

renewal fee of two hundred dollars.

(B) The director shall maintain a database of all persons that are registered to operate an animal rescue for dogs in this state.

(C) The director shall issue an animal rescue license for dogs registration in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to a person if either of the following applies:

(1) The person holds a license or registration in another state.

(2) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an animal rescue for dogs operator in a state that does not issue that license or registration.

Sec. 1315.23. (A) Upon the filing of an application for an original license to engage in the business of cashing checks, and the payment of the fees for investigation and licensure, the superintendent of financial institutions shall investigate the financial condition and responsibility and general fitness of the applicant. As part of that investigation, the superintendent shall request that the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation investigate and determine, with respect to the applicant, whether the bureau has any information gathered under section 109.57 of the Revised Code that pertains to that applicant.

(B) ~~The~~ (1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, the superintendent shall issue a license, which shall apply to all check-cashing business locations of the applicant, if the superintendent determines that the applicant meets all the following requirements:

(1) ~~(a)~~ The applicant is financially sound and has a net worth of at least twenty-five thousand dollars. The applicant's net worth shall be computed according to generally accepted accounting principles. The applicant shall maintain a net worth of at least twenty-five thousand dollars throughout the licensure period.

(2) ~~(b)~~ The applicant has the ability and fitness in the capacity involved to engage in the business of cashing checks.

(3) ~~(c)~~ The applicant has not been convicted of, or has not pleaded guilty or no contest to, a disqualifying offense determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(4) ~~(d)~~ The applicant has never had a check-cashing license revoked.

(2) The superintendent shall issue a license to engage in the business of cashing checks in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in the business of cashing checks in a state that does not issue that license.

(C)(1) A license issued to a check-cashing business shall remain in full force and effect through the thirty-first day of December following its date of issuance, unless earlier surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

(2) Each check-cashing business shall conspicuously post and at all times display in every business location its check-cashing license. No check-cashing license is transferable or assignable.

(D) A check-cashing business voluntarily may surrender its license at any time by giving written notice to the superintendent and sending, by certified mail, to the superintendent all license documents issued to it pursuant to sections 1315.21 to 1315.28 of the Revised Code.

(E)(1) A check-cashing business annually may apply to the superintendent for a renewal of its license on or after the first day of December of the year in which its existing license expires.

(2) If a check-cashing business files an application for a renewal license with the superintendent before the first day of January of any year, the license sought to be renewed shall continue in full force and effect until the issuance by the superintendent of the renewal license applied for or until ten days after the superintendent has given the check-cashing business notice of the superintendent's refusal to issue a renewal license.

(F) The superintendent may, except as otherwise provided in this division, suspend, revoke, or refuse an original or renewal license for failure to comply with this section or for any violation of section 1315.28 of the Revised Code. If a suspension, revocation, or refusal of an original or renewal license is based on a violation of section 1315.28 of the Revised Code that is committed, without the licensee's knowledge, at a check-cashing business location of the licensee, the suspension or revocation applies only to that check-cashing business location. In all other cases, a suspension, revocation, or refusal of an original or renewal license applies to all check-cashing business locations of the licensee. The superintendent shall not refuse an original license to an applicant because of a criminal conviction unless the refusal is in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(G) No original or renewal license shall be suspended, revoked, or refused except after a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. In suspending a license under this division, the superintendent shall establish the length of the suspension, provided that no suspension may be for a period exceeding one year. The superintendent's decision to revoke, suspend, or refuse an original or renewal license may be appealed pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(H) Upon revocation of a license, the licensee shall immediately send, by certified mail, all license documents issued pursuant to sections 1310.21 to 1310.28 of the Revised Code to the superintendent.

(I) The superintendent may, in lieu of a suspension or revocation of a license, impose a fine of not more than one thousand dollars for each violation.

Sec. 1321.04. ~~Upon (A)~~ Except as otherwise provided in division (B) of this section, upon the filing of an application under section 1321.03 of the Revised Code and payment of fees pursuant to section 1321.20 of the Revised Code, the division of financial institutions shall investigate the facts concerning the applicant and the requirements provided for in divisions (A)(1) and ~~(B)(2)~~ of this section.

The division shall approve the application and issue and deliver a license to the applicant if the division finds both of the following:

~~(A)(1)~~ That the financial responsibility, experience, and general fitness of the applicant and of the members thereof, if the applicant is a partnership or an association, and of the officers and directors thereof, if the applicant is a corporation, are such as to warrant the belief that the business will be operated lawfully, honestly, and fairly under sections 1321.01 to 1321.19 of the Revised Code and within the purposes of those sections, that the applicant has fully complied with those sections, and that the applicant is qualified to act as a licensed lender;

~~(B)(2)~~ That the applicant has available for the operation of such business cash or moneys deposited in a readily accessible fund or account of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars.

If the division does not so find, it shall enter an order denying such application and forthwith

notify the applicant of the denial, the grounds for the denial, and the applicant's reasonable opportunity to be heard on the action in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. In the event of denial, the division shall return the license fee but shall retain the investigation fee.

(B) The division shall issue and deliver a license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in the business of lending money, credit, or choses in action in amounts of five thousand dollars or less in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1321.37. (A) Application for an original or renewal license to make short-term loans shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the superintendent of financial institutions, and shall contain the name and address of the applicant, the location where the business of making loans is to be conducted, and any further information as the superintendent requires. At the time of making an application for an original license, the applicant shall pay to the superintendent a nonrefundable investigation fee of two hundred dollars. No investigation fee or any portion thereof shall be refunded after an original license has been issued. The application for an original or renewal license shall be accompanied by an original or renewal license fee, for each business location of one thousand dollars, except that applications for original licenses issued on or after the first day of July for any year shall be accompanied by an original license fee of five hundred dollars, and except that an application for an original or renewal license, for a nonprofit corporation that is incorporated under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, shall be accompanied by an original or renewal license fee, for each business location, that is one-half of the fee otherwise required. All fees paid to the superintendent pursuant to this division shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the consumer finance fund.

(B) Upon the filing of an application for an original license and, with respect to an application filed for a renewal license, on a schedule determined by the superintendent by rule adopted pursuant to section 1321.43 of the Revised Code, and the payment of fees in accordance with division (A) of this section, the superintendent shall investigate the facts concerning the applicant and the requirements provided by this division. The superintendent shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprints in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code. Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of financial institutions shall request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained as part of the criminal records check. The superintendent of financial institutions shall conduct a civil records check. The superintendent shall approve an application and issue an original or renewal license to the applicant if the superintendent finds all of the following:

(1) The financial responsibility, experience, and general fitness of the applicant are such as to warrant the belief that the business of making loans will be operated lawfully, honestly, and fairly under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code and within the purposes of those sections; that the applicant has fully complied with those sections and any rule or order adopted or issued pursuant to section 1321.43 of the Revised Code; and that the applicant is qualified to engage in the

business of making loans under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code.

(2) The applicant is financially sound and has a net worth of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, or in the case of a nonprofit corporation that is incorporated under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, a net worth of not less than fifty thousand dollars. The applicant's net worth shall be computed according to generally accepted accounting principles.

(3) The applicant has never had revoked a license to make loans under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code, under former sections 1315.35 to 1315.44 of the Revised Code, or to do business under sections 1315.21 to 1315.30 of the Revised Code.

(4) Neither the applicant nor any senior officer, or partner of the applicant, has pleaded guilty to or been convicted of a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(5) Neither the applicant nor any senior officer, or partner of the applicant, has been subject to any adverse judgment for conversion, embezzlement, misappropriation of funds, fraud, misfeasance or malfeasance, or breach of fiduciary duty, or if the applicant or any of those other persons has been subject to such a judgment, the applicant has proven to the superintendent, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the applicant's or other person's activities and employment record since the judgment show that the applicant or other person is honest and truthful and there is no basis in fact for believing that the applicant or other person will be subject to such a judgment again.

(C) If the superintendent finds that the applicant does not meet the requirements of division (B) of this section, or the superintendent finds that the applicant knowingly or repeatedly contracts with or employs persons to directly engage in lending activities who have been convicted of a felony crime listed in division (B)(5) of this section, the superintendent shall issue an order denying the application for an original or renewal license and giving the applicant an opportunity for a hearing on the denial in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. The superintendent shall notify the applicant of the denial, the grounds for the denial, and the applicant's opportunity for a hearing. If the application is denied, the superintendent shall return the annual license fee but shall retain the investigation fee.

(D) No person licensed under sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code shall conduct business in this state unless the licensee has obtained and maintains in effect at all times a corporate surety bond issued by a bonding company or insurance company authorized to do business in this state. The bond shall be in favor of the superintendent and in the penal sum of at least one hundred thousand dollars, or in the case of a nonprofit corporation that is incorporated under Chapter 1702. of the Revised Code, in the amount of fifty thousand dollars. The term of the bond shall coincide with the term of the license. The licensee shall file a copy of the bond with the superintendent. The bond shall be for the exclusive benefit of any borrower injured by a violation by a licensee or any employee of a licensee, of any provision of sections 1321.35 to 1321.48 of the Revised Code.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the superintendent shall issue an original license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a short-term lender in a state that does not issue that

license.

Sec. 1321.53. (A)(1) An application for a certificate of registration under sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code shall contain an undertaking by the applicant to abide by those sections. The application shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the division of financial institutions, and shall contain any information that the division may require. Applicants that are foreign corporations shall obtain and maintain a license pursuant to Chapter 1703. of the Revised Code before a certificate is issued or renewed.

(2) Upon the filing of the application and the payment by the applicant of a nonrefundable two-hundred-dollar investigation fee and a nonrefundable three-hundred-dollar annual registration fee, the division shall investigate the relevant facts. If the application involves investigation outside this state, the applicant may be required by the division to advance sufficient funds to pay any of the actual expenses of such investigation, when it appears that these expenses will exceed two hundred dollars. An itemized statement of any of these expenses which the applicant is required to pay shall be furnished to the applicant by the division. No certificate shall be issued unless all the required fees have been submitted to the division.

(3) The investigation undertaken upon application shall include both a civil and criminal records check of the applicant including any individual whose identity is required to be disclosed in the application. Where the applicant is a business entity the superintendent shall have the authority to require a civil and criminal background check of those persons that in the determination of the superintendent have the authority to direct and control the operations of the applicant.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of financial institutions shall obtain a criminal history records check and, as part of that records check, request that criminal record information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained. To fulfill this requirement, the superintendent shall request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the applicant's fingerprints or, if the fingerprints are unreadable, based on the applicant's social security number, in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code.

(b) Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code shall be paid by the applicant.

(5) If an application for a certificate of registration does not contain all of the information required under division (A) of this section, and if such information is not submitted to the division within ninety days after the superintendent requests the information in writing, including by electronic transmission or facsimile, the superintendent may consider the application withdrawn.

(6) If the division finds that the financial responsibility, experience, and general fitness of the applicant command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder, and that the applicant has the applicable net worth and assets required by division ~~(B)~~ (C) of this section, the division shall thereupon issue a certificate of registration to the applicant. The superintendent shall not use a credit score as the sole basis for a registration denial.

(a)(i) Certificates of registration issued on or after July 1, 2010, shall annually expire on the

thirty-first day of December, unless renewed by the filing of a renewal application and payment of a three-hundred-dollar nonrefundable annual registration fee and any assessment as determined by the superintendent pursuant to division (A)(6)(a)(ii) of this section on or before the last day of December of each year. No other fee or assessment shall be required of a registrant by the state or any political subdivision of this state.

(ii) If the renewal fees billed by the superintendent pursuant to division (A)(6)(a)(i) of this section are less than the estimated expenditures of the consumer finance section of the division of financial institutions, as determined by the superintendent, for the following fiscal year, the superintendent may assess each registrant at a rate sufficient to equal in the aggregate the difference between the renewal fees billed and the estimated expenditures. Each registrant shall pay the assessed amount to the superintendent prior to the last day of June. In no case shall the assessment exceed ten cents per each one hundred dollars of interest (excluding charge-off recoveries), points, loan origination charges, and credit line charges collected by that registrant during the previous calendar year. If such an assessment is imposed, it shall not be less than two hundred fifty dollars per registrant and shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars less the total renewal fees paid pursuant to division (A)(6)(a)(i) of this section by each registrant.

(b) Registrants shall timely file renewal applications on forms prescribed by the division and provide any further information that the division may require. If a renewal application does not contain all of the information required under this section, and if that information is not submitted to the division within ninety days after the superintendent requests the information in writing, including by electronic transmission or facsimile, the superintendent may consider the application withdrawn.

(c) Renewal shall not be granted if the applicant's certificate of registration is subject to an order of suspension, revocation, or an unpaid and past due fine imposed by the superintendent.

(d) If the division finds the applicant does not meet the conditions set forth in this section, it shall issue a notice of intent to deny the application, and forthwith notify the applicant of the denial, the grounds for the denial, and the applicant's reasonable opportunity to be heard on the action in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(7) If there is a change of five per cent or more in the ownership of a registrant, the division may make any investigation necessary to determine whether any fact or condition exists that, if it had existed at the time of the original application for a certificate of registration, the fact or condition would have warranted the division to deny the application under division (A)(6) of this section. If such a fact or condition is found, the division may, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, revoke the registrant's certificate.

(B) Notwithstanding division (A) of this section, the division shall issue a certificate of registration in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a general loan lender in a state that does not issue that license.

(C) Each registrant that engages in lending under sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code shall maintain both of the following:

(1) A net worth of at least fifty thousand dollars;

(2) For each certificate of registration, assets of at least fifty thousand dollars either in use or readily available for use in the conduct of the business.

~~(C)~~ (D) Not more than one place of business shall be maintained under the same certificate, but the division may issue additional certificates to the same registrant upon compliance with sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code, governing the issuance of a single certificate. No change in the place of business of a registrant to a location outside the original municipal corporation shall be permitted under the same certificate without the approval of a new application, the payment of the registration fee and, if required by the superintendent, the payment of an investigation fee of two hundred dollars. When a registrant wishes to change its place of business within the same municipal corporation, it shall give written notice of the change in advance to the division, which shall provide a certificate for the new address without cost. If a registrant changes its name, prior to making loans under the new name it shall give written notice of the change to the division, which shall provide a certificate in the new name without cost. Sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code do not limit the loans of any registrant to residents of the community in which the registrant's place of business is situated. Each certificate shall be kept conspicuously posted in the place of business of the registrant and is not transferable or assignable.

~~(D)~~ (E) Sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code do not apply to any of the following:

(1) Entities chartered and lawfully doing business under the authority of any law of this state, another state, or the United States as a bank, savings bank, trust company, savings and loan association, or credit union, or a subsidiary of any such entity, which subsidiary is regulated by a federal banking agency and is owned and controlled by such a depository institution;

(2) Life, property, or casualty insurance companies licensed to do business in this state;

(3) Any person that is a lender making a loan pursuant to sections 1321.01 to 1321.19 or sections 1321.62 to 1321.701 of the Revised Code or a business loan as described in division (B)(6) of section 1343.01 of the Revised Code;

(4) Any political subdivision, or any governmental or other public entity, corporation, instrumentality, or agency, in or of the United States or any state of the United States, or any entity described in division (B)(3) of section 1343.01 of the Revised Code;

(5) A college or university, or controlled entity of a college or university, as those terms are defined in section 1713.05 of the Revised Code.

~~(E)~~ (F) No person engaged in the business of selling tangible goods or services related to tangible goods may receive or retain a certificate under sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 of the Revised Code for such place of business.

Sec. 1321.64. (A) An application for a license shall contain an undertaking by the applicant to abide by those sections. The application shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the superintendent of financial institutions, and shall contain any information that the superintendent may require. Applicants that are foreign corporations shall obtain and maintain a license pursuant to Chapter 1703. of the Revised Code before a license is issued or renewed.

(B) Upon the filing of the application and the payment by the applicant of a nonrefundable investigation fee of two hundred dollars, a nonrefundable annual registration fee of three hundred

dollars, and any additional fee required by the NMLSR, the division of financial institutions shall investigate the relevant facts. If the application involves investigation outside this state, the applicant may be required by the division to advance sufficient funds to pay any of the actual expenses of the investigation when it appears that these expenses will exceed two hundred dollars. An itemized statement of any of these expenses which the applicant is required to pay shall be furnished to the applicant by the division. A license shall not be issued unless all the required fees have been submitted to the division.

(C)(1) The investigation undertaken upon receipt of an application shall include both a civil and criminal records check of any control person.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding division (K) of section 121.08 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall obtain a criminal records check on each control person and, as part of that records check, request that criminal records information from the federal bureau of investigation be obtained. To fulfill this requirement, the superintendent shall do either of the following:

(i) Request the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, or a vendor approved by the bureau, to conduct a criminal records check based on the control person's fingerprints or, if the fingerprints are unreadable, based on the control person's social security number, in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code;

(ii) Authorize the NMLSR to request a criminal records check of the control person.

(b) Any fee required under division (C)(3) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code or by the NMLSR shall be paid by the applicant.

(D) If an application for a license does not contain all of the information required under division (A) of this section, and if such information is not submitted to the division or to the NMLSR within ninety days after the superintendent or the NMLSR requests the information in writing, including by electronic transmission or facsimile, the superintendent may consider the application withdrawn.

(E) If the superintendent of financial institutions finds that the financial responsibility, experience, and general fitness of the applicant command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of sections 1321.62 to 1321.702 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder, and that the applicant has the requisite net worth and assets required under section 1321.65 of the Revised Code, the superintendent shall issue a license to the applicant. The license shall be valid until the thirty-first day of December of the year in which it is issued. A person may be licensed under both sections 1321.51 to 1321.60 and sections 1321.62 to 1321.702 of the Revised Code.

(F) If the superintendent finds that the applicant does not meet the conditions set forth in this section, the superintendent shall issue a notice of intent to deny the application, and promptly notify the applicant of the denial, the grounds for the denial, and the applicant's reasonable opportunity to be heard on the action in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the superintendent shall issue a license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private

certification as described in that chapter as a consumer installment loan lender in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1321.74. (A) Application for a license as a premium finance company shall be in writing, under oath, in the form prescribed by the division of financial institutions. An applicant also shall provide the form of premium finance agreement it intends to use in doing business under sections 1321.71 to 1321.83 of the Revised Code. Upon the filing of an application and the payment of the license fee, and upon deposit of an investigation fee not to exceed three hundred dollars if the investigation can be conducted in this state or the estimated costs of the investigation if it must be conducted outside this state, the division shall make an investigation of each applicant and shall issue a license if the applicant is qualified in accordance with sections 1321.71 to 1321.83 of the Revised Code. An itemized statement of any investigation expenses incurred which the applicant is required to pay shall be furnished the applicant by the division, and only the actual cost of such investigation shall be paid by the applicant, but at no time shall the investigation fee be less than two hundred dollars. If the division does not so find, it shall, within a reasonable period of time after it has received the application, at the request of the applicant, give the applicant opportunity for a hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) The division shall, except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, issue or renew a license when it is satisfied that the applicant:

(a) Is competent and trustworthy and intends to act in good faith in the capacity involved by the license applied for;

(b) Has a good business reputation and has had experience, training, or education so as to be qualified in the business for which the license is applied for;

(c) If a corporation, is a corporation incorporated under the laws of this state or is a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state;

(d) Has a net worth of at least fifty thousand dollars, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(e) With respect to the issuance of a license, has filed with the division a form of premium finance agreement that complies with sections 1321.71 to 1321.83 of the Revised Code.

(2) The division shall not refuse to issue a license to an applicant because of a criminal conviction unless the refusal is in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(C) Not more than one place of business shall be maintained under the same license, but the division may issue additional licenses to the same licensee upon compliance with sections 1321.71 to 1321.83 of the Revised Code.

No change in the place of business of a licensee to a location outside the original municipal corporation shall be permitted under the same license without the approval of a new application, the payment of the license fee as determined by the superintendent of financial institutions pursuant to section 1321.20 of the Revised Code, and, if required by the superintendent, the payment of an investigation fee of two hundred dollars. If a licensee wishes to change its place of business within the same municipal corporation, it shall give written notice of the change in advance to the division, which shall provide a license for the new address without cost. If a licensee changes its name, it shall give, prior to entering into or otherwise acquiring premium finance agreements under the new name, written notice of the change to the division, which shall provide a license in the new name, without

cost.

Each license shall be kept conspicuously posted in the place of business of the licensee and is not transferable or assignable.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the division shall issue a license to act as a premium finance company in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant is licensed in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an operator of a premium finance company in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1322.10. (A) Upon the conclusion of the investigation required under division (B) of section 1322.09 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of financial institutions shall issue a certificate of registration to the applicant if the superintendent finds that the following conditions are met:

(1) The application is accompanied by the application fee and any fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

(a) If a check or other draft instrument is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the superintendent shall notify the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the application will be withdrawn unless the applicant, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, submits the application fee and a one-hundred-dollar penalty to the superintendent. If the applicant does not submit the application fee and penalty within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay the fee or penalty is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the application shall be withdrawn.

(b) If a check or other draft instrument is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds after the certificate of registration has been issued, the superintendent shall notify the registrant by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the certificate of registration issued in reliance on the check or other draft instrument will be canceled unless the registrant, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, submits the application fee and a one-hundred-dollar penalty to the superintendent. If the registrant does not submit the application fee and penalty within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay the fee or penalty is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the certificate of registration shall be canceled immediately without a hearing, and the registrant shall cease activity as a mortgage broker, mortgage lender, or mortgage servicer.

(2) If the application is for a location that is a residence, evidence that the use of the residence to transact business as a mortgage lender, mortgage broker, or mortgage servicer is not prohibited.

(3) The applicant maintains all necessary filings and approvals required by the secretary of state.

(4) The applicant complies with the surety bond requirements of section 1322.32 of the Revised Code.

(5) The applicant has not made a material misstatement of fact or material omission of fact in the application.

(6) Neither the applicant nor any person whose identity is required to be disclosed on an

application for a certificate of registration has had such a certificate of registration or mortgage loan originator license, or any comparable authority, revoked in any governmental jurisdiction or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to or been convicted of a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(7) The applicant's operations manager successfully completed the examination required by section 1322.27 of the Revised Code.

(8) The applicant's financial responsibility, experience, and general fitness command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the business will be operated honestly, fairly, and efficiently in compliance with the purposes of this chapter and the rules adopted thereunder. The superintendent shall not use a credit score or a bankruptcy as the sole basis for registration denial.

(B) For purposes of determining whether an applicant that is a partnership, corporation, or other business entity or association has met the conditions set forth in divisions (A)(6) and (8) of this section, the superintendent shall determine which partners, shareholders, or persons named in the application must meet those conditions. This determination shall be based on the extent and nature of the partner's, shareholder's, or person's ownership interest in the partnership, corporation, or other business entity or association that is the applicant and on whether the person is in a position to direct, control, or adversely influence the operations of the applicant.

(C) The certificate of registration issued pursuant to division (A) of this section may be renewed annually on or before the thirty-first day of December if the superintendent finds that all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The renewal application is accompanied by a nonrefundable renewal fee of seven hundred dollars for each location of an office to be maintained by the applicant in accordance with division (A) of section 1322.07 of the Revised Code and any fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry. If a check or other draft instrument is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the superintendent shall notify the registrant by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the certificate of registration renewed in reliance on the check or other draft instrument will be canceled unless the registrant, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, submits the renewal fee and a one-hundred-dollar penalty to the superintendent. If the registrant does not submit the renewal fee and penalty within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay the fee or penalty is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the certificate of registration shall be canceled immediately without a hearing and the registrant shall cease activity as a mortgage broker, mortgage lender, or mortgage servicer.

(2) The applicant meets the conditions set forth in divisions (A)(2), (3), (4), (5), (7), and (8) of this section.

(3) Neither the applicant nor any person whose identity is required to be disclosed on the renewal application has had a certificate of registration or mortgage loan originator license, or any comparable authority, revoked in any governmental jurisdiction or has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to or been convicted of any of the following in a domestic, foreign, or military court:

(a) During the seven-year period immediately preceding the date of the renewal application but excluding any time before the certificate of registration was issued, a misdemeanor involving theft or any felony:

(b) At any time between the date of the original certificate of registration and the date of the

renewal application, a felony involving an act of fraud, dishonesty, a breach of trust, theft, or money laundering.

(4) The applicant's certificate of registration is not subject to an order of suspension or an unpaid and past due fine imposed by the superintendent.

(D)(1) Subject to division (D)(2) of this section, if a renewal fee or additional fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry is received by the superintendent after the thirty-first day of December, the certificate of registration shall not be considered renewed, and the applicant shall cease activity as a mortgage lender, mortgage broker, or mortgage servicer.

(2) Division (D)(1) of this section shall not apply if the applicant, not later than forty-five days after the renewal deadline, submits the renewal fee or additional fee and a one-hundred-fifty-dollar penalty to the superintendent.

(E) Certificates of registration issued under this chapter annually expire on the thirty-first day of December.

(F) The pardon or expungement of a conviction shall not be considered a conviction for purposes of this section.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the superintendent shall issue a certificate of registration in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate of registration in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a mortgage broker or mortgage lender in a state that does not issue that license or certificate of registration.

Sec. 1322.21. (A) Upon the conclusion of the investigation required under division (C) of section 1322.20 of the Revised Code, the superintendent of financial institutions shall issue a mortgage loan originator license to the applicant if the superintendent finds that the following conditions are met:

(1) The application is accompanied by the application fee and any fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

(a) If a check or other draft instrument is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the superintendent shall notify the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the application will be withdrawn unless the applicant, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, submits the application fee and a one-hundred-dollar penalty to the superintendent. If the applicant does not submit the application fee and penalty within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay the fee or penalty is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the application shall be withdrawn.

(b) If a check or other draft instrument is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds after the license has been issued, the superintendent shall notify the licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the license issued in reliance on the check or other draft instrument will be canceled unless the licensee, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, submits the application fee and a one-hundred-dollar penalty to the superintendent. If the licensee does not submit the application fee and penalty within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay the fee or penalty is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the license shall be

canceled immediately without a hearing, and the licensee shall cease activity as a loan originator.

(2) The applicant has not made a material misstatement of fact or material omission of fact in the application.

(3) The applicant has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a disqualifying offense as determined in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(4) The applicant completed the precensing instruction set forth in division (B) of section 1322.20 of the Revised Code.

(5) The applicant's financial responsibility and general fitness command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of this chapter. The superintendent shall not use a credit score or bankruptcy as the sole basis for a license denial.

(6) The applicant is in compliance with the surety bond requirements of section 1322.32 of the Revised Code.

(7) The applicant has not had a mortgage loan originator license, or comparable authority, revoked in any governmental jurisdiction.

(B) The license issued under division (A) of this section may be renewed annually on or before the thirty-first day of December if the superintendent finds that all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The renewal application is accompanied by a nonrefundable renewal fee of two hundred dollars and any fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry. If a check or other draft instrument is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the superintendent shall notify the licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the license renewed in reliance on the check or other draft instrument will be canceled unless the licensee, within thirty days after receipt of the notice, submits the renewal fee and a one-hundred-dollar penalty to the superintendent. If the licensee does not submit the renewal fee and penalty within that time period, or if any check or other draft instrument used to pay the fee or penalty is returned to the superintendent for insufficient funds, the license shall be canceled immediately without a hearing, and the licensee shall cease activity as a loan originator.

(2) The applicant has completed at least eight hours of continuing education as required under section 1322.28 of the Revised Code.

(3) The applicant meets the conditions set forth in divisions (A)(2), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of this section.

(4) The applicant has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following in a domestic, foreign, or military court:

(a) During the seven-year period immediately preceding the date of the renewal application but excluding any time before the license was issued, a misdemeanor involving theft or any felony;

(b) At any time between the date of the original license and the date of the renewal application, a felony involving an act of fraud, dishonesty, a breach of trust, theft, or money laundering.

(5) The applicant's license is not subject to an order of suspension or an unpaid and past due fine imposed by the superintendent.

(C)(1) Subject to division (C)(2) of this section, if a license renewal application fee, including

any fee required by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, is received by the superintendent after the thirty-first day of December, the license shall not be considered renewed, and the applicant shall cease activity as a mortgage loan originator.

(2) Division (C)(1) of this section shall not apply if the applicant, not later than forty-five days after the renewal deadline, submits the renewal application and any other required fees and a one-hundred-fifty-dollar penalty to the superintendent.

(D) Mortgage originator licenses annually expire on the thirty-first day of December.

(E) The pardon or expungement of a conviction shall not be considered a conviction for purposes of this section. When determining the eligibility of an applicant, the superintendent may consider the underlying crime, facts, or circumstances connected with a pardoned or expunged conviction.

(F) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the superintendent shall issue a mortgage loan originator license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a mortgage loan originator in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1513.07. (A)(1) No operator shall conduct a coal mining operation without a permit for the operation issued by the chief of the division of mineral resources management.

(2) All permits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be issued for a term not to exceed five years, except that, if the applicant demonstrates that a specified longer term is reasonably needed to allow the applicant to obtain necessary financing for equipment and the opening of the operation and if the application is full and complete for the specified longer term, the chief may grant a permit for the longer term. A successor in interest to a permittee who applies for a new permit within thirty days after succeeding to the interest and who is able to obtain the performance security of the original permittee may continue coal mining and reclamation operations according to the approved mining and reclamation plan of the original permittee until the successor's application is granted or denied.

(3) A permit shall terminate if the permittee has not commenced the coal mining operations covered by the permit within three years after the issuance of the permit, except that the chief may grant reasonable extensions of the time upon a showing that the extensions are necessary by reason of litigation precluding the commencement or threatening substantial economic loss to the permittee or by reason of conditions beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the permittee, and except that with respect to coal to be mined for use in a synthetic fuel facility or specified major electric generating facility, the permittee shall be deemed to have commenced coal mining operations at the time construction of the synthetic fuel or generating facility is initiated.

(4)(a) Any permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall carry with it the right of successive renewal upon expiration with respect to areas within the boundaries of the permit. The holders of the permit may apply for renewal and the renewal shall be issued unless the chief determines by written findings, subsequent to fulfillment of the public notice requirements of this section and section 1513.071 of the Revised Code through demonstrations by opponents of renewal or otherwise, that one or more of the following circumstances exists:

- (i) The terms and conditions of the existing permit are not being satisfactorily met.
 - (ii) The present coal mining and reclamation operation is not in compliance with the environmental protection standards of this chapter.
 - (iii) The renewal requested substantially jeopardizes the operator's continuing responsibilities on existing permit areas.
 - (iv) The applicant has not provided evidence that the performance security in effect for the operation will continue in effect for any renewal requested in the application.
 - (v) Any additional, revised, or updated information required by the chief has not been provided. Prior to the approval of any renewal of a permit, the chief shall provide notice to the appropriate public authorities as prescribed by rule of the chief.
- (b) If an application for renewal of a valid permit includes a proposal to extend the mining operation beyond the boundaries authorized in the existing permit, the portion of the application for renewal of a valid permit that addresses any new land areas shall be subject to the full standards applicable to new applications under this chapter.
- (c) A permit renewal shall be for a term not to exceed the period of the original permit established by this chapter. Application for permit renewal shall be made at least one hundred twenty days prior to the expiration of the valid permit.
- (5) A permit issued pursuant to this chapter does not eliminate the requirements for obtaining a permit to install or modify a disposal system or any part thereof or to discharge sewage, industrial waste, or other wastes into the waters of the state in accordance with Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code.
- (B)(1) The permit application shall be submitted in a manner satisfactory to the chief and shall contain, among other things, all of the following:
- (a) The names and addresses of all of the following:
 - (i) The permit applicant;
 - (ii) Every legal owner of record of the property, surface and mineral, to be mined;
 - (iii) The holders of record of any leasehold interest in the property;
 - (iv) Any purchaser of record of the property under a real estate contract;
 - (v) The operator if different from the applicant;
 - (vi) If any of these are business entities other than a single proprietor, the names and addresses of the principals, officers, and statutory agent for service of process.
 - (b) The names and addresses of the owners of record of all surface and subsurface areas adjacent to any part of the permit area;
 - (c) A statement of any current or previous coal mining permits in the United States held by the applicant, the permit identification, and any pending applications;
 - (d) If the applicant is a partnership, corporation, association, or other business entity, the following where applicable: the names and addresses of every officer, partner, director, or person performing a function similar to a director, of the applicant, the name and address of any person owning, of record, ten per cent or more of any class of voting stock of the applicant, a list of all names under which the applicant, partner, or principal shareholder previously operated a coal mining operation within the United States within the five-year period preceding the date of submission of the application, and a list of the person or persons primarily responsible for ensuring that the applicant

complies with the requirements of this chapter and rules adopted pursuant thereto while mining and reclaiming under the permit;

(e) A statement of whether the applicant, any subsidiary, affiliate, or persons controlled by or under common control with the applicant, any partner if the applicant is a partnership, any officer, principal shareholder, or director if the applicant is a corporation, or any other person who has a right to control or in fact controls the management of the applicant or the selection of officers, directors, or managers of the applicant:

(i) Has ever held a federal or state coal mining permit that in the five-year period prior to the date of submission of the application has been suspended or revoked or has had a coal mining bond, performance security, or similar security deposited in lieu of bond forfeited and, if so, a brief explanation of the facts involved;

(ii) Has been an officer, partner, director, principal shareholder, or person having the right to control or has in fact controlled the management of or the selection of officers, directors, or managers of a business entity that has had a coal mining or surface mining permit that in the five-year period prior to the date of submission of the application has been suspended or revoked or has had a coal mining or surface mining bond, performance security, or similar security deposited in lieu of bond forfeited and, if so, a brief explanation of the facts involved.

(f) A copy of the applicant's advertisement to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed site at least once a week for four successive weeks, which shall include the ownership of the proposed mine, a description of the exact location and boundaries of the proposed site sufficient to make the proposed operation readily identifiable by local residents, and the location where the application is available for public inspection;

(g) A description of the type and method of coal mining operation that exists or is proposed, the engineering techniques proposed or used, and the equipment used or proposed to be used;

(h) The anticipated or actual starting and termination dates of each phase of the mining operation and number of acres of land to be affected;

(i) An accurate map or plan, to an appropriate scale, clearly showing the land to be affected, the land upon which the applicant has the legal right to enter and commence coal mining operations, and the land for which the applicant will acquire the legal right to enter and commence coal mining operations during the term of the permit, copies of those documents upon which is based the applicant's legal right to enter and commence coal mining operations or a notarized statement describing the applicant's legal right to enter and commence coal mining operations, and a statement whether that right is the subject of pending litigation. This chapter does not authorize the chief to adjudicate property title disputes.

(j) The name of the watershed and location of the surface stream or tributary into which drainage from the operation will be discharged;

(k) A determination of the probable hydrologic consequences of the mining and reclamation operations, both on and off the mine site, with respect to the hydrologic regime, providing information on the quantity and quality of water in surface and ground water systems including the dissolved and suspended solids under seasonal flow conditions and the collection of sufficient data for the mine site and surrounding areas so that an assessment can be made by the chief of the probable cumulative impacts of all anticipated mining in the area upon the hydrology of the area and

particularly upon water availability, but this determination shall not be required until hydrologic information of the general area prior to mining is made available from an appropriate federal or state agency; however, the permit shall not be approved until the information is available and is incorporated into the application;

(l) When requested by the chief, the climatological factors that are peculiar to the locality of the land to be affected, including the average seasonal precipitation, the average direction and velocity of prevailing winds, and the seasonal temperature ranges;

(m) Accurate maps prepared by or under the direction of and certified by a qualified registered professional engineer, registered surveyor, or licensed landscape architect to an appropriate scale clearly showing all types of information set forth on topographical maps of the United States geological survey of a scale of not more than four hundred feet to the inch, including all artificial features and significant known archeological sites. The map, among other things specified by the chief, shall show all boundaries of the land to be affected, the boundary lines and names of present owners of record of all surface areas abutting the permit area, and the location of all buildings within one thousand feet of the permit area.

(n)(i) Cross-section maps or plans of the land to be affected including the actual area to be mined, prepared by or under the direction of and certified by a qualified registered professional engineer or certified professional geologist with assistance from experts in related fields such as hydrology, hydrogeology, geology, and landscape architecture, showing pertinent elevations and locations of test borings or core samplings and depicting the following information: the nature and depth of the various strata of overburden; the nature and thickness of any coal or rider seam above the coal seam to be mined; the nature of the stratum immediately beneath the coal seam to be mined; all mineral crop lines and the strike and dip of the coal to be mined within the area to be affected; existing or previous coal mining limits; the location and extent of known workings of any underground mines, including mine openings to the surface; the location of spoil, waste, or refuse areas and topsoil preservation areas; the location of all impoundments for waste or erosion control; any settling or water treatment facility; constructed or natural drainways and the location of any discharges to any surface body of water on the land to be affected or adjacent thereto; profiles at appropriate cross sections of the anticipated final surface configuration that will be achieved pursuant to the operator's proposed reclamation plan; the location of subsurface water, if encountered; the location and quality of aquifers; and the estimated elevation of the water table. Registered surveyors shall be allowed to perform all plans, maps, and certifications under this chapter as they are authorized under Chapter 4733. of the Revised Code.

(ii) A statement of the quality and locations of subsurface water. The chief shall provide by rule the number of locations to be sampled, frequency of collection, and parameters to be analyzed to obtain the statement required.

(o) A statement of the results of test borings or core samplings from the permit area, including logs of the drill holes, the thickness of the coal seam found, an analysis of the chemical properties of the coal, the sulfur content of any coal seam, chemical analysis of potentially acid or toxic forming sections of the overburden, and chemical analysis of the stratum lying immediately underneath the coal to be mined, except that this division may be waived by the chief with respect to the specific application by a written determination that its requirements are unnecessary. If the test

borings or core samplings from the permit area indicate the existence of potentially acid forming or toxic forming quantities of sulfur in the coal or overburden to be disturbed by mining, the application also shall include a statement of the acid generating potential and the acid neutralizing potential of the rock strata to be disturbed as calculated in accordance with the calculation method established under section 1513.075 of the Revised Code or with another calculation method.

(p) For those lands in the permit application that a reconnaissance inspection suggests may be prime farmlands, a soil survey shall be made or obtained according to standards established by the secretary of the United States department of agriculture in order to confirm the exact location of the prime farmlands, if any;

(q) A certificate issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in this state certifying that the applicant has a public liability insurance policy in force for the coal mining and reclamation operations for which the permit is sought or evidence that the applicant has satisfied other state self-insurance requirements. The policy shall provide for personal injury and property damage protection in an amount adequate to compensate any persons damaged as a result of coal mining and reclamation operations, including the use of explosives, and entitled to compensation under the applicable provisions of state law. The policy shall be maintained in effect during the term of the permit or any renewal, including the length of all reclamation operations. The insurance company shall give prompt notice to the permittee and the chief if the public liability insurance policy lapses for any reason including the nonpayment of insurance premiums. Upon the lapse of the policy, the chief may suspend the permit and all other outstanding permits until proper insurance coverage is obtained.

(r) The business telephone number of the applicant;

(s) If the applicant seeks an authorization under division (E)(7) of this section to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations on areas to be covered by the permit that were affected by coal mining operations before August 3, 1977, that have resulted in continuing water pollution from or on the previously mined areas, such additional information pertaining to those previously mined areas as may be required by the chief, including, without limitation, maps, plans, cross sections, data necessary to determine existing water quality from or on those areas with respect to pH, iron, and manganese, and a pollution abatement plan that may improve water quality from or on those areas with respect to pH, iron, and manganese.

(2) Information pertaining to coal seams, test borings, core samplings, or soil samples as required by this section shall be made available by the chief to any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected, except that information that pertains only to the analysis of the chemical and physical properties of the coal, excluding information regarding mineral or elemental content that is potentially toxic in the environment, shall be kept confidential and not made a matter of public record.

(3)(a) If the chief finds that the probable total annual production at all locations of any operator will not exceed three hundred thousand tons, the following activities, upon the written request of the operator in connection with a permit application, shall be performed by a qualified public or private laboratory or another public or private qualified entity designated by the chief, and the cost of the activities shall be assumed by the chief, provided that sufficient moneys for such assistance are available:

(i) The determination of probable hydrologic consequences required under division (B)(1)(k) of this section;

(ii) The development of cross-section maps and plans required under division (B)(1)(n)(i) of this section;

(iii) The geologic drilling and statement of results of test borings and core samplings required under division (B)(1)(o) of this section;

(iv) The collection of archaeological information required under division (B)(1)(m) of this section and any other archaeological and historical information required by the chief, and the preparation of plans necessitated thereby;

(v) Pre-blast surveys required under division ~~(E)~~ (B)(5) of section 1513.161 of the Revised Code;

(vi) The collection of site-specific resource information and production of protection and enhancement plans for fish and wildlife habitats and other environmental values required by the chief under this chapter.

(b) A coal operator that has received assistance under division (B)(3)(a) of this section shall reimburse the chief for the cost of the services rendered if the chief finds that the operator's actual and attributed annual production of coal for all locations exceeds three hundred thousand tons during the twelve months immediately following the date on which the operator was issued a coal mining and reclamation permit.

(4) Each applicant for a permit shall submit to the chief as part of the permit application a reclamation plan that meets the requirements of this chapter.

(5) Each applicant for a coal mining and reclamation permit shall file a copy of the application for a permit, excluding that information pertaining to the coal seam itself, for public inspection with the county recorder or an appropriate public office approved by the chief in the county where the mining is proposed to occur.

(6) Each applicant for a coal mining and reclamation permit shall submit to the chief as part of the permit application a blasting plan that describes the procedures and standards by which the operator will comply with section 1513.161 of the Revised Code.

(C) Each reclamation plan submitted as part of a permit application shall include, in the detail necessary to demonstrate that reclamation required by this chapter can be accomplished and in the detail necessary for the chief to determine the estimated cost of reclamation if the reclamation has to be performed by the division of mineral resources management in the event of forfeiture of the performance security by the applicant, a statement of:

(1) The identification of the lands subject to coal mining operations over the estimated life of those operations and the size, sequence, and timing of the subareas for which it is anticipated that individual permits for mining will be sought;

(2) The condition of the land to be covered by the permit prior to any mining, including all of the following:

(a) The uses existing at the time of the application and, if the land has a history of previous mining, the uses that preceded any mining;

(b) The capability of the land prior to any mining to support a variety of uses, giving consideration to soil and foundation characteristics, topography, and vegetative cover and, if

applicable, a soil survey prepared pursuant to division (B)(1)(p) of this section;

(c) The productivity of the land prior to mining, including appropriate classification as prime farmlands as well as the average yield of food, fiber, forage, or wood products obtained from the land under high levels of management.

(3) The use that is proposed to be made of the land following reclamation, including information regarding the utility and capacity of the reclaimed land to support a variety of alternative uses, the relationship of the proposed use to existing land use policies and plans, and the comments of any owner of the land and state and local governments or agencies thereof that would have to initiate, implement, approve, or authorize the proposed use of the land following reclamation;

(4) A detailed description of how the proposed postmining land use is to be achieved and the necessary support activities that may be needed to achieve the proposed land use;

(5) The engineering techniques proposed to be used in mining and reclamation and a description of the major equipment; a plan for the control of surface water drainage and of water accumulation; a plan, where appropriate, for backfilling, soil stabilization, and compacting, grading, and appropriate revegetation; a plan for soil reconstruction, replacement, and stabilization, pursuant to the performance standards in section 1513.16 of the Revised Code, for those food, forage, and forest lands identified in that section; and a statement as to how the permittee plans to comply with each of the requirements set out in section 1513.16 of the Revised Code;

(6) A description of the means by which the utilization and conservation of the solid fuel resource being recovered will be maximized so that re-affecting the land in the future can be minimized;

(7) A detailed estimated timetable for the accomplishment of each major step in the reclamation plan;

(8) A description of the degree to which the coal mining and reclamation operations are consistent with surface owner plans and applicable state and local land use plans and programs;

(9) The steps to be taken to comply with applicable air and water quality laws and regulations and any applicable health and safety standards;

(10) A description of the degree to which the reclamation plan is consistent with local physical, environmental, and climatological conditions;

(11) A description of all lands, interests in lands, or options on such interests held by the applicant or pending bids on interests in lands by the applicant, which lands are contiguous to the area to be covered by the permit;

(12) The results of test borings that the applicant has made at the area to be covered by the permit, or other equivalent information and data in a form satisfactory to the chief, including the location of subsurface water, and an analysis of the chemical properties, including acid forming properties of the mineral and overburden; except that information that pertains only to the analysis of the chemical and physical properties of the coal, excluding information regarding mineral or elemental contents that are potentially toxic in the environment, shall be kept confidential and not made a matter of public record;

(13) A detailed description of the measures to be taken during the mining and reclamation process to ensure the protection of all of the following:

(a) The quality of surface and ground water systems, both on- and off-site, from adverse

effects of the mining and reclamation process;

(b) The rights of present users to such water;

(c) The quantity of surface and ground water systems, both on- and off-site, from adverse effects of the mining and reclamation process or, where such protection of quantity cannot be assured, provision of alternative sources of water.

(14) Any other requirements the chief prescribes by rule.

(D)(1) Any information required by division (C) of this section that is not on public file pursuant to this chapter shall be held in confidence by the chief.

(2) With regard to requests for an exemption from the requirements of this chapter for coal extraction incidental to the extraction of other minerals, as described in division (H)(1)(a) of section 1513.01 of the Revised Code, confidential information includes and is limited to information concerning trade secrets or privileged commercial or financial information relating to the competitive rights of the persons intending to conduct the extraction of minerals.

(E)(1) Upon the basis of a complete mining application and reclamation plan or a revision or renewal thereof, as required by this chapter, and information obtained as a result of public notification and public hearing, if any, as provided by section 1513.071 of the Revised Code, the chief shall grant, require modification of, or deny the application for a permit and notify the applicant in writing in accordance with division (I)(3) of this section. An application is deemed to be complete as submitted to the chief unless the chief, within fourteen days of the submission, identifies deficiencies in the application in writing and subsequently submits a copy of a written list of deficiencies to the applicant. An application shall not be considered incomplete or denied by reason of right of entry documentation, provided that the applicant documents the applicant's legal right to enter and mine at least sixty-seven per cent of the total area for which coal mining operations are proposed.

A decision of the chief denying a permit shall state in writing the specific reasons for the denial.

The applicant for a permit or revision of a permit has the burden of establishing that the application is in compliance with all the requirements of this chapter. Within ten days after the granting of a permit, the chief shall notify the boards of township trustees and county commissioners, the mayor, and the legislative authority in the township, county, and municipal corporation in which the area of land to be affected is located that a permit has been issued and shall describe the location of the land. However, failure of the chief to notify the local officials shall not affect the status of the permit.

(2) No permit application or application for revision of an existing permit shall be approved unless the application affirmatively demonstrates and the chief finds in writing on the basis of the information set forth in the application or from information otherwise available, which shall be documented in the approval and made available to the applicant, all of the following:

(a) The application is accurate and complete and all the requirements of this chapter have been complied with.

(b) The applicant has demonstrated that the reclamation required by this chapter can be accomplished under the reclamation plan contained in the application.

(c)(i) Assessment of the probable cumulative impact of all anticipated mining in the general

and adjacent area on the hydrologic balance specified in division (B)(1)(k) of this section has been made by the chief, and the proposed operation has been designed to prevent material damage to hydrologic balance outside the permit area.

(ii) There shall be an ongoing process conducted by the chief in cooperation with other state and federal agencies to review all assessments of probable cumulative impact of coal mining in light of post-mining data and any other hydrologic information as it becomes available to determine if the assessments were realistic. The chief shall take appropriate action as indicated in the review process.

(d) The area proposed to be mined is not included within an area designated unsuitable for coal mining pursuant to section 1513.073 of the Revised Code or is not within an area under study for such designation in an administrative proceeding commenced pursuant to division (A)(3)(c) or (B) of section 1513.073 of the Revised Code unless in an area as to which an administrative proceeding has commenced pursuant to division (A)(3)(c) or (B) of section 1513.073 of the Revised Code, the operator making the permit application demonstrates that, prior to January 1, 1977, the operator made substantial legal and financial commitments in relation to the operation for which a permit is sought.

(e) In cases where the private mineral estate has been severed from the private surface estate and surface disturbance will result from the applicant's proposed use of a strip mining method, the applicant has submitted to the chief one of the following:

(i) The written consent of the surface owner to the surface disturbance that will result from the extraction of coal by the applicant's proposed strip mining method;

(ii) A conveyance that expressly grants or reserves the right to extract the coal by strip mining methods that cause surface disturbance;

(iii) If the conveyance does not expressly grant the right to extract coal by strip mining methods that cause surface disturbance, the surface-subsurface legal relationship concerning surface disturbance shall be determined under the law of this state. This chapter does not authorize the chief to adjudicate property rights disputes.

(3)(a) The applicant shall file with the permit application a schedule listing all notices of violations of any law, rule, or regulation of the United States or of any department or agency thereof or of any state pertaining to air or water environmental protection incurred by the applicant in connection with any coal mining operation during the three-year period prior to the date of application. The schedule also shall indicate the final resolution of such a notice of violation. Upon receipt of an application, the chief shall provide a schedule listing all notices of violations of this chapter pertaining to air or water environmental protection incurred by the applicant during the three-year period prior to receipt of the application and the final resolution of all such notices of violation. The chief shall provide this schedule to the applicant for filing by the applicant with the application filed for public review, as required by division (B)(5) of this section. When the schedule or other information available to the chief indicates that any coal mining operation owned or controlled by the applicant is currently in violation of such laws, the permit shall not be issued until the applicant submits proof that the violation has been corrected or is in the process of being corrected to the satisfaction of the regulatory authority, department, or agency that has jurisdiction over the violation and that any civil penalties owed to the state for a violation and not the subject of an appeal have been paid. No permit shall be issued to an applicant after a finding by the chief that the applicant or

the operator specified in the application controls or has controlled mining operations with a demonstrated pattern of willful violations of this chapter of a nature and duration to result in irreparable damage to the environment as to indicate an intent not to comply with or a disregard of this chapter.

(b) For the purposes of division (E)(3)(a) of this section, any violation resulting from an unanticipated event or condition at a surface coal mining operation on lands eligible for remining under a permit held by the person submitting an application for a coal mining permit under this section shall not prevent issuance of that permit. As used in this division, "unanticipated event or condition" means an event or condition encountered in a remining operation that was not contemplated by the applicable surface coal mining and reclamation permit.

(4)(a) In addition to finding the application in compliance with division (E)(2) of this section, if the area proposed to be mined contains prime farmland as determined pursuant to division (B)(1)(p) of this section, the chief, after consultation with the secretary of the United States department of agriculture and pursuant to regulations issued by the secretary of the interior with the concurrence of the secretary of agriculture, may grant a permit to mine on prime farmland if the chief finds in writing that the operator has the technological capability to restore the mined area, within a reasonable time, to equivalent or higher levels of yield as nonmined prime farmland in the surrounding area under equivalent levels of management and can meet the soil reconstruction standards in section 1513.16 of the Revised Code.

(b) Division (E)(4)(a) of this section does not apply to a permit issued prior to August 3, 1977, or revisions or renewals thereof.

(5) The chief shall issue an order denying a permit after finding that the applicant has misrepresented or omitted any material fact in the application for the permit.

(6) The chief may issue an order denying a permit after finding that the applicant, any partner, if the applicant is a partnership, any officer, principal shareholder, or director, if the applicant is a corporation, or any other person who has a right to control or in fact controls the management of the applicant or the selection of officers, directors, or managers of the applicant has been a sole proprietor or partner, officer, director, principal shareholder, or person having the right to control or has in fact controlled the management of or the selection of officers, directors, or managers of a business entity that ever has had a coal mining license or permit issued by this or any other state or the United States suspended or revoked, ever has forfeited a coal or surface mining bond, performance security, or similar security deposited in lieu of bond in this or any other state or with the United States, or ever has substantially or materially failed to comply with this chapter.

(7) When issuing a permit under this section, the chief may authorize an applicant to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations on areas to be covered by the permit that were affected by coal mining operations before August 3, 1977, that have resulted in continuing water pollution from or on the previously mined areas for the purpose of potentially reducing the pollution loadings of pH, iron, and manganese from discharges from or on the previously mined areas. Following the chief's authorization to conduct such operations on those areas, the areas shall be designated as pollution abatement areas for the purposes of this chapter.

The chief shall not grant an authorization under division (E)(7) of this section to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations on any such previously mined areas unless the applicant

demonstrates to the chief's satisfaction that all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The applicant's pollution abatement plan for mining and reclaiming the previously mined areas represents the best available technology economically achievable.

(b) Implementation of the plan will potentially reduce pollutant loadings of pH, iron, and manganese resulting from discharges of surface waters or ground water from or on the previously mined areas within the permit area.

(c) Implementation of the plan will not cause any additional degradation of surface water quality off the permit area with respect to pH, iron, and manganese.

(d) Implementation of the plan will not cause any additional degradation of ground water.

(e) The plan meets the requirements governing mining and reclamation of such previously mined pollution abatement areas established by the chief in rules adopted under section 1513.02 of the Revised Code.

(f) Neither the applicant; any partner, if the applicant is a partnership; any officer, principal shareholder, or director, if the applicant is a corporation; any other person who has a right to control or in fact controls the management of the applicant or the selection of officers, directors, or managers of the applicant; nor any contractor or subcontractor of the applicant, has any of the following:

(i) Responsibility or liability under this chapter or rules adopted under it as an operator for treating the discharges of water pollutants from or on the previously mined areas for which the authorization is sought;

(ii) Any responsibility or liability under this chapter or rules adopted under it for reclaiming the previously mined areas for which the authorization is sought;

(iii) During the eighteen months prior to submitting the permit application requesting an authorization under division (E)(7) of this section, had a coal mining and reclamation permit suspended or revoked under division (D)(3) of section 1513.02 of the Revised Code for violating this chapter or Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code or rules adopted under them with respect to water quality, effluent limitations, or surface or ground water monitoring;

(iv) Ever forfeited a coal or surface mining bond, performance security, or similar security deposited in lieu of a bond in this or any other state or with the United States.

(8) In the case of the issuance of a permit that involves a conflict of results between various methods of calculating potential acidity and neutralization potential for purposes of assessing the potential for acid mine drainage to occur at a mine site, the permit shall include provisions for monitoring and record keeping to identify the creation of unanticipated acid water at the mine site. If the monitoring detects the creation of acid water at the site, the permit shall impose on the permittee additional requirements regarding mining practices and site reclamation to prevent the discharge of acid mine drainage from the mine site. As used in division (E)(8) of this section, "potential acidity" and "neutralization potential" have the same meanings as in section 1513.075 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) During the term of the permit, the permittee may submit an application for a revision of the permit, together with a revised reclamation plan, to the chief.

(2) An application for a revision of a permit shall not be approved unless the chief finds that reclamation required by this chapter can be accomplished under the revised reclamation plan. The revision shall be approved or disapproved within ninety days after receipt of a complete revision application. The chief shall establish, by rule, criteria for determining the extent to which all permit

application information requirements and procedures, including notice and hearings, shall apply to the revision request, except that any revisions that propose significant alterations in the reclamation plan, at a minimum, shall be subject to notice and hearing requirements.

(3) Any extensions to the area covered by the permit except incidental boundary revisions shall be made by application for a permit.

(4) Documents or a notarized statement that form the basis of the applicant's legal right to enter and commence coal mining operations on land that is located within an area covered by the permit and that was legally acquired subsequent to the issuance of the permit for the area shall be submitted with an application for a revision of the permit.

(G) No transfer, assignment, or sale of the rights granted under a permit issued pursuant to this chapter shall be made without the written approval of the chief.

(H) The chief, within a time limit prescribed in the chief's rules, shall review outstanding permits and may require reasonable revision or modification of a permit. A revision or modification shall be based upon a written finding and subject to notice and hearing requirements established by rule of the chief.

(I)(1) If an informal conference has been held pursuant to section 1513.071 of the Revised Code, the chief shall issue and furnish the applicant for a permit, persons who participated in the informal conference, and persons who filed written objections pursuant to division (B) of section 1513.071 of the Revised Code, with the written finding of the chief granting or denying the permit in whole or in part and stating the reasons therefor within sixty days of the conference, provided that the chief shall comply with the time frames established in division (I)(3) of this section.

(2) If there has been no informal conference held pursuant to section 1513.071 of the Revised Code, the chief shall submit to the applicant for a permit the written finding of the chief granting or denying the permit in whole or in part and stating the reasons therefor within the time frames established in division (I)(3) of this section.

(3) The chief shall grant or deny a permit not later than two hundred forty days after the submission of a complete application for the permit. Any time during which the applicant is making revisions to an application or providing additional information requested by the chief regarding an application shall not be included in the two hundred forty days. If the chief determines that a permit cannot be granted or denied within the two-hundred-forty-day time frame, the chief, not later than two hundred ten days after the submission of a complete application for the permit, shall provide the applicant with written notice of the expected delay.

(4) If the application is approved, the permit shall be issued. However, the permit shall prohibit the commencement of coal mining operations on any land that is located within an area covered by the permit if the permittee has not provided to the chief documents that form the basis of the permittee's legal right to enter and conduct coal mining operations on that land. If the application is disapproved, specific reasons therefor shall be set forth in the notification. Within thirty days after the applicant is notified of the final decision of the chief on the permit application, the applicant or any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected may appeal the decision to the reclamation commission pursuant to section 1513.13 of the Revised Code.

(5) Any applicant or any person with an interest that is or may be adversely affected who has participated in the administrative proceedings as an objector and is aggrieved by the decision of the

reclamation commission, or if the commission fails to act within the time limits specified in this chapter, may appeal in accordance with section 1513.14 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1513.161. (A) An operator shall use explosives only in accordance with Chapter 1567. of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant thereto by the chief of the division of mineral resources management, and in accordance with this section and rules adopted pursuant thereto by the chief, and in accordance with all applicable federal laws and regulations. If, in any situation involving a coal mining operation, except when underground coal mining is part or all of the coal mining operation, a rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 1567. of the Revised Code is in conflict with a rule adopted pursuant to this section, the rule adopted pursuant to this section prevails. When underground coal mining is part or all of the coal mining operation, the rule adopted pursuant to Chapter 1567. of the Revised Code prevails.

Before an explosive is set off, sufficient warning shall be given to allow any person in or approaching the area ample time to retreat a safe distance.

No blasting shall be done between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

(B) The chief shall adopt rules to:

~~(A)-(1)~~ Provide adequate advance written notice to local governments and residents who might be affected by the use of explosives by publication of the planned blasting schedule in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the coal mining operation, by mailing a copy of the proposed blasting schedule to every resident living within one-half mile of the proposed blasting site, and by providing daily notice to residents or occupants in such areas prior to any blasting;

~~(B)-(2)~~ Maintain for a period of at least three years and make available for public inspection upon request a log detailing the location of the blasts, the pattern and depth of the drill holes, the amount of explosives used per hole, and the order and length of delay in the blasts;

~~(C)-(3)~~ Limit the type of explosives and detonating equipment, the size, and the timing and frequency of blasts based upon the physical conditions of the site so as to prevent:

~~(1)-(a)~~ Injury to persons;

~~(2)-(b)~~ Damage to public and private property outside the permit area;

~~(3)-(c)~~ Adverse impacts on any underground mine;

~~(4)-(d)~~ Change in the course, channel, or availability of ground or surface water outside the permit area.

~~(D)-(4)~~ Require that all blasting operations be conducted by trained and competent persons as certified by the chief;

~~(E)-(5)~~ Provide that upon the request of a resident or owner of an artificial dwelling or structure or water supply within one-half mile of any portion of the permit area, the applicant or permittee shall conduct a preblasting survey of the structures or water supply and submit the survey to the chief and a copy to the resident or owner making the request. The area of the survey shall be decided by the chief and shall include such provisions as the chief prescribes.

~~(F)-Require-(6)~~ Except as provided in division (C) of this section, require the training, examination, and certification of persons engaging in or directly responsible for blasting or use of explosives in coal mining operations.

(C) The chief shall issue a certificate for blasting or use of explosives in coal mining operations in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the

following applies:

- (1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.
- (2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a blaster or user of explosives in coal mining operations in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(D) The chief, by rule or order, may prohibit blasting in specific areas where the safety of the public would be endangered.

(E) No person shall use explosives in violation of this section, a rule adopted thereunder, or an order of the chief.

Sec. 1514.12. (A) Explosives shall be used in a manner that prevents injury to persons and damage to public or private property that is located outside the area for which a permit was issued under section 1514.02 or 1514.021 of the Revised Code.

(B) The ground vibration resulting from the use of explosives when measured at any dwelling, public or commercial building, school, church, or community or institutional building that is located outside the area for which a permit was issued under section 1514.02 or 1514.021 of the Revised Code and that is not owned by the operator shall not exceed the frequency-dependent particle velocity limits listed in the "report of investigations 8507, appendix B -- alternative blasting level criteria, (1980)," published by the former United States bureau of mines, or other limits established by rule.

(C) The airblast resulting from the use of explosives when measured with a two hertz high-pass system at any location listed in division (B) of this section shall not exceed a level of one hundred thirty-three decibels.

(D) On and after July 1, 2003, all blasting in surface mining shall be conducted by persons who are trained and competent in blasting as certified by the chief of the division of mineral resources management or a certifying authority approved by the chief.

(E) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (G) of this section, the chief shall adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing requirements and standards governing all of the following:

(1) Seismographic monitoring and alternate methods to prove compliance with the ground vibration limits established under division (B) of this section and the airblast limits established under division (C) of this section;

(2) Protection of any building or structure not listed in division (B) of this section;

(3) Training, examination, and certification of persons conducting blasting in surface mining and suspension or revocation of certifications;

(4) Standard blast warning and all-clear signals;

(5) Blasting records and flyrock reporting requirements;

(6) Safety measures for blasting in surface mining.

(F) The chief may adopt rules under this section that establish limits on the amount of ground vibration resulting from the use of explosives that is permissible when measured at the locations described in division (B) of this section.

(G) The chief shall issue a certificate to conduct blasting in surface mining in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to any person if either of the following applies:

(1) The person holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a surface mining blaster in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 1514.47. (A)(1) The operator of a surface mining operation shall employ a certified mine foreperson to be in charge of the conditions and practices at the mine and to be responsible for conducting examinations of the surface mining operation under 30 C.F.R. part 56, as amended.

(2) Examinations of surface mining operations for the purposes of 30 C.F.R. part 56, as amended, shall be conducted by one of the following:

~~(i)~~(a) A certified mine foreperson;

~~(ii)~~(b) A person who is qualified to conduct such examinations as provided in division (D) of this section;

~~(iii)~~(c) A person designated by the certified mine foreperson as a competent person.

(3) For purposes of this section, a competent person is a person who has been trained in accordance with 30 C.F.R. part 46 and been determined by a certified mine foreperson to have demonstrated the ability, training, knowledge, or experience necessary to perform the duty to which the person is assigned. A person is not a competent person if the chief of the division of mineral resources management demonstrates, with good cause, that the person does not have the ability, training, knowledge, or experience necessary to perform that duty.

(4) The operator of a surface mining operation shall maintain records demonstrating that a competent person designated by a certified mine foreperson has the ability, training, knowledge, or experience to perform the duty to which the person is assigned as well as records of the competent person's training in accordance with 30 C.F.R. part 46. The operator shall make the records available to the chief upon request.

~~(B) The~~ Except as provided in division (E) of this section, the chief shall conduct examinations for the position of certified mine foreperson in accordance with rules. In order to be eligible for examination as a certified mine foreperson, an applicant shall file with the chief an affidavit establishing the applicant's qualifications to take the examination. The chief shall grade examinations and issue certificates.

(C)(1) A certificate issued under this section shall not expire unless the certificate holder has not been employed in a surface mining operation for five consecutive years. If the certificate holder has not been employed in a surface mining operation for five consecutive years, the certificate holder may retake the mine foreperson examination or may petition the chief to accept past employment history in lieu of fulfilling the employment requirement established in this division. The chief shall grant or deny the petition by issuance of an order. If the chief grants the petition, the chief shall reissue the certificate.

(2) If a certificate issued under this section is suspended, the certificate shall not be renewed until the suspension period expires and the person whose certificate is suspended successfully completes all actions required by the chief. ~~If an applicant's license, certificate, or similar authority that is issued by another state to perform specified mining duties is suspended or revoked by that state, the applicant shall be ineligible for examination for or renewal of a certificate in this state during that period of suspension or revocation.~~ A certificate that has been revoked shall not be

renewed.

(3) If a person who has been certified by the chief under this section purposely violates this chapter, the chief may suspend or revoke the certificate after an investigation and hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code are completed.

(4) If a person holds a certificate issued under this section that has not expired prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 29, 2015, the chief, upon request, shall reissue to that person a certificate that does not expire as provided in division (C)(1) of this section.

(5) If a person holds a certificate issued under this section that expired on or after April 7, 2012, and has not been issued a new certificate prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ September 29, 2015, the chief, upon request, shall issue to that person a certificate that does not expire as provided in division (C)(1) of this section, provided that the person is in compliance with all other applicable requirements established in this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(D) In lieu of employing a certified mine foreperson, the operator of a surface mining operation may submit to the chief a detailed training plan under which persons who qualify under the plan may conduct and document examinations at the surface mining operation for purposes of 30 C.F.R. part 56, as amended. The chief shall review the plan and determine if the plan complies with the requirements established in rules. The chief shall approve or deny the plan and notify in writing the operator who submitted the plan of the chief's decision.

(E) The chief shall issue a mine foreperson certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to any person if either of the following applies:

(1) The person holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a mine foreperson in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 1531.40. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Nuisance wild animal" means a wild animal that interferes with the use or enjoyment of property, is causing a threat to public safety, or may cause damage or harm to a structure, property, or person.

(2) "Commercial nuisance wild animal control operator" means an individual or business that provides nuisance wild animal removal or control services for hire to the owner, the operator, or the owner's or operator's authorized agent of property or a structure.

(B)(1) No person shall provide nuisance wild animal removal or control services for hire without obtaining a license under this section from the chief of the division of wildlife.

(2) An applicant shall pay a license fee of forty dollars for the license. The license shall be renewed annually prior to the first day of March and shall expire on the last day of February. All money collected under this division shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the wildlife fund created in section 1531.17 of the Revised Code.

(3) An individual who is providing nuisance wild animal removal or control services for hire under a license issued under this section is exempt from obtaining a hunting license under section 1533.10 of the Revised Code, a fur taker permit under section 1533.111 of the Revised Code, or a fishing license under section 1533.32 of the Revised Code for the purposes of performing those services.

(4) An individual who is employed by the state, a county, or a municipal corporation and who performs nuisance wild animal removal or control services on land that is owned by the state, county, or municipal corporation, as applicable, as part of the individual's employment is exempt from obtaining a license under this section.

(C)(1) Unless otherwise specified by division rule, a commercial nuisance wild animal control operator and any individual who is employed by an operator that is engaged in activities that are part of or related to the removal or control of nuisance wild animals, including setting or maintaining traps, shall obtain a certification of completion of a course of instruction that complies with rules adopted under division (F) of this section. A certification shall be renewed every three years.

(2) ~~An~~ Except as provided in division (H) of this section, an individual who provides nuisance wild animal removal or control services under a license issued under this section shall comply with division (C)(1) of this section.

(D) An operator that holds a license issued under this section is responsible for the acts of each of the operator's employees in the removal or control of a nuisance wild animal.

(E) If an individual who is licensed under this section uses a pesticide in the removal or control of a nuisance wild animal, the individual shall obtain the appropriate license under Chapter 921. of the Revised Code.

(F) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (H) of this section, the chief shall adopt rules under section 1531.10 of the Revised Code establishing all of the following:

(1) Appropriate methods for trapping, capturing, removing, relocating, and controlling nuisance wild animals by operators licensed under this section;

(2) Procedures for issuing, denying, suspending, and revoking a license under this section;

(3) Requirements governing the certification course required by division (C)(1) of this section. The rules shall specify the minimum contents of such a course, including public safety and health, animal life history, the use of nuisance wild animal removal and control devices, and the laws and rules governing those activities. The rules also shall specify who may conduct such a course. The rules shall require that, in order for an operator to receive a certification of completion, the operator shall pass an examination.

(4) Any other requirements and procedures necessary to administer and enforce this section.

Rules shall be adopted under division (F) of this section only with the approval of the director of natural resources.

(G) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code and with rules adopted under this section, the chief may suspend or revoke a license issued under this section if the chief finds that the holder of the license is violating or has violated this chapter, Chapter 1533. of the Revised Code, or rules adopted under those chapters.

(H) The chief shall issue a license to provide nuisance wild animal removal or control services in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an individual who provides nuisance wild animal removal

or control services in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1533.051. (A) The chief of the division of wildlife may authorize commercial and noncommercial propagation of raptors by rules adopted pursuant to section 1531.08 of the Revised Code. The rules shall be consistent with federal regulations governing raptor propagation.

(B) No person shall propagate raptors without a permit to do so issued by the chief. The duration of the permit shall be consistent with applicable federal requirements.

The fees for permits shall be set by the chief in amounts sufficient to cover the expenses of the division in exercising its authority under this section and may vary according to the type of permit. Moneys received from the sale of permits shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund established in section 1533.15 of the Revised Code.

(C) The chief shall issue a commercial raptor propagation permit in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or permit in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a person who propagates raptors in a state that does not issue that license or permit.

(D) A permittee may use a raptor possessed for propagation in the sport of falconry only if the permittee is in compliance with section 1533.05 of the Revised Code and the raptor is reported under permits issued under both that section and this section.

~~(D)~~ (E) This section does not apply to propagation of raptors by the state, any agency of the state, the United States, any agency or instrumentality thereof, or any zoological park.

Sec. 1533.51. (A) No person shall be or serve as a fishing guide in the Lake Erie fishing district without a license from the chief of the division of wildlife. The application for a license, and the license, shall be in such form as the chief prescribes.

(B) The chief, with the approval of the wildlife council, may establish the qualifications for such a license and the terms, conditions, and restrictions thereof. Such qualifications when applicable shall include that the applicant possesses a power boat operator's license from a department, agency, commission, or instrumentality of the United States.

(C) The chief shall issue a fishing guide license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a fishing guide in a state that does not issue that license.

(D) Fishing guide licenses shall expire each year on the fifteenth day of April. Such a license shall be carried ~~by on the person or~~ the person in command of the boat or person in charge, ~~upon his person,~~ when such service is being performed, and shall be exhibited upon demand to any wildlife officer or other law enforcement officer who has authority to enforce the wildlife, hunting, and fishing laws.

(E) The license fee for a fishing guide license is fifty dollars per person.

(F) The license fee for other services or devices, as approved by the chief, not mentioned in this section shall be an amount set by the chief with the approval of the wildlife council, not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

(G) All license fees collected from fishing guides shall be deposited in the state treasury pursuant to section 1533.33 of the Revised Code.

(H) No person shall fail to comply with any provision of this section or division rule adopted pursuant to it.

Sec. 1561.14. ~~A-~~(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a person who applies for a certificate as a mine electrician shall be able to read and write the English language, and prior to the date of the application for examination either shall have had at least one year's experience in performing electrical work underground in a coal mine, in the surface work area of an underground coal mine, in a surface coal mine, or in a noncoal mine, or shall have had such experience as the chief of the division of mineral resources management determines to be equivalent. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the chief on the first day of the examination. Any money collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

(B) The chief shall issue a mine electrician certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a mine electrician in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 1561.15. ~~Am-~~(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, an applicant for a certificate as mine foreperson, foreperson, mine electrician, shot firer, surface mine blaster, or fire boss shall apply to the chief of the division of mineral resources management for examination and shall be examined by the chief. This shall be a practical examination, a substantial part of which shall be oral, to determine the competency of the applicant, based on experience and practical knowledge of the dangers incident to coal mining, and not upon technical education, but consideration shall be given such technical education as the applicant possesses. This examination shall be held as soon after application is made as practicable in the district from which the applicant makes application.

(B) The chief may require an applicant for a certificate as mine foreperson, foreperson, mine electrician, shot firer, surface mine blaster, or fire boss to pass an examination in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1561.16. (A) As used in this section and sections 1561.17 to 1561.21 of the Revised Code, "actual practical experience" means previous employment that involved a person's regular presence in the type of mining operation in which the experience is required to exist; participation in functions relating to the hazards involved in and the utilization of equipment, tools, and work crews and individuals for that type of mining; and regular exposure to the methods, procedures, and safety laws applicable to that type of mining. Credit of up to one year for a portion of the required experience time may be given upon documentation to the chief of the division of mineral resources management of an educational degree in a field related to mining. Credit of up to two years of the required experience time may be given upon presentation to the chief of proof of graduation from an accredited school of mines or mining after a four-year course of study with employment in the mining industry during interim breaks during the school years.

(B) ~~A-~~Except as provided in division (G) of this section, a person who applies for a certificate

as a mine foreperson of gaseous mines shall be able to read and write the English language; shall have had at least five years' actual practical experience in the underground workings of a gaseous mine or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief; and shall have had practical experience obtained by actual contact with gas in mines and have knowledge of the dangers and nature of noxious and explosive gases and ventilation of gaseous mines. An applicant for a certificate as a foreperson of gaseous mines shall meet the same requirements, except that the applicant shall have had at least three years' actual practical experience in the underground workings of a gaseous mine or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee established in rules adopted under this section to the chief on the first day of such examination.

(C) A person who has been issued a certificate as a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a gaseous mine and who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of more than two calendar years shall apply for and obtain recertification from the chief in accordance with rules adopted under this section before performing the duties of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a gaseous mine. An applicant for recertification shall pay a fee established in rules adopted under this section at the time of application for recertification.

(D) A person who has been issued a certificate as a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a gaseous mine and who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of one or more calendar years shall successfully complete a retraining course in accordance with rules adopted under this section before performing the duties of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a gaseous mine.

(E) The chief, in consultation with a statewide association representing the coal mining industry and a statewide association representing employees of coal mines, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that do all of the following:

(1) Prescribe requirements, criteria, and procedures for the recertification of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a gaseous mine who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of more than two calendar years;

(2) Prescribe requirements, criteria, and procedures for the retraining of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a gaseous mine who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of one or more calendar years;

(3) Establish fees for the examination and recertification of mine forepersons or forepersons of gaseous mines under this section;

(4) Prescribe any other requirements, criteria, and procedures that the chief determines are necessary to administer this section.

(F) Any money collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

(G) The chief shall issue a certificate as a foreperson of gaseous mines in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a foreperson of gaseous mines in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 1561.17. (A) ~~Except as provided in division (F) of this section, a person who applies for a certificate as mine foreperson or foreperson of nongaseous mines shall be able to read and write~~

the English language; shall have had at least three years' actual practical experience in mines, or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief of the division of mineral resources management; and shall have knowledge of the dangers and nature of noxious gases. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee established in rules adopted under this section to the chief on the first day of the examination.

(B) A person who has been issued a certificate as a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine and who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of more than two calendar years shall apply for and obtain recertification from the chief in accordance with rules adopted under this section before performing the duties of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine. An applicant for recertification shall pay a fee established in rules adopted under this section at the time of application for recertification.

(C) A person who has been issued a certificate as a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine and who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of one or more calendar years shall successfully complete a retraining course in accordance with rules adopted under this section before performing the duties of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine.

(D) The chief, in consultation with a statewide association representing the coal mining industry and a statewide association representing employees of coal mines, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that do all of the following:

(1) Prescribe requirements, criteria, and procedures for the recertification of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of more than two calendar years;

(2) Prescribe requirements, criteria, and procedures for the retraining of a mine foreperson or a foreperson of a nongaseous coal mine who has not worked in an underground coal mine for a period of one or more calendar years;

(3) Establish fees for the examination and recertification of mine forepersons or forepersons of nongaseous coal mines under this section;

(4) Prescribe any other requirements, criteria, and procedures that the chief determines are necessary to administer this section.

(E) Any money collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

(F) The chief shall issue a certificate as a foreperson of nongaseous mines in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a foreperson of nongaseous mines in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 1561.18. ~~A-(A)~~ Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a person who applies for a certificate as a foreperson of surface maintenance facilities at underground or surface mines shall be able to read and write the English language and shall have had at least three years' actual practical experience in or around the surface maintenance facilities of underground or surface mines or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief of the division of mineral resources

management. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the chief on the first day of the examination.

(B) The chief shall issue a certificate as a foreperson of surface maintenance facilities at underground or surface mines in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a foreperson of surface maintenance facilities at underground or surface mines in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(C) Any money collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1561.19. A-(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a person who applies for a certificate as a mine foreperson of surface mines shall be able to read and write the English language and shall have had at least five years' actual practical experience in surface mines. An applicant for a certificate as a foreperson of surface mines shall meet the same requirements, except that the applicant shall have had at least three years' actual practical experience in surface mines or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief of the division of mineral resources management. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the chief on the first day of the examination.

(B) The chief shall issue a certificate as a foreperson of surface mines in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a foreperson of surface mines in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(C) Any money collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1561.20. A-(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a person who applies for a certificate as a surface mine blaster shall be able to read and write the English language; shall have had at least one year's actual practical experience in surface mines or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief of the division of mineral resources management; shall have knowledge of the dangers and nature of the use of explosives, related equipment, and blasting techniques; and shall have knowledge of safety laws and rules, including those related to the storage, use, and transportation of explosives. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the chief on the first day of the examination.

(B) The chief shall issue a surface mine blaster certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a surface mine blaster in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(C) Any money collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit

of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1561.21. A-(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a person who applies for a certificate as a shot firer shall be able to read and write the English language; shall have had at least one year's actual practical experience in the underground workings of mines or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief of the division of mineral resources management; shall have knowledge of the dangers and nature of noxious and explosive gases; shall have knowledge of the dangers and nature of the use of explosives, related equipment, and blasting techniques; and shall have knowledge of safety laws and rules, including those related to the underground storage, use, and transportation of explosives. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the chief on the first day of the examination.

(B) The chief shall issue a shot firer certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a shot firer in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(C) Any money collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

(D) Any person who possesses a mine foreperson or foreperson certificate issued by the chief shall be considered certified as a shot firer.

Sec. 1561.22. A-(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a person who applies for a certificate as fire boss shall be able to read and write the English language; shall have had at least three years' actual practical experience in the underground workings of a gaseous mine or the equivalent thereof in the judgment of the chief of the division of mineral resources management; and shall have knowledge of the dangers and nature of noxious and explosive gases gained by actual contact with gas in mines and ventilation of gaseous mines. Each applicant for examination shall pay a fee of ten dollars to the chief on the first day of the examination.

(B) The chief shall issue a fire boss certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a fire boss in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(C) Any money collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the mining regulation and safety fund created in section 1513.30 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 1565.06. (A) In emergencies arising at a mine because of accident, death, illness, or any other cause, an operator may appoint noncertificate persons as forepersons and fire bosses to act until certified forepersons and fire bosses satisfactory to the operator can be secured. Such appointee may not serve in such capacity for a period longer than six months or until such time thereafter as an examination is held for such certified persons under section 1561.13 of the Revised Code. The employer of such noncertificate person shall, upon appointment of such noncertificate person in this capacity, forward the name of such noncertificate person to the chief of the division of mineral

resources management.

(B) An operator may appoint as a temporary foreperson or fire boss a noncertificate person who is within six months of possessing the necessary actual practical experience to qualify to take the examination for certification for the position to which the person is temporarily appointed. Upon appointment of a noncertificate person, the operator shall forward the name, social security number, and brief summary of the person's actual practical experience to the chief, and the chief shall issue the person a temporary certificate for the position to which the person has been temporarily appointed. A temporary certificate issued under this division is valid for six months or until such time thereafter as an examination is held under section 1561.13 of the Revised Code for the position to which the person has been temporarily appointed.

(C) A nonresident person who possesses a valid certificate issued by another state for a position for which the chief issues a certificate shall be eligible for a temporary certificate from the chief upon presentation to the chief of a copy of the certificate from that other state. Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code does not apply to a certificate issued under this section. A temporary certificate issued under this division shall be valid for six months.

No operator of a mine shall violate or fail to comply with this section.

Sec. 1565.15. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," "paramedic," and "emergency medical service organization" have the same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "First aid provider" includes a mine medical responder, an EMT-basic, an EMT-I, a paramedic, or an employee at a surface coal mine who has satisfied the training requirements established in division (D)(1) of this section.

(3) "Mine medical responder" means a person who has satisfied the requirements established in rules adopted under division (E)(1) of this section or has been issued a certificate under division (E)(2) of this section.

(B) The operator of an underground coal mine where twenty or more persons are employed on a shift, including all persons working at different locations at the mine within a ten-mile radius, shall provide at least one mine medical responder, EMT-basic, or EMT-I on duty at the underground coal mine whenever employees at the mine are actively engaged in the extraction, production, or preparation of coal. The operator shall provide mine medical responders, EMTs-basic, or EMTs-I on duty at the underground coal mine at times and in numbers sufficient to ensure that no miner works in a mine location that cannot be reached within a reasonable time by a mine medical responder, an EMT-basic, or an EMT-I. Mine medical responders, EMTs-basic, and EMTs-I shall be employed on their regular coal mining duties at locations convenient for quick response to emergencies in order to provide emergency medical services inside the underground coal mine and transportation of injured or sick employees to the entrance of the mine. The operator shall provide for the services of at least one emergency medical service organization to be available on call to reach the entrance of the underground coal mine within thirty minutes at any time that employees are engaged in the extraction, production, or preparation of coal in order to provide emergency medical services and transportation to a hospital.

The operator shall make available to mine medical responders, EMTs-basic, and EMTs-I all of the equipment for first aid and emergency medical services that is necessary for those personnel to

function and to comply with the regulations pertaining to first aid and emergency medical services that are adopted under the "Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977," 91 Stat. 1290, 30 U.S.C.A. 801, and amendments to it. The operator of the underground coal mine shall install telephone service or equivalent facilities that enable two-way voice communication between the mine medical responders, EMTs-basic, or EMTs-I in the mine and the emergency medical service organization outside the mine that provides emergency medical services on a regular basis.

(C) The operator of a surface coal mine shall provide at least one first aid provider on duty at the mine whenever employees at the mine are actively engaged in the extraction, production, or preparation of coal. The operator shall provide first aid providers on duty at the surface coal mine at times and in numbers sufficient to ensure that no miner works in a mine location that cannot be reached within a reasonable time by a first aid provider. First aid providers shall be employed on their regular coal mining duties at locations convenient for quick response to emergencies in order to provide emergency medical services and transportation of injured or sick employees to the entrance of the surface coal mine. The operator shall provide for the services of at least one emergency medical service organization to be available on call to reach the entrance of the surface coal mine within thirty minutes at any time that employees are engaged in the extraction, production, or preparation of coal in order to provide emergency medical services and transportation to a hospital.

The operator shall provide at the mine site all of the equipment for first aid and emergency medical services that is necessary for those personnel to function and to comply with the regulations pertaining to first aid and emergency medical services that are adopted under the "Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977," 91 Stat. 1290, 30 U.S.C.A. 801, and amendments to it.

(D)(1) An employee at a surface coal mine shall be considered to be a first aid provider for the purposes of this section if the employee has received from an instructor approved by the chief of the division of mineral resources management ten hours of initial first aid training as a selected supervisory employee under 30 C.F.R. 77.1703 and receives five hours of refresher first aid training as a selected supervisory employee under 30 C.F.R. 77.1705 in each subsequent calendar year.

(2) Each miner employed at a surface coal mine who is not a first aid provider shall receive from an instructor approved by the chief three hours of initial first aid training and two hours of refresher first aid training in each subsequent calendar year.

(3) The training received in accordance with division (D) of this section shall consist of a course of instruction established in the manual issued by the mine safety and health administration in the United States department of labor entitled "first aid, a bureau of mines instruction manual" or its successor or any other curriculum approved by the chief. The training shall be included in the hours of instruction provided to miners in accordance with training requirements established under 30 C.F.R. part 48, subpart (B), as amended, and 30 C.F.R. part 77, as amended.

~~(E) The~~ (1) Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this section, the chief, in consultation with persons certified under Chapter 4765. of the Revised Code to teach in an emergency medical services training program, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that do all of the following:

~~(1)~~ (a) Prescribe training requirements for a mine medical responder that specifically focus on treating injuries and illnesses associated with underground coal mining;

~~(2)~~ (b) Prescribe an examination for a mine medical responder;

~~(3)-(c)~~ Prescribe continuing training requirements for a mine medical responder;
~~(4)-(d)~~ Establish the fee for examination for a mine medical responder;
~~(5)-(e)~~ Prescribe any other requirements, criteria, and procedures that the chief determines are necessary regarding the training, examination, and continuing training of mine medical responders.

~~If a person qualifies as a mine medical responder or similar classification in another state, the person may provide emergency medical services as a mine medical responder in this state without completing the training or passing the examination that is required in rules adopted under this division, provided that the chief determines that the person's qualifications from the other state satisfy all of the applicable requirements that are established in rules adopted under this division.~~

(2) The chief shall issue a mine medical responder certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a certificate in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a mine medical responder in a state that does not issue that certificate.

(F) Each operator of a surface coal mine shall establish, keep current, and make available for inspection an emergency medical plan that includes the telephone numbers of the division of mineral resources management and of an emergency medical services organization the services of which are required to be retained under division (C) of this section. The chief shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that establish any additional information required to be included in an emergency medical plan.

(G) Each operator of an underground coal mine or surface coal mine shall provide or contract to obtain emergency medical services training or first aid training, as applicable, at the operator's expense, that is sufficient to train and maintain the certification of the number of employees necessary to comply with division (B) of this section and that is sufficient to train employees as required under division (D) of this section and to comply with division (C) of this section.

(H) The division may provide emergency medical services training for coal mine employees by operating an emergency medical services training program accredited under section 4765.17 of the Revised Code or by contracting with the operator of an emergency medical services training program accredited under that section to provide that training. The division may charge coal mine operators a uniform part of the unit cost per trainee.

(I) No coal mine operator shall violate or fail to comply with this section.

Sec. 1707.15. (A) Application for a dealer's license shall be made in accordance with this section and by filing with the division of securities the information, materials, and forms specified in rules adopted by the division, along with all of the following information:

(1) The name and address of the applicant;

(2) The location and addresses of the principal office and all other offices of the applicant;

(3) A general description of the business of the applicant done prior to the application, including a list of states in which the applicant is a licensed dealer.

(B)(1) The division may investigate any applicant for a license, and may require such additional information as it deems necessary to determine the applicant's business repute and qualifications to act as a dealer in securities.

(2) If the application for any license involves investigation outside of this state, the applicant may be required by the division to advance sufficient funds to pay any of the actual expenses of such examination. An itemized statement of any such expenses which the applicant is required to pay shall be furnished the applicant by the division.

(C) The division shall by rule require one natural person who is a principal, officer, director, general partner, manager, or employee of a dealer to pass an examination designated by the division. Each dealer that is not a natural person shall notify the division of the name and relationship to the dealer of the natural person who has passed the examination on behalf of the dealer and who will serve as the designated principal on behalf of the dealer.

(D) Dealers shall employ as salespersons only those salespersons who are licensed under this chapter. If at any time a salesperson resigns or is discharged or a new salesperson is added, the dealer shall promptly notify the division.

(E)-H(1) Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this section, if the division finds that the applicant is of good business repute, appears qualified to act as a dealer in securities, and has fully complied with this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter by the division, the division, upon payment of the fees prescribed by division (B) of section 1707.17 of the Revised Code, shall issue to the applicant a license authorizing the applicant to act as a dealer.

(2) The division shall issue a license to act as a dealer in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license in another state;

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a dealer in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1707.151. (A) Application for an investment adviser's license shall be made in accordance with this section and by filing with the division of securities the information, materials, and forms specified in rules adopted by the division.

(B)(1) The division may investigate any applicant for a license and may require any additional information as it considers necessary to determine the applicant's business repute and qualifications to act as an investment adviser.

(2) If the application for any license involves investigation outside of this state, the applicant may be required by the division to advance sufficient funds to pay any of the actual expenses of the examination. The division shall furnish the applicant with an itemized statement of such expenses that the applicant is required to pay.

(C) The division shall by rule require a natural person who is an applicant for an investment adviser's license to pass an examination designated by the division or achieve a specified professional designation.

(D) An investment adviser licensed under section 1707.141 of the Revised Code shall employ only investment adviser representatives licensed, or exempted from licensure, under section 1707.161 of the Revised Code.

(E)-H(1) Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this section, if the division finds that the applicant is of good business repute, appears to be qualified to act as an investment adviser, and has complied with this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter by the division, the division, upon payment of the fees prescribed by division (B) of section 1707.17 of the Revised Code, shall issue to

the applicant a license authorizing the applicant to act as an investment adviser.

(2) The division shall issue a license to act as an investment adviser in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an investment adviser in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1707.16. (A) Every salesperson of securities must be licensed by the division of securities and shall be employed, authorized, or appointed only by the licensed dealer specified in the salesperson's license. If the relationship between the salesperson and the dealer is severed, the salesperson's license shall be void.

(B) Application for a salesperson's license shall be made in accordance with this section and by filing with the division the information, materials, and forms specified in rules adopted by the division, along with all of the following information:

(1) The name and complete residence and business addresses of the applicant;

(2) The name of the dealer who is employing the applicant or who intends to employ the applicant;

(3) The applicant's age and education, and the applicant's experience in the sale of securities; whether the applicant has ever been licensed by the division, and if so, when; whether the applicant has ever been refused a license by the division; and whether the applicant has ever been licensed or refused a license or any similar permit by any division or commissioner of securities, whatsoever name known or designated, anywhere.

(C) The division shall by rule require an applicant to pass an examination designated by the division.

(D) If (1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, if the division finds that the applicant is of good business repute, appears to be qualified to act as a salesperson of securities, and has fully complied with this chapter, and that the dealer named in the application is a licensed dealer, the division shall, upon payment of the fees prescribed by section 1707.17 of the Revised Code, issue a license to the applicant authorizing the applicant to act as salesperson for the dealer named in the application.

(2) The division shall issue a license to act as a salesperson of securities in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a salesperson of securities in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1707.161. (A) No person shall act as an investment adviser representative, unless one of the following applies:

(1) The person is licensed as an investment adviser representative by the division of securities.

(2) The person is a natural person who is licensed as an investment adviser by the division, and does not act as an investment adviser representative for another investment adviser; however, a

natural person who is licensed as an investment adviser by the division may act as an investment adviser representative for another investment adviser if the natural person also is licensed by the division, or is properly excepted from licensure, as an investment adviser representative of the other investment adviser.

(3) The person is employed by or associated with an investment adviser registered under section 203 of the "Investment Advisers Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. 80b-3, and does not have a place of business in this state.

(4) The person is employed by or associated with an investment adviser that is excepted from licensure pursuant to division (A)(3), (4), (5), or (6) of section 1707.141 of the Revised Code or excepted from notice filing pursuant to division (B)(3) of section 1707.141 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) No investment adviser representative required to be licensed under this section shall act as an investment adviser representative for more than two investment advisers. An investment adviser representative that acts as an investment adviser representative for two investment advisers shall do so only after the occurrence of both of the following:

(a) Being properly licensed, or properly excepted from licensure under this section, as an investment adviser representative for both investment advisers;

(b) Complying with the requirements set forth in rules adopted by the division regarding consent of both investment advisers and notice.

(2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a natural person from being licensed by the division as both an investment adviser and an investment adviser representative.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a natural person from being licensed by the division as both a salesperson and an investment adviser representative.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a natural person from being licensed by the division as both a dealer and an investment adviser representative.

(C) An investment adviser representative's license issued under this section shall not be effective during any period when the investment adviser representative is not employed by or associated with an investment adviser that is licensed by the division or that is in compliance with the notice filing requirements of division (B) of section 1707.141 of the Revised Code. Notice of the commencement and termination of the employment or association of an investment adviser representative licensed under this section shall be given to the division within thirty days after the commencement or termination by either of the following:

(1) The investment adviser, in the case of an investment adviser representative licensed under this section and employed by or associated with, or formerly employed by or associated with, an investment adviser licensed under section 1707.141 of the Revised Code;

(2) The investment adviser representative, in the case of an investment adviser representative licensed under this section and employed by or associated with, or formerly employed by or associated with, an investment adviser that is subject to the notice filings requirements of division (B) of section 1707.141 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) Application for an investment adviser representative license shall be made in accordance with this section and by filing with the division the information, materials, and forms specified in rules adopted by the division.

(2) The division shall by rule require an applicant to pass an examination designated by the

division or achieve a specified professional designation.

(3) Prior to issuing the investment adviser representative license, the division may require the applicant to reimburse the division for the actual expenses incurred in investigating the applicant. An itemized statement of any such expenses that the applicant is required to pay shall be furnished to the applicant by the division.

~~(E) If (1) Except as provided in division (E)(2) of this section, if the division finds that the applicant is of good business repute, appears to be qualified to act as an investment adviser representative, and has complied with sections 1707.01 to 1707.50 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under those sections by the division, the division, upon payment of the fees prescribed by division (B) of section 1707.17 of the Revised Code, shall issue to the applicant a license authorizing the applicant to act as an investment adviser representative for the investment adviser, or investment advisers that are under common ownership or control, named in the application.~~

(2) The division shall issue a license to act as an investment adviser representative in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an investment adviser representative in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1707.163. (A) Application for a state retirement system investment officer's license shall be made in accordance with this section by filing with the division of securities the information, materials, and forms specified in rules adopted by the division.

(B)(1) The division may investigate any applicant for a license and may require any additional information as it considers necessary to determine the applicant's business repute and qualifications to act as an investment officer.

(2) If the application for a state retirement system investment officer's license involves investigation outside of this state, the applicant may be required by the division to advance sufficient funds to pay any of the actual expenses of the investigation. The division shall furnish the applicant with an itemized statement of the expenses the applicant is required to pay.

(C) The division shall by rule require an applicant for a state retirement system investment officer's license to pass an examination designated by the division or achieve a specified professional designation unless the applicant meets both of the following requirements:

(1) Acts as a state retirement system investment officer on the effective date of this section September 15, 2004;

(2) Has experience or equivalent education acceptable to the division.

~~(D) If (1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, if the division finds that the applicant is of good business repute, appears to be qualified to act as a state retirement system investment officer, and has complied with this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter by the division, the division, on payment of the fees prescribed by division (B) of section 1707.17 of the Revised Code, shall issue to the applicant a license authorizing the applicant to act as a state retirement system investment officer.~~

(2) The division shall issue a license authorizing an applicant to act as a state retirement system investment officer in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if

either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a state retirement system investment officer in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1707.165. (A) Application for a bureau of workers' compensation chief investment officer's license shall be made in accordance with this section by filing with the division of securities the information, materials, and forms specified in rules adopted by the division.

(B) The division may investigate any applicant for a license and may require any additional information as it considers necessary to determine the applicant's business repute and qualifications to act as a chief investment officer. If the application for a bureau of workers' compensation chief investment officer's license involves investigation outside of this state, the applicant may be required by the division to advance sufficient funds to pay any of the actual expenses of the investigation. The division shall furnish the applicant with an itemized statement of the expenses the applicant is required to pay.

(C) The division shall by rule require an applicant for a bureau of workers' compensation chief investment officer's license to pass an examination designated by the division or achieve a specified professional designation unless the applicant meets both of the following requirements:

(1) Acts as a bureau of workers' compensation chief investment officer ~~on the effective date of this section~~ September 29, 2005;

(2) Has experience or education acceptable to the division.

(D) ~~If (1) Except as provided in division (D)(2) of this section, if the division finds that the applicant is of good business repute, appears to be qualified to act as a bureau of workers' compensation chief investment officer, and has complied with this chapter and rules adopted by the division under this chapter, the division, upon receipt of the fees prescribed by division (B) of section 1707.17 of the Revised Code, shall issue to the applicant a license authorizing the applicant to act as a bureau of workers' compensation chief investment officer.~~

(2) The division shall issue a license to act as a bureau of workers' compensation chief investment officer in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(a) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(b) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a bureau of workers' compensation chief investment officer in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 1717.06. (A) A county humane society organized under section 1717.05 of the Revised Code may appoint humane society agents for the purpose of prosecuting any person guilty of an act of cruelty to animals. Such agents may arrest any person found violating this chapter or any other law for protecting animals or preventing acts of cruelty thereto. Upon making an arrest, the humane society agent shall convey the person arrested before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction of the offense, and there make complaint against the person on oath or affirmation of the offense.

(B) A humane society agent that was appointed prior to ~~the effective date of this amendment~~ March 31, 2021, by a branch of the Ohio humane society is considered to be a humane society agent

appointed under this section for purposes of this chapter and any other laws regarding humane society agents.

(C)(1) The appointment of an agent under this section is subject to the requirements of section 1717.061 of the Revised Code, and is not final until the appointment has been approved under division (C)(2) of this section.

(2) The appointment of an agent under this section does not take effect unless it has been approved by the mayor of the municipal corporation for which it is made. If the society operates outside a municipal corporation, the appointment does not take effect until it has been approved by the probate judge of the county for which it is made. The mayor or probate judge shall keep a record of the appointments and shall maintain as a public record a copy of the proof of successful completion of training for each humane society agent acting within the approving authority's jurisdiction.

(D) The approving authority shall notify the appropriate county sheriff and the board of county commissioners when the appointment of a humane society agent has been approved and, not later than two business days after the appointment has been approved, shall file a copy of the proof of successful completion of training with the sheriff. The county sheriff shall maintain as a public record a copy of the proof for each humane society agent that is operating in the county.

(E) A humane society shall notify the county sheriff and the approving authority when all approved humane society agents have ceased to perform the duties of the appointment and there are no humane society agents operating in the county.

(F) A humane society agent only has the specific authority granted to the agent under the Revised Code.

(G) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall issue a certificate of completion of the training program required for appointment as a humane society agent under this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an individual if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a certificate of completion of such a program in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a humane society agent in a state that does not require a certificate of completion of such a program.

Sec. 3101.10. A minister upon producing to the secretary of state, credentials of the minister's being a regularly ordained or licensed minister of any religious society or congregation, shall be entitled to receive from the secretary of state a license authorizing the minister to solemnize marriages in this state so long as the minister continues as a regular minister in that society or congregation. A minister shall produce for inspection the minister's license to solemnize marriages upon demand of any party to a marriage at which the minister officiates or proposes to officiate or upon demand of any probate judge. The secretary of state shall issue a license to solemnize marriages in this state in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to a minister if either of the following applies:

(A) The minister holds a license in another state.

(B) The minister has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a minister who solemnizes marriages in a state that does

not issue a license to solemnize marriages.

Sec. 3301.071. (A)(1) ~~In~~ Except as provided in division (E) of this section, in the case of nontax-supported schools, standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification, without further educational requirements, of any administrator, supervisor, or teacher who has attended and received a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a national or regional association in the United States except that, at the discretion of the state board of education, this requirement may be met by having an equivalent degree from a foreign college or university of comparable standing.

(2) ~~In~~ Except as provided in division (E) of this section, in the case of nonchartered, nontax- supported schools, the standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification, without further educational requirements, of any administrator, supervisor, or teacher who has attended and received a diploma from a "bible college" or "bible institute" described in division (E) of section 1713.02 of the Revised Code.

(3) A certificate issued under division (A)(3) of this section shall be valid only for teaching foreign language, music, religion, computer technology, or fine arts.

Notwithstanding division (A)(1) of this section and except as provided in division (E) of this section, the standards for teacher certification prescribed under section 3301.07 of the Revised Code shall provide for certification of a person as a teacher upon receipt by the state board of an affidavit signed by the chief administrative officer of a chartered nonpublic school seeking to employ the person, stating that the person meets one of the following conditions:

(a) The person has specialized knowledge, skills, or expertise that qualifies the person to provide instruction.

(b) The person has provided to the chief administrative officer evidence of at least three years of teaching experience in a public or nonpublic school.

(c) The person has provided to the chief administrative officer evidence of completion of a teacher training program named in the affidavit.

(B) Each person applying for a certificate under this section for purposes of serving in a nonpublic school chartered by the state board under section 3301.16 of the Revised Code shall pay a fee in the amount established under division (A) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code. Any fees received under this division shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the state board of education certification fund established under division (B) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code.

(C) A person applying for or holding any certificate pursuant to this section for purposes of serving in a nonpublic school chartered by the state board is subject to sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code and sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code.

(D) Divisions (B) and (C) of this section and sections 3319.291, 3319.31, and 3319.311 of the Revised Code do not apply to any administrators, supervisors, or teachers in nonchartered, nontax-supported schools.

(E) The state board shall issue a certificate to serve in a nonpublic school as an administrator, supervisor, or teacher in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a nonpublic school administrator, supervisor, or teacher in a state that does not issue one or more of those certificates.

Sec. 3301.074. (A) ~~The Except as provided in division (E) of this section,~~ the state board of education shall, by rule adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, establish standards for licensing school district treasurers and business managers, for the renewal of such licenses, and for the issuance of duplicate copies of licenses. Licenses of the following types shall be issued or renewed by the board to applicants who meet the standards for the license or the renewal of the license for which application is made:

(1) Treasurer, valid for serving as treasurer of a school district in accordance with section 3313.22 of the Revised Code;

(2) Business manager, valid for serving as business manager of a school district in accordance with section 3319.03 of the Revised Code.

(B) Each application for a license or renewal or duplicate copy of a license shall be accompanied by the payment of a fee in the amount established under division (A) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code. Any fees received under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the state board of education licensure fund established under division (B) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any person employed under section 3313.22 of the Revised Code as a treasurer on July 1, 1983, shall be considered to meet the standards for licensure as a treasurer and for renewal of such license. Any person employed under section 3319.03 of the Revised Code as a business manager on July 1, 1983, shall be considered to meet the standards for licensure as a business manager and for renewal of such license.

(D) Any person applying for or holding any license pursuant to this section is subject to sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code and sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code.

(E) The state board shall issue a license to act as a school district treasurer or business manager in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a school district treasurer or business manager in a state that does not issue one of those licenses or both.

Sec. 3307.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Employer" means the board of education, school district, governing authority of any community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code, college, university, institution, or other agency within the state by which a teacher is employed and paid.

(B)(1) "Teacher" means all of the following:

(a) Any person paid from public funds and employed in the public schools of the state under any type of contract described in section 3311.77 or 3319.08 of the Revised Code in a position for which the person is required to have a license or registration issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to

3319.31 of the Revised Code;

(b) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) or (c) of this section, any person employed as a teacher or faculty member in a community school or a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school pursuant to Chapter 3314. or 3326. of the Revised Code;

(c) Any person having a license or registration issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code and employed in a public school in this state in an educational position, as determined by the state board of education, under programs provided for by federal acts or regulations and financed in whole or in part from federal funds, but for which no licensure requirements for the position can be made under the provisions of such federal acts or regulations;

(d) Any other teacher or faculty member employed in any school, college, university, institution, or other agency wholly controlled and managed, and supported in whole or in part, by the state or any political subdivision thereof, including Central state university, Cleveland state university, and the university of Toledo;

(e) The educational employees of the department of education, as determined by the state superintendent of public instruction;

(f) Any person having a registration issued pursuant to section 3301.28 of the Revised Code and employed as a tutor by the coordinating service center as defined in that section;

(g) Any person having a license issued pursuant to Chapter 4732. of the Revised Code and employed as a school psychologist in a public school.

In all cases of doubt, the state teachers retirement board shall determine whether any person is a teacher, and its decision shall be final.

(2) "Teacher" does not include any of the following:

(a) Any eligible employee of a public institution of higher education, as defined in section 3305.01 of the Revised Code, who elects to participate in an alternative retirement plan established under Chapter 3305. of the Revised Code;

(b) Any person employed by a community school operator, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, if on or before February 1, 2016, the school's operator was withholding and paying employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) for persons employed in the school as teachers, unless the person had contributing service in a community school in the state within one year prior to the later of February 1, 2016, or the date on which the operator for the first time withholds and pays employee and employer taxes pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 3101(a) and 3111(a) for that person;

(c) Any person who would otherwise be a teacher under division (B)(2)(b) of this section who terminates employment with a community school operator and has no contributing service in a community school in the state for a period of at least one year from the date of termination of employment.

(C) "Member" means any person included in the membership of the state teachers retirement system, which shall consist of all teachers and contributors as defined in divisions (B) and (D) of this section and all disability benefit recipients, as defined in section 3307.50 of the Revised Code. However, for purposes of this chapter, the following persons shall not be considered members:

(1) A student, intern, or resident who is not a member while employed part-time by a school, college, or university at which the student, intern, or resident is regularly attending classes;

(2) A person denied membership pursuant to section 3307.24 of the Revised Code;

(3) An other system retirant, as defined in section 3307.35 of the Revised Code, or a superannuate;

(4) An individual employed in a program established pursuant to the "Job Training Partnership Act," 96 Stat. 1322 (1982), 29 U.S.C.A. 1501;

(5) The surviving spouse of a member or retirant if the surviving spouse's only connection to the retirement system is an account in an STRS defined contribution plan.

(D) "Contributor" means any person who has an account in the teachers' savings fund or defined contribution fund, except that "contributor" does not mean a member or retirant's surviving spouse with an account in an STRS defined contribution plan.

(E) "Beneficiary" means any person eligible to receive, or in receipt of, a retirement allowance or other benefit provided by this chapter.

(F) "Year" means the year beginning the first day of July and ending with the thirtieth day of June next following, except that for the purpose of determining final average salary under the plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code, "year" may mean the contract year.

(G) "Local district pension system" means any school teachers pension fund created in any school district of the state in accordance with the laws of the state prior to September 1, 1920.

(H) "Employer contribution" means the amount paid by an employer, as determined by the employer rate, including the normal and deficiency rates, contributions, and funds wherever used in this chapter.

(I) "Five years of service credit" means employment covered under this chapter and employment covered under a former retirement plan operated, recognized, or endorsed by a college, institute, university, or political subdivision of this state prior to coverage under this chapter.

(J) "Actuary" means an actuarial professional contracted with or employed by the state teachers retirement board, who shall be either of the following:

(1) A member of the American academy of actuaries;

(2) A firm, partnership, or corporation of which at least one person is a member of the American academy of actuaries.

(K) "Fiduciary" means a person who does any of the following:

(1) Exercises any discretionary authority or control with respect to the management of the system, or with respect to the management or disposition of its assets;

(2) Renders investment advice for a fee, direct or indirect, with respect to money or property of the system;

(3) Has any discretionary authority or responsibility in the administration of the system.

(L)(1)(a) Except as provided in this division, "compensation" means all salary, wages, and other earnings paid to a teacher by reason of the teacher's employment, including compensation paid pursuant to a supplemental contract. The salary, wages, and other earnings shall be determined prior to determination of the amount required to be contributed to the teachers' savings fund or defined contribution fund under section 3307.26 of the Revised Code and without regard to whether any of the salary, wages, or other earnings are treated as deferred income for federal income tax purposes.

(b) Except as provided in division (L)(1)(c) of this section, "compensation" includes amounts paid by an employer as a retroactive payment of earnings, damages, or back pay pursuant to a court

order, court-adopted settlement agreement, or other settlement agreement if the retirement system receives both of the following:

(i) Teacher and employer contributions under sections 3307.26 and 3307.28 of the Revised Code, plus interest compounded annually at a rate determined by the state teachers retirement board, for each year or portion of a year for which amounts are paid under the order or agreement;

(ii) Teacher and employer contributions under sections 3307.26 and 3307.28 of the Revised Code, plus interest compounded annually at a rate determined by the board, for each year or portion of a year not subject to division (L)(1)(b)(i) of this section for which the board determines the teacher was improperly paid, regardless of the teacher's ability to recover on such amounts improperly paid.

(c) If any portion of an amount paid by an employer as a retroactive payment of earnings, damages, or back pay is for an amount, benefit, or payment described in division (L)(2) of this section, that portion of the amount is not compensation under this section.

(2) Compensation does not include any of the following:

(a) Payments for accrued but unused sick leave or personal leave, including payments made under a plan established pursuant to section 124.39 of the Revised Code or any other plan established by the employer;

(b) Payments made for accrued but unused vacation leave, including payments made pursuant to section 124.13 of the Revised Code or a plan established by the employer;

(c) Payments made for vacation pay covering concurrent periods for which other salary, compensation, or benefits under this chapter or Chapter 145. or 3309. of the Revised Code are paid;

(d) Amounts paid by the employer to provide life insurance, sickness, accident, endowment, health, medical, hospital, dental, or surgical coverage, or other insurance for the teacher or the teacher's family, or amounts paid by the employer to the teacher in lieu of providing the insurance;

(e) Incidental benefits, including lodging, food, laundry, parking, or services furnished by the employer, use of the employer's property or equipment, and reimbursement for job-related expenses authorized by the employer, including moving and travel expenses and expenses related to professional development;

(f) Payments made by the employer in exchange for a member's waiver of a right to receive any payment, amount, or benefit described in division (L)(2) of this section;

(g) Payments by the employer for services not actually rendered;

(h) Any amount paid by the employer as a retroactive increase in salary, wages, or other earnings, unless the increase is one of the following:

(i) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school district board of education in a position that requires a license designated for teaching and not designated for being an administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is paid in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the board in positions requiring the licenses;

(ii) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school district board of education in a position that requires a license designated for being an administrator issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code that is paid in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the board in positions requiring the licenses;

(iii) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by a school district board of education as a superintendent that is also paid as described in division (L)(2)(h)(i) of this section;

(iv) A retroactive increase paid to a member employed by an employer other than a school district board of education in accordance with uniform criteria applicable to all members employed by the employer.

(i) Payments made to or on behalf of a teacher that are in excess of the annual compensation that may be taken into account by the retirement system under division (a)(17) of section 401 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 401(a)(17), as amended. For a teacher who first establishes membership before July 1, 1996, the annual compensation that may be taken into account by the retirement system shall be determined under division (d)(3) of section 13212 of the "Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993," Pub. L. No. 103-66, 107 Stat. 472.

(j) Payments made under division (B), (C), or (E) of section 5923.05 of the Revised Code, Section 4 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 3 of the 119th general assembly, Section 3 of Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 164 of the 124th general assembly, or Amended Substitute House Bill No. 405 of the 124th general assembly;

(k) Anything of value received by the teacher that is based on or attributable to retirement or an agreement to retire.

(3) The retirement board shall determine both of the following:

(a) Whether particular forms of earnings are included in any of the categories enumerated in this division;

(b) Whether any form of earnings not enumerated in this division is to be included in compensation.

Decisions of the board made under this division shall be final.

(M) "Superannuate" means both of the following:

(1) A former teacher receiving from the system a retirement allowance under section 3307.58 or 3307.59 of the Revised Code;

(2) A former teacher receiving a benefit from the system under a plan established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code, except that "superannuate" does not include a former teacher who is receiving a benefit based on disability under a plan established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code.

For purposes of sections 3307.35 and 3307.353 of the Revised Code, "superannuate" also means a former teacher receiving from the system a combined service retirement benefit paid in accordance with section 3307.57 of the Revised Code, regardless of which retirement system is paying the benefit.

(N) "STRS defined benefit plan" means the plan described in sections 3307.50 to 3307.79 of the Revised Code.

(O) "STRS defined contribution plan" means the plans established under section 3307.81 of the Revised Code and includes the STRS combined plan under that section.

(P) "Faculty" means the teaching staff of a university, college, or school, including any academic administrators.

Sec. 3309.011. "Employee" as defined in division (B) of section 3309.01 of the Revised Code, does not include any of the following:

(A) Any person having a license or registration issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code and employed in a public school in this state in an educational position,

as determined by the state board of education, under programs provided for by federal acts or regulations and financed in whole or in part from federal funds, but for which no licensure requirements for the position can be made under the provisions of such federal acts or regulations;

(B) Any person who participates in an alternative retirement plan established under Chapter 3305. of the Revised Code;

(C) Any person who elects to transfer from the school employees retirement system to the public employees retirement system under section 3309.312 of the Revised Code;

(D) Any person whose full-time employment by the university of Akron as a state university law enforcement officer pursuant to section 3345.04 of the Revised Code commences on or after September 16, 1998;

(E) Any person described in division (B) of section 3309.013 of the Revised Code;

(F) Any person described in division (D) of section 145.011 of the Revised Code;

(G) Any person described in division (B)(1)(b) or (g) of section 3307.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3319.088. As used in this section, "educational assistant" means any nonteaching employee in a school district who directly assists a teacher as defined in section 3319.09 of the Revised Code, by performing duties for which a license issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code is not required.

(A) ~~The Except as provided in division (G) of this section,~~ the state board of education shall issue educational aide permits and educational paraprofessional licenses for educational assistants and shall adopt rules for the issuance and renewal of such permits and licenses which shall be consistent with the provisions of this section. Educational aide permits and educational paraprofessional licenses may be of several types and the rules shall prescribe the minimum qualifications of education and health for the service to be authorized under each type. The prescribed minimum qualifications may require special training or educational courses designed to qualify a person to perform effectively the duties authorized under an educational aide permit or educational paraprofessional license.

(B)(1) ~~Any Except as provided in division (G) of this section,~~ any application for a permit or license, or a renewal or duplicate of a permit or license, under this section shall be accompanied by the payment of a fee in the amount established under division (A) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code. Any fees received under this division shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the state board of education licensure fund established under division (B) of section 3319.51 of the Revised Code.

(2) Any person applying for or holding a permit or license pursuant to this section is subject to sections 3123.41 to 3123.50 of the Revised Code and any applicable rules adopted under section 3123.63 of the Revised Code and sections 3319.31 and 3319.311 of the Revised Code.

(C) Educational assistants shall at all times while in the performance of their duties be under the supervision and direction of a teacher as defined in section 3319.09 of the Revised Code. Educational assistants may assist a teacher to whom assigned in the supervision of pupils, in assisting with instructional tasks, and in the performance of duties which, in the judgment of the teacher to whom the assistant is assigned, may be performed by a person not licensed pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code and for which a teaching license, issued pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code is not required. The duties of an educational assistant shall

not include the assignment of grades to pupils. The duties of an educational assistant need not be performed in the physical presence of the teacher to whom assigned, but the activity of an educational assistant shall at all times be under the direction of the teacher to whom assigned. The assignment of an educational assistant need not be limited to assisting a single teacher. In the event an educational assistant is assigned to assist more than one teacher the assignments shall be clearly delineated and so arranged that the educational assistant shall never be subject to simultaneous supervision or direction by more than one teacher.

Educational assistants assigned to supervise children shall, when the teacher to whom assigned is not physically present, maintain the degree of control and discipline that would be maintained by the teacher.

Educational assistants may not be used in place of classroom teachers or other employees and any payment of compensation by boards of education to educational assistants for such services is prohibited. The ratio between the number of licensed teachers and the pupils in a school district may not be decreased by utilization of educational assistants and no grouping, or other organization of pupils, for utilization of educational assistants shall be established which is inconsistent with sound educational practices and procedures. A school district may employ up to one full time equivalent educational assistant for each six full time equivalent licensed employees of the district. Educational assistants shall not be counted as licensed employees for purposes of state support in the school foundation program and no grouping or regrouping of pupils with educational assistants may be counted as a class or unit for school foundation program purposes. Neither special courses required by the regulations of the state board of education, prescribing minimum qualifications of education for an educational assistant, nor years of service as an educational assistant shall be counted in any way toward qualifying for a teacher license, for a teacher contract of any type, or for determining placement on a salary schedule in a school district as a teacher.

(D) Educational assistants employed by a board of education shall have all rights, benefits, and legal protection available to other nonteaching employees in the school district, except that provisions of Chapter 124. of the Revised Code shall not apply to any person employed as an educational assistant, and shall be members of the school employees retirement system. Educational assistants shall be compensated according to a salary plan adopted annually by the board.

Except as provided in this section nonteaching employees shall not serve as educational assistants without first obtaining an appropriate educational aide permit or educational paraprofessional license from the state board of education. A nonteaching employee who is the holder of a valid educational aide permit or educational paraprofessional license shall neither render nor be required to render services inconsistent with the type of services authorized by the permit or license held. No person shall receive compensation from a board of education for services rendered as an educational assistant in violation of this provision.

Nonteaching employees whose functions are solely secretarial-clerical and who do not perform any other duties as educational assistants, even though they assist a teacher and work under the direction of a teacher shall not be required to hold a permit or license issued pursuant to this section. Students preparing to become licensed teachers or educational assistants shall not be required to hold an educational aide permit or paraprofessional license for such periods of time as such students are assigned, as part of their training program, to work with a teacher in a school

district. Such students shall not be compensated for such services.

Following the determination of the assignment and general job description of an educational assistant and subject to supervision by the teacher's immediate administrative officer, a teacher to whom an educational assistant is assigned shall make all final determinations of the duties to be assigned to such assistant. Teachers shall not be required to hold a license designated for being a supervisor or administrator in order to perform the necessary supervision of educational assistants.

(E) No person who is, or who has been employed as an educational assistant shall divulge, except to the teacher to whom assigned, or the administrator of the school in the absence of the teacher to whom assigned, or when required to testify in a court or proceedings, any personal information concerning any pupil in the school district which was obtained or obtainable by the educational assistant while so employed. Violation of this provision is grounds for disciplinary action or dismissal, or both.

(F) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the superintendent of a school district may allow an employee who does not hold a permit or license issued under this section to work as a substitute for an educational assistant who is absent on account of illness or on a leave of absence, or to fill a temporary position created by an emergency, provided that the superintendent believes the employee's application materials indicate that the employee is qualified to obtain a permit or license under this section.

An employee shall begin work as a substitute under this division not earlier than on the date on which the employee files an application with the state board for a permit or license under this section. An employee shall cease working as a substitute under this division on the earliest of the following:

- (1) The date on which the employee files a valid permit or license issued under this section with the superintendent;
- (2) The date on which the employee is denied a permit or license under this section;
- (3) Sixty days following the date on which the employee began work as a substitute under this division.

The superintendent shall ensure that an employee assigned to work as a substitute under division (F) of this section has undergone a criminal records check in accordance with section 3319.391 of the Revised Code.

(G) The state board shall issue an educational aide permit or educational paraprofessional license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

- (1) The applicant holds a permit or license in another state.
- (2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an educational aide or educational paraprofessional in a state that does not issue that permit or license or both.

Sec. 3319.22. (A)(1) The state board of education shall issue the following educator licenses:

(a) A resident educator license, which shall be valid for two years and shall be renewable for reasons specified by rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section. The state board, on a case-by-case basis, may extend the license's duration as necessary to enable the license holder to complete the Ohio teacher residency program established under section 3319.223 of

the Revised Code;

(b) A professional educator license, which shall be valid for five years and shall be renewable;

(c) A senior professional educator license, which shall be valid for five years and shall be renewable;

(d) A lead professional educator license, which shall be valid for five years and shall be renewable.

Licenses issued under division (A)(1) of this section on and after November 2, 2018, shall specify whether the educator is licensed to teach grades pre-kindergarten through five, grades four through nine, or grades seven through twelve. The changes to the grade band specifications under this amendment shall not apply to a person who holds a license under division (A)(1) of this section prior to November 2, 2018. Further, the changes to the grade band specifications under this amendment shall not apply to any license issued to teach in the area of computer information science, bilingual education, dance, drama or theater, world language, health, library or media, music, physical education, teaching English to speakers of other languages, career-technical education, or visual arts or to any license issued to an intervention specialist, including a gifted intervention specialist, or to any other license that does not align to the grade band specifications.

(2) The state board may issue any additional educator licenses of categories, types, and levels the board elects to provide.

(3) ~~The Except as provided in division (I) of this section, the~~ state board shall adopt rules establishing the standards and requirements for obtaining each educator license issued under this section. The rules shall also include the reasons for which a resident educator license may be renewed under division (A)(1)(a) of this section.

(B) ~~The Except as provided in division (I) of this section, the~~ rules adopted under this section shall require at least the following standards and qualifications for the educator licenses described in division (A)(1) of this section:

(1) An applicant for a resident educator license shall hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited teacher preparation program or be a participant in the teach for America program and meet the qualifications required under section 3319.227 of the Revised Code.

(2) An applicant for a professional educator license shall:

(a) Hold at least a bachelor's degree from an institution of higher education accredited by a regional accrediting organization;

(b) Have successfully completed the Ohio teacher residency program established under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code, if the applicant's current or most recently issued license is a resident educator license issued under this section or an alternative resident educator license issued under section 3319.26 of the Revised Code.

(3) An applicant for a senior professional educator license shall:

(a) Hold at least a master's degree from an institution of higher education accredited by a regional accrediting organization;

(b) Have previously held a professional educator license issued under this section or section 3319.222 or under former section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(c) Meet the criteria for the accomplished or distinguished level of performance, as described

in the standards for teachers adopted by the state board under section 3319.61 of the Revised Code.

(4) An applicant for a lead professional educator license shall:

(a) Hold at least a master's degree from an institution of higher education accredited by a regional accrediting organization;

(b) Have previously held a professional educator license or a senior professional educator license issued under this section or a professional educator license issued under section 3319.222 or former section 3319.22 of the Revised Code;

(c) Meet the criteria for the distinguished level of performance, as described in the standards for teachers adopted by the state board under section 3319.61 of the Revised Code;

(d) Either hold a valid certificate issued by the national board for professional teaching standards or meet the criteria for a master teacher or other criteria for a lead teacher adopted by the educator standards board under division (F)(4) or (5) of section 3319.61 of the Revised Code.

(C) The state board shall align the standards and qualifications for obtaining a principal license with the standards for principals adopted by the state board under section 3319.61 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the state board requires any examinations for educator licensure, the department of education shall provide the results of such examinations received by the department to the chancellor of higher education, in the manner and to the extent permitted by state and federal law.

(E) Any rules the state board of education adopts, amends, or rescinds for educator licenses under this section, division (D) of section 3301.07 of the Revised Code, or any other law shall be adopted, amended, or rescinded under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code except as follows:

(1) Notwithstanding division (E) of section 119.03 and division (A)(1) of section 119.04 of the Revised Code, in the case of the adoption of any rule or the amendment or rescission of any rule that necessitates institutions' offering preparation programs for educators and other school personnel that are approved by the chancellor of higher education under section 3333.048 of the Revised Code to revise the curriculum of those programs, the effective date shall not be as prescribed in division (E) of section 119.03 and division (A)(1) of section 119.04 of the Revised Code. Instead, the effective date of such rules, or the amendment or rescission of such rules, shall be the date prescribed by section 3333.048 of the Revised Code.

(2) Notwithstanding the authority to adopt, amend, or rescind emergency rules in division (G) of section 119.03 of the Revised Code, this authority shall not apply to the state board of education with regard to rules for educator licenses.

(F)(1) The rules adopted under this section establishing standards requiring additional coursework for the renewal of any educator license shall require a school district and a chartered nonpublic school to establish local professional development committees. In a nonpublic school, the chief administrative officer shall establish the committees in any manner acceptable to such officer. The committees established under this division shall determine whether coursework that a district or chartered nonpublic school teacher proposes to complete meets the requirement of the rules. The department of education shall provide technical assistance and support to committees as the committees incorporate the professional development standards adopted by the state board of education pursuant to section 3319.61 of the Revised Code into their review of coursework that is appropriate for license renewal. The rules shall establish a procedure by which a teacher may appeal

the decision of a local professional development committee.

(2) In any school district in which there is no exclusive representative established under Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, the professional development committees shall be established as described in division (F)(2) of this section.

Not later than the effective date of the rules adopted under this section, the board of education of each school district shall establish the structure for one or more local professional development committees to be operated by such school district. The committee structure so established by a district board shall remain in effect unless within thirty days prior to an anniversary of the date upon which the current committee structure was established, the board provides notice to all affected district employees that the committee structure is to be modified. Professional development committees may have a district-level or building-level scope of operations, and may be established with regard to particular grade or age levels for which an educator license is designated.

Each professional development committee shall consist of at least three classroom teachers employed by the district, one principal employed by the district, and one other employee of the district appointed by the district superintendent. For committees with a building-level scope, the teacher and principal members shall be assigned to that building, and the teacher members shall be elected by majority vote of the classroom teachers assigned to that building. For committees with a district-level scope, the teacher members shall be elected by majority vote of the classroom teachers of the district, and the principal member shall be elected by a majority vote of the principals of the district, unless there are two or fewer principals employed by the district, in which case the one or two principals employed shall serve on the committee. If a committee has a particular grade or age level scope, the teacher members shall be licensed to teach such grade or age levels, and shall be elected by majority vote of the classroom teachers holding such a license and the principal shall be elected by all principals serving in buildings where any such teachers serve. The district superintendent shall appoint a replacement to fill any vacancy that occurs on a professional development committee, except in the case of vacancies among the elected classroom teacher members, which shall be filled by vote of the remaining members of the committee so selected.

Terms of office on professional development committees shall be prescribed by the district board establishing the committees. The conduct of elections for members of professional development committees shall be prescribed by the district board establishing the committees. A professional development committee may include additional members, except that the majority of members on each such committee shall be classroom teachers employed by the district. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration date of the term for which a predecessor was appointed shall hold office as a member for the remainder of that term.

The initial meeting of any professional development committee, upon election and appointment of all committee members, shall be called by a member designated by the district superintendent. At this initial meeting, the committee shall select a chairperson and such other officers the committee deems necessary, and shall adopt rules for the conduct of its meetings. Thereafter, the committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson or upon the filing of a petition with the district superintendent signed by a majority of the committee members calling for the committee to meet.

(3) In the case of a school district in which an exclusive representative has been established

pursuant to Chapter 4117. of the Revised Code, professional development committees shall be established in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement in effect in the district that includes provisions for such committees.

If the collective bargaining agreement does not specify a different method for the selection of teacher members of the committees, the exclusive representative of the district's teachers shall select the teacher members.

If the collective bargaining agreement does not specify a different structure for the committees, the board of education of the school district shall establish the structure, including the number of committees and the number of teacher and administrative members on each committee; the specific administrative members to be part of each committee; whether the scope of the committees will be district levels, building levels, or by type of grade or age levels for which educator licenses are designated; the lengths of terms for members; the manner of filling vacancies on the committees; and the frequency and time and place of meetings. However, in all cases, except as provided in division (F)(4) of this section, there shall be a majority of teacher members of any professional development committee, there shall be at least five total members of any professional development committee, and the exclusive representative shall designate replacement members in the case of vacancies among teacher members, unless the collective bargaining agreement specifies a different method of selecting such replacements.

(4) Whenever an administrator's coursework plan is being discussed or voted upon, the local professional development committee shall, at the request of one of its administrative members, cause a majority of the committee to consist of administrative members by reducing the number of teacher members voting on the plan.

(G)(1) The department of education, educational service centers, county boards of developmental disabilities, college and university departments of education, head start programs, and the Ohio education computer network may establish local professional development committees to determine whether the coursework proposed by their employees who are licensed or certificated under this section or section 3319.222 of the Revised Code, or under the former version of either section as it existed prior to October 16, 2009, meet the requirements of the rules adopted under this section. They may establish local professional development committees on their own or in collaboration with a school district or other agency having authority to establish them.

Local professional development committees established by county boards of developmental disabilities shall be structured in a manner comparable to the structures prescribed for school districts in divisions (F)(2) and (3) of this section, as shall the committees established by any other entity specified in division (G)(1) of this section that provides educational services by employing or contracting for services of classroom teachers licensed or certificated under this section or section 3319.222 of the Revised Code, or under the former version of either section as it existed prior to October 16, 2009. All other entities specified in division (G)(1) of this section shall structure their committees in accordance with guidelines which shall be issued by the state board.

(2) Educational service centers may establish local professional development committees to serve educators who are not employed in schools in this state, including pupil services personnel who are licensed under this section. Local professional development committees shall be structured in a manner comparable to the structures prescribed for school districts in divisions (F)(2) and (3) of this

section.

These committees may agree to review the coursework, continuing education units, or other equivalent activities related to classroom teaching or the area of licensure that is proposed by an individual who satisfies both of the following conditions:

(a) The individual is licensed or certificated under this section or under the former version of this section as it existed prior to October 16, 2009.

(b) The individual is not currently employed as an educator or is not currently employed by an entity that operates a local professional development committee under this section.

Any committee that agrees to work with such an individual shall work to determine whether the proposed coursework, continuing education units, or other equivalent activities meet the requirements of the rules adopted by the state board under this section.

(3) Any public agency that is not specified in division (G)(1) or (2) of this section but provides educational services and employs or contracts for services of classroom teachers licensed or certificated under this section or section 3319.222 of the Revised Code, or under the former version of either section as it existed prior to October 16, 2009, may establish a local professional development committee, subject to the approval of the department of education. The committee shall be structured in accordance with guidelines issued by the state board.

(H) Not later than July 1, 2016, the state board, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules pursuant to division (A)(3) of this section that do both of the following:

(1) Exempt consistently high-performing teachers from the requirement to complete any additional coursework for the renewal of an educator license issued under this section or section 3319.26 of the Revised Code. The rules also shall specify that such teachers are exempt from any requirements prescribed by professional development committees established under divisions (F) and (G) of this section.

(2) For purposes of division (H)(1) of this section, the state board shall define the term "consistently high-performing teacher."

(I) The state board shall issue a resident educator license, professional educator license, senior professional educator license, lead professional educator license, or any other educator license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a resident educator, professional educator, senior professional educator, lead professional educator, or any other type of educator in a state that does not issue one or more of those licenses.

Sec. 3319.226. (A) Beginning July 1, 2019, the state board of education shall issue educator licenses for substitute teaching only under this section.

~~(B) The~~ Except as provided in division (E) of this section, the state board shall adopt rules establishing standards and requirements for obtaining a license under this section and for renewal of the license. Except as provided in division (F) of section 3319.229 of the Revised Code, the rules shall require an applicant to hold a post-secondary degree, but not in any specified subject area. The

rules also shall allow the holder of a license issued under this section to work:

(1) For an unlimited number of school days if the license holder has a post-secondary degree in either education or a subject area directly related to the subject of the class the license holder will teach;

(2) For one full semester, subject to the approval of the employing school district board of education, if the license holder has a post-secondary degree in a subject area that is not directly related to the subject of the class that the license holder will teach.

The district superintendent may request that the board approve one or more additional subsequent semester-long periods of teaching for the license holder.

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section shall permit a substitute career-technical teaching license holder to teach outside the license holder's certified career field for up to one semester, subject to approval of the employing school district superintendent.

(D) Any license issued or renewed under former section 3319.226 of the Revised Code that was still in force on November 2, 2018, shall remain in force for the remainder of the term for which it was issued or renewed. Upon the expiration of that term, the holder of that license shall be subject to licensure under the rules adopted under this section.

(E) The state board shall issue an educator license for substitute teaching in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a substitute teacher in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3319.229. (A)(1) Notwithstanding the repeal of former section 3319.229 of the Revised Code by S.B. 216 of the 132nd general assembly, the state board of education shall accept applications for new, and for renewal of, professional career-technical teaching licenses through June 30, 2019, and issue them on the basis of the applications received by that date in accordance with the rules described in that former section. Except as otherwise provided in divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section, beginning July 1, 2019, the state board shall issue career-technical workforce development educator licenses only under this section.

(2) An individual who, on July 1, 2019, holds a professional career-technical teaching license issued under the rules described in former section 3319.229 of the Revised Code, may continue to renew that license in accordance with those rules for the remainder of the individual's teaching career. However, nothing in this division shall be construed to prohibit the individual from applying to the state board for a career-technical workforce development educator license under this section.

(3) An individual who, on July 1, 2019, holds an alternative resident educator license for teaching career-technical education issued under section 3319.26 of the Revised Code may, upon the expiration of the license, apply for a professional career-technical teaching license issued under the rules described in former section 3319.229 of the Revised Code. Such an individual may continue to renew the professional license in accordance with those rules for the remainder of the individual's teaching career. However, nothing in this division shall be construed to prohibit the individual from applying to the state board for a career-technical workforce development educator license under this section.

(B) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (G) of this section, the state board, in collaboration with the chancellor of higher education, shall adopt rules establishing standards and requirements for obtaining a two-year initial career-technical workforce development educator license and a five-year advanced career-technical workforce development educator license. Each license shall be valid for teaching career-technical education or workforce development programs in grades four through twelve. The rules shall require applicants for either license to have a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalence as awarded under section 3301.80 of the Revised Code or as recognized as the equivalent of such certificate under division (C) of that section.

(C)(1) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (G) of this section, the state board shall issue an initial career-technical workforce development educator license to an applicant upon request from the superintendent of a school district that has agreed to employ the applicant. In making the request, the superintendent shall provide documentation, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department of education, showing that the applicant has at least five years of work experience, or the equivalent, in the subject area in which the applicant will teach. The license shall be valid for teaching only in the requesting district. The superintendent also shall provide documentation, in accordance with procedures prescribed by the department, that the applicant is enrolled in a career-technical workforce development educator preparation program offered by an institution of higher education that has an existing teacher preparatory program in place that meets all of the following criteria:

(a) Is approved by the chancellor of higher education to provide instruction in teaching methods and principles;

(b) Provides classroom support to the license holder;

(c) Includes at least three semester hours of coursework in the teaching of reading in the subject area;

(d) Is aligned with career-technical education and workforce development competencies developed by the department;

(e) Uses a summative performance-based assessment developed by the program and aligned to the competencies described in division (C)(1)(d) of this section to evaluate the license holder's knowledge and skills;

(f) Consists of not less than twenty-four semester hours of coursework, or the equivalent.

(2) As a condition of continuing to hold the initial career-technical workforce development license, the holder of the license shall be participating in a career-technical workforce development educator preparation program described in division (C)(1) of this section.

(3) The state board shall renew an initial career-technical workforce development educator license if the supervisor of the program described in division (C)(1) of this section and the superintendent of the employing school district indicate that the applicant is making sufficient progress in both the program and the teaching position.

(D) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (G) of this section, the state board shall issue an advanced career-technical workforce development educator license to an applicant who has successfully completed the program described in division (C)(1) of this section, as indicated by the supervisor of the program, and who demonstrates mastery of the applicable career-technical education and workforce development competencies described in division (C)(1)(d) of this section in

the teaching position, as indicated by the superintendent of the employing school district.

(E) The holder of an advanced career-technical workforce development educator license shall work with a local professional development committee established under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code in meeting requirements for renewal of the license.

(F) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3319.226 of the Revised Code, the state board shall not require any applicant for an educator license for substitute teaching who holds a license issued under this section to hold a post-secondary degree in order to be issued a license under section 3319.226 of the Revised Code to work as a substitute teacher for career-technical education classes.

(G) The state board shall issue a license to practice as an initial career-technical workforce development educator or advanced career-technical workforce development educator in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a career-technical workforce development educator in a state that does not issue one or both of those licenses.

Sec. 3319.26. (A) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (H) of this section, the state board of education shall adopt rules establishing the standards and requirements for obtaining an alternative resident educator license for teaching in grades kindergarten to twelve, or the equivalent, in a designated subject area or in the area of intervention specialist, as defined by rule of the state board. The rules shall also include the reasons for which an alternative resident educator license may be renewed under division (D) of this section.

(B) The superintendent of public instruction and the chancellor of higher education jointly shall develop an intensive pedagogical training institute to provide instruction in the principles and practices of teaching for individuals seeking an alternative resident educator license. The instruction shall cover such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology.

~~(C) The~~ Except as provided in division (H) of this section, the rules adopted under this section shall require applicants for the alternative resident educator license to satisfy the following conditions prior to issuance of the license, but they shall not require applicants to have completed a major or coursework in the subject area for which application is being made:

(1) Hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree;

(2) Successfully complete the pedagogical training institute described in division (B) of this section or the preservice training provided to participants of a teacher preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor. The chancellor may approve any such program that requires participants to hold a bachelor's degree; have either a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0, or its equivalent or a cumulative graduate school grade point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0; and successfully complete the program's preservice training.

(3) Pass an examination in the subject area for which application is being made.

(D) An alternative resident educator license shall be valid for four years and shall be renewable for reasons specified by rules adopted by the state board pursuant to division (A) of this section. The state board, on a case-by-case basis, may extend the license's duration as necessary to enable the license holder to complete the Ohio teacher residency program established under section

3319.223 of the Revised Code.

(E) The rules shall require the holder of an alternative resident educator license, as a condition of continuing to hold the license, to do all of the following:

- (1) Participate in the Ohio teacher residency program;
- (2) Show satisfactory progress in taking and successfully completing one of the following:
 - (a) At least twelve additional semester hours, or the equivalent, of college coursework in the principles and practices of teaching in such topics as student development and learning, pupil assessment procedures, curriculum development, classroom management, and teaching methodology;
 - (b) Professional development provided by a teacher preparation program that has been approved by the chancellor under division (C)(2) of this section.
- (3) Take an assessment of professional knowledge in the second year of teaching under the license.

(F) The rules shall provide for the granting of a professional educator license to a holder of an alternative resident educator license upon successfully completing all of the following:

- (1) Four years of teaching under the alternative license;
- (2) The additional college coursework or professional development described in division (E)(2) of this section;
- (3) The assessment of professional knowledge described in division (E)(3) of this section. The standards for successfully completing this assessment and the manner of conducting the assessment shall be the same as for any other individual who is required to take the assessment pursuant to rules adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

- (4) The Ohio teacher residency program;
- (5) All other requirements for a professional educator license adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(G) A person who is assigned to teach in this state as a participant in the teach for America program or who has completed two years of teaching in another state as a participant in that program shall be eligible for a license only under section 3319.227 of the Revised Code and shall not be eligible for a license under this section.

(H) The board shall issue an alternative resident educator license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

- (1) The applicant holds a license in another state.
- (2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an educator for grades kindergarten through twelve in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3319.261. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the state board of education to the contrary and except as provided in division (C) of this section, the state board shall issue an alternative resident educator license under division (C) of section 3319.26 of the Revised Code to each applicant who meets the following conditions:

- (1) Holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
- (2) Has successfully completed a teacher education program offered by one of the following entities:
 - (a) The American Montessori society;

(b) The association Montessori internationale;

(c) An institution accredited by the Montessori accreditation council for teacher education.

(3) Is employed in a school that operates a program that uses the Montessori method endorsed by the American Montessori society, the Montessori accreditation council for teacher education, or the association Montessori internationale as its primary method of instruction.

(B) The holder of an alternative resident educator license issued under this section shall be subject to divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E) of section 3319.26 of the Revised Code and shall be granted a professional educator license upon successful completion of the requirements described in division (F) of section 3319.26 of the Revised Code.

(C) The state board shall issue an alternative resident educator license under this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an educator providing instruction in a Montessori-method school in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3319.262. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the state board of education to the contrary and except as provided in division (C) of this section, the state board shall adopt rules establishing standards and requirements for obtaining a nonrenewable four-year initial early college high school educator license for teaching grades seven through twelve at an early college high school described in section 3313.6013 of the Revised Code to any applicant who meets the following conditions:

(1) Has a graduate or terminal degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a field related to the subject area to be taught, as determined by the department of education;

(2) Has obtained a passing score on an examination in the subject area to be taught, as prescribed by the state board;

(3) Has experience teaching students at any grade level, including post-secondary students;

(4) Has proof that an early college high school intends to employ the applicant pending a valid license under this section.

An individual licensed under this section shall be subject to sections 3319.291 and 3319.39 of the Revised Code. An initial educator license issued under division (A) of this section shall be valid for teaching only at the employing school described in division (A)(4) of this section.

(B) After four years of teaching under an initial early college high school educator license issued under this section, an individual may apply for a renewable five-year professional educator license in the same subject area named in the initial license. The state board shall issue the applicant a professional educator license if the applicant attains a passing score on an assessment of professional knowledge prescribed by the state board. Nothing in division (B) of this section shall be construed to prohibit an individual from applying for a professional-~~education~~ educator license under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(C) The state board shall issue an initial early college high school educator license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private

certification as described in that chapter as an early college high school educator in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3319.27. (A) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the state board of education shall adopt rules that establish an alternative principal license. The rules establishing an alternative principal license shall include a requirement that an applicant have obtained classroom teaching experience. Beginning on the effective date of the rules, the state board shall cease to issue temporary educator licenses pursuant to section 3319.225 of the Revised Code for employment as a principal. Any person who on the effective date of the rules holds a valid temporary educator license issued under that section and is employed as a principal shall be allowed to continue employment as a principal until the expiration of the license. Employment of any such person as a principal by a school district after the expiration of the temporary educator license shall be contingent upon the state board issuing the person an alternative principal license in accordance with the rules adopted under this division.

(B) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the state board shall adopt rules that establish an alternative administrator license, which shall be valid for employment as a superintendent or in any other administrative position except principal. Beginning on the effective date of the rules, the state board shall cease to issue temporary educator licenses pursuant to section 3319.225 of the Revised Code for employment as a superintendent or in any other administrative position except principal. Any person who on the effective date of the rules holds a valid temporary educator license issued under that section and is employed as a superintendent or in any other administrative position except principal shall be allowed to continue employment in that position until the expiration of the license. Employment of any such person as a superintendent or in any other administrative position except principal by a school district after the expiration of the temporary educator license shall be contingent upon the state board issuing the person an alternative administrator license in accordance with the rules adopted under this division.

(C) The state board shall issue an alternative principal or alternative administrator license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a school principal or school administrator in a state that does not issue one or both of those licenses.

Sec. 3319.28. (A) As used in this section, "STEM school" means a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the state board of education to the contrary and except as provided in division (F) of this section, the state board shall issue a two-year provisional educator license for teaching science, technology, engineering, or mathematics in grades six through twelve in a STEM school to any applicant who meets the following conditions:

(1) Holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a field related to the subject area to be taught;

(2) Has passed an examination prescribed by the state board in the subject area to be taught.

(C) The holder of a provisional educator license issued under this section shall complete a

structured apprenticeship program provided by an educational service center or a teacher preparation program approved under section 3333.048 of the Revised Code, in partnership with the STEM school that employs the license holder. The apprenticeship program shall include the following:

(1) Mentoring by a teacher or administrator who regularly observes the license holder's classroom instruction, provides feedback on the license holder's teaching strategies and classroom management, and engages the license holder in discussions about methods for fostering and measuring student learning;

(2) Regularly scheduled seminars or meetings that address the following topics:

(a) The statewide academic standards adopted by the state board under section 3301.079 of the Revised Code and the importance of aligning curriculum with those standards;

(b) The achievement assessments prescribed by section 3301.0710 of the Revised Code;

(c) The school district and building accountability system established under Chapter 3302. of the Revised Code;

(d) Instructional methods and strategies;

(e) Student development;

(f) Assessing student progress and providing remediation and intervention, as necessary, to meet students' special needs;

(g) Classroom management and record keeping.

(D) After two years of teaching under a provisional educator license issued under this section, a person may apply for a five-year professional educator license in the same subject area named in the provisional license. The state board shall issue the applicant a professional educator license if the applicant meets the following conditions:

(1) The applicant completed the apprenticeship program described in division (C) of this section.

(2) The applicant receives a positive recommendation indicating that the applicant is an effective teacher from both of the following:

(a) The chief administrative officer of the STEM school that most recently employed the applicant as a classroom teacher;

(b) The educational service center or teacher preparation program administrator in charge of the apprenticeship program completed by the applicant.

(3) The applicant meets all other requirements for a professional educator license adopted by the state board under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.

(E) The department of education shall evaluate the experiences of STEM schools with classroom teachers holding provisional educator licenses issued under this section. The evaluation shall cover the first two school years for which licenses are issued and shall consider at least the schools' satisfaction with the teachers and the operation of the apprenticeship programs.

(F) The state board shall issue a provisional educator license for teaching in a STEM school in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a STEM educator in a state that does not issue that

license.

Sec. 3319.301. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Dropout recovery community school" means a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code in which a majority of the students are enrolled in a dropout prevention and recovery program that is operated by the school.

(2) "Industry-recognized credential program" means a career-technical course in which a student may earn an industry-recognized credential approved under section 3313.6113 of the Revised Code.

(3) "STEM school" means a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code.

(B) The state board of education shall issue permits to individuals who are not licensed as required by sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code, but who are otherwise qualified, to teach classes for not more than a total of twelve hours a week, except that an individual teaching in a STEM school or an individual teaching an industry-recognized credential program offered at a dropout recovery community school may teach classes for not more than a total of forty hours a week. The state board, by rule, shall set forth the qualifications, other than licensure under sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code, to be met by individuals in order to be issued a permit as provided in this section. Such qualifications shall include the possession of a baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degree in, or significant experience related to, the subject the individual is to teach. For an individual assigned to teach a career-technical class, significant experience related to a subject shall include career-technical experience. Applications for permits pursuant to this section shall be made in accordance with section 3319.29 of the Revised Code. A permit issued under this section shall be renewable.

The state board, by rule, shall authorize the board of education of each school district and each STEM school to engage individuals holding permits issued under this section to teach classes for not more than the total number of hours a week specified in the permit. The rules shall include provisions with regard to each of the following:

(1) That a board of education or STEM school shall engage a nonlicensed individual to teach pursuant to this section on a volunteer basis, or by entering into a contract with the individual or the individual's employer on such terms and conditions as are agreed to between the board or school and the individual or the individual's employer;

(2) That an employee of the board of education or STEM school who is licensed under sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code shall directly supervise a nonlicensed individual who is engaged to teach pursuant to this section until the superintendent of the school district or the chief administrative officer of the STEM school is satisfied that the nonlicensed individual has sufficient understanding of, and experience in, effective teaching methods to teach without supervision.

(C) A nonlicensed individual engaged to teach pursuant to this section is a teacher for the purposes of Title XXXIII of the Revised Code except for the purposes of Chapters 3307. and 3317. and sections 3319.07 to 3319.31 of the Revised Code. Such an individual is not an employee of the board of education or STEM school for the purpose of Titles I or XLI or Chapter 3309. of the Revised Code.

(D) Students enrolled in a class taught by a nonlicensed individual pursuant to this section and rules adopted thereunder shall receive the same credit as if the class had been taught by an employee licensed pursuant to sections 3319.22 to 3319.30 of the Revised Code.

(E) No board of education of any school district shall engage any one or more nonlicensed individuals if such employment displaces from employment an existing licensed employee of the district.

(F) Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code does not apply to permits issued under this section.

Sec. 3319.303. (A) ~~The Except as provided in division (D) of this section, the~~ state board of education shall adopt rules establishing standards and requirements for obtaining a pupil-activity program permit for any individual who does not hold a valid educator license, certificate, or permit issued by the state board under section 3319.22, 3319.26, or 3319.27 of the Revised Code. The permit issued under this section shall be valid for coaching, supervising, or directing a pupil-activity program under section 3313.53 of the Revised Code. Subject to the provisions of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, a permit issued under this division shall be valid for three years and shall be renewable.

(B) The state board shall adopt rules applicable to individuals who hold valid educator licenses, certificates, or permits issued by the state board under section 3319.22, 3319.26, or 3319.27 of the Revised Code setting forth standards to assure any such individual's competence to direct, supervise, or coach a pupil-activity program described in section 3313.53 of the Revised Code. The rules adopted under this division shall not be more stringent than the standards set forth in rules applicable to individuals who do not hold such licenses, certificates, or permits adopted under division (A) of this section. Subject to the provisions of section 3319.31 of the Revised Code, a permit issued to an individual under this division shall be valid for the same number of years as the individual's educator license, certificate, or permit issued under section 3319.22, 3319.26, or 3319.27 of the Revised Code and shall be renewable.

~~(C) As a condition to issuing or renewing a pupil-activity program permit to coach interscholastic athletics:~~

(1) The Except as provided in division (D) of this section, as a condition to issuing a pupil-activity program permit to coach interscholastic athletics, the state board shall require each individual applying for a first permit on or after April 26, 2013, to successfully complete a training program that is specifically focused on brain trauma and brain injury management.

(2) The state board shall require, as a condition to renewing a pupil-activity program permit to coach interscholastic athletics, each individual applying for a permit renewal on or after that date to present evidence that the individual has successfully completed, within the previous three years, a training program in recognizing the symptoms of concussions and head injuries to which the department of health has provided a link on its internet web site under section 3707.52 of the Revised Code or a training program authorized and required by an organization that regulates interscholastic athletic competition and conducts interscholastic athletic events.

(D) The state board shall issue a permit for coaching, supervising, or directing a pupil-activity program in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or permit in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a coach, supervisor, or pupil-activity program director in a state that does not issue that permit.

Sec. 3319.361. (A) ~~The~~ Except as provided in division (F) of this section, the state board of education shall establish rules for the issuance of a supplemental teaching license. This license shall be issued at the request of the superintendent of a city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational school district, educational service center, or the governing authority of a STEM school, chartered nonpublic school, or community school to an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

(1) Holds a current professional or permanent Ohio teaching certificate or resident educator license, professional educator license, senior professional educator license, or lead professional educator license, as issued under section 3319.22 or 3319.26 of the Revised Code;

(2) Is of good moral character;

(3) Is employed in a supplemental licensure area or teaching field, as defined by the state board;

(4) Completes an examination prescribed by the state board in the licensure area;

(5) Completes, while employed under the supplemental teaching license and subsequent renewals thereof, additional coursework, if applicable, and testing requirements for full licensure in the supplemental area as a condition of holding and teaching under a supplemental teaching license.

(B) The employing school district, service center, or school shall assign a mentor to the individual holding a supplemental teaching license. The assigned mentor shall be an experienced teacher who currently holds a license in the same, or a related, content area as the supplemental license.

(C) Before the department of education will issue an individual a supplemental teaching license in another area, the supplemental licensee must complete the supplemental licensure program, or its equivalent, and be issued a standard teaching license in the area of the currently held supplemental license.

(D) An individual may advance from a supplemental teaching license to a standard teaching license upon:

(1) Verification from the employing superintendent or governing authority that the individual holding the supplemental teaching license has taught successfully in the licensure area for a minimum of two years; and

(2) Completing requirements as applicable to the licensure area or teaching field as established by the state board.

(E) A licensee who has filed an application under this section may work in the supplemental licensure area for up to sixty school days while completing the requirements in division (A)(4) of this section. If the requirements are not completed within sixty days, the application shall be declined.

(F) The state board shall issue a supplemental teaching license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an educator providing supplemental instruction in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3327.10. (A) ~~No-Except as provided in division (L) of this section, no~~ person shall be employed as driver of a school bus or motor van, owned and operated by any school district or educational service center or privately owned and operated under contract with any school district or service center in this state, who has not received a certificate from either the educational service center governing board that has entered into an agreement with the school district under section 3313.843 or 3313.845 of the Revised Code or the superintendent of the school district, certifying that such person is at least eighteen years of age and is qualified physically and otherwise for such position. The service center governing board or the superintendent, as the case may be, shall provide for an annual physical examination that conforms with rules adopted by the state board of education of each driver to ascertain the driver's physical fitness for such employment. The examination shall be performed by one of the following:

(1) A person licensed under Chapter 4731. or 4734. of the Revised Code or by another state to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or chiropractic;

(2) A physician assistant;

(3) A certified nurse practitioner;

(4) A clinical nurse specialist;

(5) A certified nurse-midwife;

(6) A medical examiner who is listed on the national registry of certified medical examiners established by the federal motor carrier safety administration in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 390.

Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of failing to comply with division (D)(1) of this section, or upon a conviction or a guilty plea for a violation, or any other action, that results in a loss or suspension of driving rights. Failure to comply with such division may be cause for disciplinary action or termination of employment under division (C) of section 3319.081, or section 124.34 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~No-Except as provided in division (L) of this section, no~~ person shall be employed as driver of a school bus or motor van not subject to the rules of the department of education pursuant to division (A) of this section who has not received a certificate from the school administrator or contractor certifying that such person is at least eighteen years of age and is qualified physically and otherwise for such position. Each driver shall have an annual physical examination which conforms to the state highway patrol rules, ascertaining the driver's physical fitness for such employment. The examination shall be performed by one of the following:

(1) A person licensed under Chapter 4731. or 4734. of the Revised Code or by another state to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or chiropractic;

(2) A physician assistant;

(3) A certified nurse practitioner;

(4) A clinical nurse specialist;

(5) A certified nurse-midwife;

(6) A medical examiner who is listed on the national registry of certified medical examiners established by the federal motor carrier safety administration in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 390.

Any written documentation of the physical examination shall be completed by the individual who performed the examination.

Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting the same on proof that the holder

has been guilty of failing to comply with division (D)(2) of this section.

(C) Any person who drives a school bus or motor van must give satisfactory and sufficient bond except a driver who is an employee of a school district and who drives a bus or motor van owned by the school district.

(D) No person employed as driver of a school bus or motor van under this section who is convicted of a traffic violation or who has had the person's commercial driver's license suspended shall drive a school bus or motor van until the person has filed a written notice of the conviction or suspension, as follows:

(1) If the person is employed under division (A) of this section, the person shall file the notice with the superintendent, or a person designated by the superintendent, of the school district for which the person drives a school bus or motor van as an employee or drives a privately owned and operated school bus or motor van under contract.

(2) If employed under division (B) of this section, the person shall file the notice with the employing school administrator or contractor, or a person designated by the administrator or contractor.

(E) In addition to resulting in possible revocation of a certificate as authorized by divisions (A) and (B) of this section, violation of division (D) of this section is a minor misdemeanor.

(F)(1) Not later than thirty days after June 30, 2007, each owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the complete driving record for each person who is currently employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for the first time before the owner has obtained the person's complete driving record. Thereafter, the owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the person's driving record not less frequently than semiannually if the person remains employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to resume operating a school bus or motor van, after an interruption of one year or longer, before the owner has obtained the person's complete driving record.

(2) The owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for ten years after the date on which the person pleads guilty to or is convicted of a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance.

(3) An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit any person to operate such a vehicle unless the person meets all other requirements contained in rules adopted by the state board of education prescribing qualifications of drivers of school buses and other student transportation.

(G) No superintendent of a school district, educational service center, community school, or public or private employer shall permit the operation of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state by an individual unless both of the following apply:

(1) Information pertaining to that driver has been submitted to the department of education, pursuant to procedures adopted by that department. Information to be reported shall include the name of the employer or school district, name of the driver, driver license number, date of birth, date of hire, status of physical evaluation, and status of training.

(2) The most recent criminal records check required by division (J) of this section has been completed and received by the superintendent or public or private employer.

(H) A person, school district, educational service center, community school, nonpublic school, or other public or nonpublic entity that owns a school bus or motor van, or that contracts with another entity to operate a school bus or motor van, may impose more stringent restrictions on drivers than those prescribed in this section, in any other section of the Revised Code, and in rules adopted by the state board.

(I) For qualified drivers who, on July 1, 2007, are employed by the owner of a school bus or motor van to drive the school bus or motor van, any instance in which the driver was convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance prior to two years prior to July 1, 2007, shall not be considered a disqualifying event with respect to division (F) of this section.

(J)(1) This division applies to persons hired by a school district, educational service center, community school, chartered nonpublic school, or science, technology, engineering, and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check in accordance with section 3319.39 of the Revised Code and every six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to that date, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department of education and every six years thereafter.

(2) This division applies to persons hired by a public or private employer not described in division (J)(1) of this section to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation.

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a criminal records check prior to the person's hiring and every six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division applies who is hired prior to that date, the employer shall request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the department and every six years thereafter.

(3) Each request for a criminal records check under division (J) of this section shall be made to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, except that if both of the following conditions apply to the person subject to the records check, the employer shall request the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on the person:

(a) The employer previously requested the superintendent to determine whether the bureau of criminal identification and investigation has any information, gathered pursuant to division (A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, on the person in conjunction with a criminal records check requested under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code or under division (J) of this section.

(b) The person presents proof that the person has been a resident of this state for the five-year period immediately prior to the date upon which the person becomes subject to a criminal records check under this section.

Upon receipt of a request, the superintendent shall conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. However, as specified in division (B)(2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, if the employer requests the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that

the federal bureau of investigation has on the person for whom the request is made, the superintendent shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B)(1) of that section.

(K)(1) Until the effective date of the amendments to rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under division (J) of this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed for nonlicensed school personnel by rule 3301-20-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

(2) Beginning on the effective date of the amendments to rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal records check under division (J) of this section and has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense that, under the rule, disqualifies a person for employment to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation shall not be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed by the rule.

(L) The superintendent of a school district or an educational service center governing board shall issue a certificate as a driver of a school bus or motor van or a certificate to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a school bus or motor van driver or a pupil transportation vehicle operator in a state that does not issue one or both of those certificates.

Sec. 3703.21. (A) Within ninety days after September 16, 2004, the superintendent of industrial compliance shall appoint a backflow advisory board consisting of not more than ten members, who shall serve at the pleasure of the superintendent. The superintendent shall appoint a representative from the plumbing section of the division of industrial compliance, three representatives recommended by the plumbing administrator of the division of industrial compliance, a representative of the drinking water program of the Ohio environmental protection agency, three representatives recommended by the director of environmental protection, and not more than two members who are not employed by the plumbing or water industry.

The board shall advise the superintendent on matters pertaining to the training and certification of backflow technicians.

(B) The superintendent shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to provide for the certification of backflow technicians. The rules shall establish all of the following requirements, specifications, and procedures:

(1) Requirements and procedures for the initial certification of backflow technicians, including eligibility criteria and application requirements and fees;

(2) Specifications concerning and procedures for taking examinations required for certification as a backflow technician, including eligibility criteria to take the examination and application requirements and fees for taking the examination;

(3) Specifications concerning and procedures for renewing a certification as a backflow technician, including eligibility criteria, application requirements, and fees for renewal;

(4) Specifications concerning and procedures for both of the following:

(a) Approval of training agencies authorized to teach required courses to candidates for certification as backflow technicians or continuing education courses to certified backflow technicians;

(b) Renewal of the approval described in division (B)(4)(a) of this section.

(5) Education requirements that candidates for initial certification as backflow technicians must satisfy and continuing education requirements that certified backflow technicians must satisfy;

(6) Grounds and procedures for denying, suspending, or revoking certification, or denying the renewal of certification, as a backflow technician;

(7) Procedures for issuing administrative orders for the remedy of any violation of this section or any rule adopted pursuant to division (B) of this section, including, but not limited to, procedures for assessing a civil penalty authorized under division ~~(D)~~(E) of this section;

(8) Any provision the superintendent determines is necessary to administer or enforce this section.

(C) The superintendent shall certify a backflow technician in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The individual holds a license or certification in another state.

(2) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a backflow technician in a state that does not issue that certification.

(D) No individual shall engage in the installation, testing, or repair of any isolation backflow prevention device unless that individual possesses a valid certification as a backflow technician. This division does not apply with respect to the installation, testing, or repair of any containment backflow prevention device.

~~(D)~~(E) Whoever violates division ~~(C)~~(D) of this section or any rule adopted pursuant to division (B) of this section shall pay a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each day that the violation continues. The superintendent may, by order, assess a civil penalty under this division, or may request the attorney general to bring a civil action to impose the civil penalty in the court of common pleas of the county in which the violation occurred or where the violator resides.

~~(E)~~(F) Any action taken under a rule adopted pursuant to division (B)(6) of this section is subject to the appeal process of Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. An administrative order issued pursuant to rules adopted under division (B)(7) of this section and an appeal to that type of administrative order shall be executed in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

~~(F)~~(G) As used in this section:

(1) "Isolation backflow prevention device" means a device for the prevention of the backflow of liquids, solids, or gases that is regulated by the building code adopted pursuant to section 3781.10 of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to this section.

(2) "Containment backflow prevention device" means a device for the prevention of the backflow of liquids, solids, or gases that is installed by the supplier of, or as a requirement of, any public water system as defined in division (A) of section 6109.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3704.14. (A)(1) If the director of environmental protection determines that implementation of a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program is necessary for the state to effectively comply with the federal Clean Air Act after June 30, 2019, the director may provide for the implementation of the program in those counties in this state in which such a program is federally mandated. Upon making such a determination, the director of environmental protection may request the director of administrative services to extend the terms of the contract that was entered into under the authority of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st general assembly. Upon receiving the request, the director of administrative services shall extend the contract, beginning on July 1, 2019, in accordance with this section. The contract shall be extended for a period of up to twenty-four months with the contractor who conducted the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program under that contract.

(2) Prior to the expiration of the contract extension that is authorized by division (A)(1) of this section, the director of environmental protection shall request the director of administrative services to enter into a contract with a vendor to operate a decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in each county in this state in which such a program is federally mandated through June 30, 2023, with an option for the state to renew the contract for a period of up to twenty-four months through June 30, 2025. The contract shall ensure that the decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program achieves at least the same emission reductions as achieved by the program operated under the authority of the contract that was extended under division (A)(1) of this section. The director of administrative services shall select a vendor through a competitive selection process in compliance with Chapter 125. of the Revised Code.

(3) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the director of administrative services shall ensure that a competitive selection process regarding a contract to operate a decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program in this state incorporates the following, which shall be included in the contract:

(a) For purposes of expanding the number of testing locations for consumer convenience, a requirement that the vendor utilize established local businesses, auto repair facilities, or leased properties to operate state-approved inspection and maintenance testing facilities;

(b) A requirement that the vendor selected to operate the program provide notification of the program's requirements to each owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be inspected under the program. The contract shall require the notification to be provided not later than sixty days prior to the date by which the owner of the motor vehicle is required to have the motor vehicle inspected. The director of environmental protection and the vendor shall jointly agree on the content of the notice. However, the notice shall include at a minimum the locations of all inspection facilities within a specified distance of the address that is listed on the owner's motor vehicle registration;

(c) A requirement that the vendor comply with testing methodology and supply the required equipment approved by the director of environmental protection as specified in the competitive selection process in compliance with Chapter 125. of the Revised Code.

(4) A decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program operated under this section shall comply with division (B) of this section. The director of environmental protection shall administer the decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program operated under this section.

(B) The decentralized motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program authorized by this

section, at a minimum, shall do all of the following:

- (1) Comply with the federal Clean Air Act;
- (2) Provide for the issuance of inspection certificates;
- (3) Provide for a new car exemption for motor vehicles four years old or newer and provide that a new motor vehicle is exempt for four years regardless of whether legal title to the motor vehicle is transferred during that period;
- (4) Provide for an exemption for battery electric motor vehicles.

~~(C)~~(C)(1) The director of environmental protection shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that the director determines are necessary to implement this section. The director may continue to implement and enforce rules pertaining to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program previously implemented under former section 3704.14 of the Revised Code as that section existed prior to its repeal and reenactment by Am. Sub. H.B. 66 of the 126th general assembly, provided that the rules do not conflict with this section.

(2) The director of environmental protection shall issue an inspection certificate provided for under division (B)(2) of this section in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

- (a) The individual holds a certificate or license in another state.
- (b) The individual has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a vehicle inspector in a state that does not issue that certificate.

(D) There is hereby created in the state treasury the auto emissions test fund, which shall consist of money received by the director from any cash transfers, state and local grants, and other contributions that are received for the purpose of funding the program established under this section. The director of environmental protection shall use money in the fund solely for the implementation, supervision, administration, operation, and enforcement of the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under this section. Money in the fund shall not be used for either of the following:

(1) To pay for the inspection costs incurred by a motor vehicle dealer so that the dealer may provide inspection certificates to an individual purchasing a motor vehicle from the dealer when that individual resides in a county that is subject to the motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program;

(2) To provide payment for more than one free passing emissions inspection or a total of three emissions inspections for a motor vehicle in any three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. The owner or lessee of a motor vehicle is responsible for inspection fees that are related to emissions inspections beyond one free passing emissions inspection or three total emissions inspections in any three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. Inspection fees that are charged by a contractor conducting emissions inspections under a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program shall be approved by the director of environmental protection.

(E) The motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under this section expires upon the termination of all contracts entered into under this section and shall not be implemented beyond the final date on which termination occurs.

(F) As used in this section "battery electric motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section

4501.01 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3713.05. (A) Applications to register to import, manufacture, renovate, wholesale, make, or reupholster stuffed toys or bedding in this state shall be made in writing on forms provided by the superintendent of industrial compliance. The application shall be accompanied by a registration fee of fifty dollars per person unless the applicant engages only in renovation, in which case the registration fee shall be thirty-five dollars:

~~(B)~~ Upon receipt of the application and the appropriate fee, the superintendent shall register the applicant and assign a registration number to the registrant.

(B) The superintendent shall register an applicant in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant is licensed or registered to import, manufacture, renovate, wholesale, make, or reupholster stuffed toys or bedding in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter with or for importing, manufacturing, renovating, wholesaling, making, or reupholstering stuffed toys or bedding in a state that does not issue that registration.

(C) Notwithstanding section 3713.02 of the Revised Code and division (A) of this section, the following are exempt from registration:

(1) An organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," and exempt from income tax under section 501(a) of that code and that is operated exclusively to provide recreation or social services;

(2) A person who is not regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, making, wholesaling, or importing stuffed toys but who manufactures or makes stuffed toys as a leisure pursuit and who sells one hundred or fewer stuffed toys within one calendar year;

(3) A person who is not regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, making, wholesaling, or importing quilts, comforters, pillows, or cushions, but who manufactures or makes these items as a leisure pursuit and who sells five or fewer quilts, ten or fewer comforters, or twenty or fewer pillows or cushions within one calendar year.

(D) Notwithstanding division (C)(2) or (3) of this section, a person exempt under that division must attach a label to each stuffed toy that contains all of the following information:

(1) The person's name and address;

(2) A statement that the person is not registered by the state of Ohio;

(3) A statement that the contents of the product have not been inspected.

Sec. 3717.09. (A) In accordance with rules adopted under section 3717.51 of the Revised Code, the director of health shall approve courses of study for certification in food protection as it pertains to retail food establishments and as it pertains to food service operations. ~~The Except as provided in division (B) of this section, the~~ director shall certify individuals in food protection who successfully complete a course of study approved under this section and meet all other certification requirements specified in rules adopted under section 3717.51 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director shall issue a certification in food protection in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certification in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter working in food protection in a state that does not issue that certification.

Sec. 3723.03. Pursuant to division (B) of section 3723.02 of the Revised Code, an individual, business entity, or government entity that holds a valid license issued by another state authorizing practice as a radon tester, mitigation specialist, or mitigation contractor under the laws of that state may practice in this state without a license issued under this chapter for not more than ninety days in any calendar year as a radon tester, mitigation specialist, or mitigation contractor, if the director of health finds that the requirements for licensure in that state are comparable to the requirements for licensure under this chapter and the rules adopted under it and the individual, business entity, or government entity provides notice to the director of health, in accordance with rules adopted under section 3723.09 of the Revised Code, prior to commencing practice in this state. Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code does not apply to a nonresident individual authorized to practice under this section.

Sec. 3723.06. (A) The director of health shall license radon testers, mitigation specialists, and mitigation contractors. Each applicant for a license shall submit a completed application to the director on a form the director shall prescribe and furnish.

(B) ~~In~~ Except as provided in division (F) of this section and in accordance with rules adopted under section 3723.09 of the Revised Code, the director shall issue the appropriate license to each applicant that pays the license fee prescribed by the director, meets the licensing criteria established by the director, and complies with any other licensing and training requirements established by the director. An individual, business entity, or government entity may hold more than one license issued under this section, but a separate application is required for each license.

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of this section and except as provided in division (F) of this section, the director shall issue a radon mitigation contractor license on request to the holder of a radon mitigation specialist license if the license holder is the owner or chief stockholder of a business entity for which the license holder is the only individual who will work as a radon mitigation specialist. The licensing criteria and any other licensing and training requirements the individual was required to meet to qualify for the radon mitigation specialist license are hereby deemed to satisfy any and all criteria and requirements for a radon mitigation contractor license. A license issued under this division shall expire at the same time as the individual's radon mitigation specialist license. No license fee shall be imposed for a license issued under this division.

(D) A license issued under this section expires biennially and may be renewed by the director in accordance with criteria and procedures established in rules adopted under section 3723.09 of the Revised Code and on payment of the license renewal fee prescribed in those rules.

(E) In accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the director may do either of the following:

(1) Refuse to issue a license to an individual, business entity, or government entity that does not meet the requirements of this chapter or the rules adopted under it or has been in violation of those requirements;

(2) Suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license of an individual, business entity, or government entity that is or has been in violation of the requirements of this chapter or the rules adopted under it.

(F) The director shall issue a radon tester, mitigation specialist, or mitigation contractor license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a radon tester, mitigation specialist, or mitigation contractor in a state that does not issue one or more of those licenses.

Sec. 3737.83. The state fire marshal shall, as part of the state fire code, adopt rules to:

(A) Establish minimum standards of performance for fire protection equipment and fire fighting equipment;

(B) Establish minimum standards of training, fix minimum qualifications, and require certificates for all persons who engage in the business for profit of installing, testing, repairing, or maintaining fire protection equipment;

(C) Provide for the issuance of certificates required under division (B) of this section and establish the fees to be charged for such certificates. A certificate shall be granted, renewed, or revoked according to rules the state fire marshal shall adopt, except that the state fire marshal shall grant a certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a person engaged in the business of installing, testing, repairing, or maintaining fire protection equipment in a state that does not issue that certificate.

(D) Establish minimum standards of flammability for consumer goods in any case where the federal government or any department or agency thereof has established, or may from time to time establish standards of flammability for consumer goods. The standards established by the state fire marshal shall be identical to the minimum federal standards.

In any case where the federal government or any department or agency thereof, establishes standards of flammability for consumer goods subsequent to the adoption of a flammability standard by the state fire marshal, standards previously adopted by the state fire marshal shall not continue in effect to the extent such standards are not identical to the minimum federal standards.

With respect to the adoption of minimum standards of flammability, this division shall supersede any authority granted a political subdivision by any other section of the Revised Code.

(E) Establish minimum standards pursuant to section 5104.05 of the Revised Code for fire prevention and fire safety in child day-care centers and in type A family day-care homes, as defined in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.

(F) Establish minimum standards for fire prevention and safety in a residential facility licensed under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code that provides accommodations, supervision, and personal care services for three to sixteen unrelated adults. The state fire marshal shall adopt the rules under this division in consultation with the director of mental health and addiction services and interested parties designated by the director of mental health and addiction services.

Sec. 3737.881. (A) The state fire marshal shall certify underground storage tank systems installers who meet the standards for certification established in rules adopted under division (D)(1)

of this section, pass the certification examination required by this division, and pay the certificate fee established in rules adopted under division (D)(5) of this section. Any individual who wishes to obtain certification as an installer shall apply to the state fire marshal on a form prescribed by the state fire marshal. The application shall be accompanied by the application and examination fees established in rules adopted under division (D)(5) of this section.

The state fire marshal shall prescribe an examination designed to test the knowledge of applicants for certification as underground storage tank system installers in the installation, repair, abandonment, and removal of those systems. The examination shall also test the applicants' knowledge and understanding of the requirements and standards established in rules adopted under sections 3737.88 and 3737.882 of the Revised Code pertaining to the installation, repair, abandonment, and removal of those systems.

Installer certifications issued under this division shall be renewed annually, upon submission of a certification renewal form prescribed by the state fire marshal, provision of proof of successful completion of continuing education requirements, and payment of the certification renewal fee established in rules adopted under division (D)(5) of this section. In addition, the fire marshal may from time to time prescribe an examination for certification renewal and may require applicants to pass the examination and pay the fee established for it in rules adopted under division (D)(5) of this section.

The state fire marshal may, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew an installer's certification or renewal thereof after finding that any of the following applies:

- (1) The applicant for certification or certificate holder fails to meet the standards for certification or renewal thereof under this section and rules adopted under it;
- (2) The certification was obtained through fraud or misrepresentation;
- (3) The certificate holder recklessly caused or permitted a person under the certificate holder's supervision to install, perform major repairs on site to, abandon, or remove an underground storage tank system in violation of the performance standards set forth in rules adopted under section 3737.88 or 3737.882 of the Revised Code.

As used in division (A)(3) of this section, "recklessly" has the same meaning as in section 2901.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) The state fire marshal shall certify persons who sponsor training programs for underground storage tank system installers who meet the criteria for certification established in rules adopted by the state fire marshal under division (D)(4) of this section and pay the certificate fee established in rules adopted under division (D)(5) of this section. Any person who wishes to obtain certification to sponsor such a training program shall apply to the state fire marshal on a form prescribed by the state fire marshal. Training program certificates issued under this division shall expire annually. Upon submission of a certification renewal application form prescribed by the state fire marshal and payment of the application and certification renewal fees established in rules adopted under division (D)(5) of this section, the state fire marshal shall issue a training program renewal certificate to the applicant.

The state fire marshal may, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, deny an application for, suspend, or revoke a training program certificate or renewal or renewal of a training

program certificate after finding that the training program does not or will not meet the standards for certification established in rules adopted under division (D)(4) of this section.

(C) The state fire marshal may conduct or cause to be conducted training programs for underground storage tank systems installers as the fire marshal considers to be necessary or appropriate. The state fire marshal is not subject to division (B) of this section with respect to training programs conducted by employees of the office of the state fire marshal.

(D) The state fire marshal shall adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules doing all of the following:

(1) Defining the activities that constitute supervision over the installation, performance of major repairs on site to, abandonment of, and removal of underground storage tank systems;

(2) Establishing standards and procedures for certification of underground storage tank systems installers;

(3) Establishing standards and procedures for continuing education for certification renewal, subject to the provisions of section 5903.12 of the Revised Code relating to active duty military service;

(4) Establishing standards and procedures for certification of training programs for installers;

(5) Establishing fees for applications for certifications under this section, the examinations prescribed under division (A) of this section, the issuance and renewal of certificates under divisions (A) and (B) of this section, and attendance at training programs conducted by the fire marshal under division (C) of this section. Fees received under this section shall be credited to the underground storage tank administration fund created in section 3737.02 of the Revised Code and shall be used to defray the costs of implementing, administering, and enforcing this section and the rules adopted thereunder, conducting training sessions, and facilitating prevention of releases.

(6) That are necessary or appropriate for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this section.

(E) Nothing in this section or the rules adopted under it prohibits an owner or operator of an underground storage tank system from installing, making major repairs on site to, abandoning, or removing an underground storage tank system under the supervision of an installer certified under division (A) of this section who is a full-time or part-time employee of the owner or operator.

(F) On and after January 7, 1990, no person shall do any of the following:

(1) Install, make major repairs on site to, abandon, or remove an underground storage tank system unless the activity is performed under the supervision of a qualified individual who holds a valid installer certificate issued under division (A) of this section;

(2) Act in the capacity of providing supervision for the installation of, performance of major repairs on site to, abandonment of, or removal of an underground storage tank system unless the person holds a valid installer certificate issued under division (A) of this section;

(3) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, sponsor a training program for underground storage tank systems installers unless the person holds a valid training program certificate issued under division (B) of this section.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the state fire marshal shall issue an installer's certification or a training program certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds an installer's license or certification or a training program license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an installer of underground storage tank systems in a state that does not issue one or both of those certifications.

Sec. 3742.05. (A)(1) The director of health shall issue lead inspector, lead abatement contractor, lead risk assessor, lead abatement project designer, lead abatement worker, and clearance technician licenses. ~~The Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the director shall issue a license to an applicant who meets all of the following requirements:~~

(a) Submits an application to the director on a form prescribed by the director;

(b) Meets the licensing and training requirements established in rules adopted under section 3742.03 of the Revised Code;

(c) Successfully completes the licensing examination for the applicant's area of expertise administered under section 3742.08 of the Revised Code and any training required by the director under that section;

(d) Pays the license fee established in rules adopted under section 3742.03 of the Revised Code;

(e) Provides the applicant's social security number and any information the director may require to demonstrate the applicant's compliance with this chapter and the rules adopted under it.

(2) An individual may hold more than one license issued under this section, but a separate application is required for each license.

(B) A license issued under this section expires two years after the date of issuance. The director shall renew a license in accordance with the standard renewal procedure set forth in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code, if the licensee does all of the following:

(1) Continues to meet the requirements of division (A) of this section;

(2) Demonstrates compliance with procedures to prevent public exposure to lead hazards and for worker protection during lead abatement projects established in rules adopted under section 3742.03 of the Revised Code;

(3) Meets the record-keeping and reporting requirements for lead abatement projects or clearance examinations established in rules adopted under section 3742.03 of the Revised Code;

(4) Pays the license renewal fee established in rules adopted under section 3742.03 of the Revised Code.

~~(C) An individual licensed, certified, or otherwise approved under the law of another state to perform functions substantially similar to those of~~ The director shall issue a lead inspector, lead abatement contractor, lead risk assessor, lead abatement project designer, lead abatement worker, or clearance technician may apply to the director of health for licensure in accordance with the procedures set forth in division (A) of this section. The director shall license an individual under this division on a determination that the standards for licensure, certification, or approval in that state are at least substantially equivalent to those established by this chapter and the rules adopted under it. The director may require an examination for licensure under this division license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a lead inspector, lead abatement contractor, lead risk assessor, lead abatement project designer, lead abatement worker, or clearance technician in a state that does not issue one or more of those licenses.

Sec. 3743.03. (A) If a person submits an application for licensure as a manufacturer of fireworks, together with the license fee, fingerprints, and proof of the insurance coverage, as required by section 3743.02 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall review the application and accompanying matter, request the criminal records check described in division (E) of this section, inspect the premises of the fireworks plant described in the application, and determine whether the applicant will be issued the license. In determining whether to issue the license, the state fire marshal shall consider the results of the criminal records check and the inspection, and the information set forth in the application, and shall decide whether the applicant and the fireworks plant described in the application conform to sections 3743.02 to 3743.08 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to section 3743.05 of the Revised Code, and are in full compliance with Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code, and any applicable building or zoning regulations.

(B) Subject to division (F) of this section and section 3743.70 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall issue a license in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to an applicant for licensure as a manufacturer of fireworks only if the applicant and the fireworks plant described in the application conform to sections 3743.02 to 3743.08 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to section 3743.05 of the Revised Code, only if the fireworks plant described in the application complies with the Ohio building code adopted under Chapter 3781. of the Revised Code, if that fireworks plant was constructed after May 30, 1986, and only if the state fire marshal is satisfied that the application and accompanying matter are complete and in conformity with section 3743.02 of the Revised Code. The requirements of this chapter and of the rules adopted under this chapter as applicable to the structure of a building do not apply to a building in a fireworks plant if the building was inspected and approved by the department of industrial relations or by any building department certified pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code prior to May 30, 1986.

(C) Each license issued pursuant to this section shall contain a distinct number assigned to the licensed manufacturer and, if the licensed manufacturer will engage in the processing of fireworks as any part of its manufacturing of fireworks at the fireworks plants, a notation indicating that fact. The state fire marshal shall maintain a list of all licensed manufacturers of fireworks. In the list next to each manufacturer's name, the state fire marshal shall insert the period of licensure, the license number of the manufacturer, and, if applicable, a notation that the manufacturer will engage in the processing of fireworks as part of its manufacturing of fireworks.

(D) The holder of a license issued pursuant to this section may request the state fire marshal to cancel that license and issue in its place a license to sell fireworks at wholesale under section 3743.16 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of such a request, the state fire marshal shall cancel the license issued under this section and issue a license under section 3743.16 of the Revised Code if the applicant meets the requirements of that section.

(E) Upon receipt of an application and the required accompanying matter under section

3743.02 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall forward to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation a request that the bureau conduct an investigation of the applicant and, if applicable, additional individuals who hold, own, or control a five per cent or greater beneficial or equity interest in the applicant, to determine whether the applicant or the additional associated individuals have been convicted of or pled guilty to a disqualifying offense as determined under section 9.79 of the Revised Code, under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

If the applicant for initial licensure has resided in this state for less than five continuous years immediately prior to the date the applicant submits an initial application, the superintendent also shall request that the federal bureau of investigation conduct an investigation of the applicant and, if applicable, additional individuals who hold, own, or control a five per cent or greater beneficial or equity interest in the applicant, to determine whether the applicant or the additional associated individuals have been convicted of or pled guilty to a disqualifying offense as determined under section 9.79 of the Revised Code, under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

The superintendent shall forward the results of an investigation conducted pursuant to this division to the state fire marshal and may charge a reasonable fee for providing the results. The state fire marshal shall assess any fee charged by the superintendent for the results to the applicant.

(F) A person shall not apply for licensure as a manufacturer of fireworks in the person's individual capacity. The state fire marshal shall not issue a license to act as a manufacturer of fireworks to a person in the person's individual capacity.

Sec. 3743.16. (A) If a person submits an application for licensure as a wholesaler of fireworks, together with the license fee, fingerprints, and proof of the insurance coverage, as required by section 3743.15 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall review the application and accompanying matter, request the criminal records check described in division (D) of this section, inspect the premises on which the fireworks would be sold, and determine whether the applicant will be issued the license. In determining whether to issue the license, the state fire marshal shall consider the results of the criminal records check and the inspection, and the information set forth in the application, and shall decide whether the applicant and the premises on which the fireworks will be sold conform to sections 3743.15 to 3743.21 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to section 3743.18 of the Revised Code, and are in full compliance with Chapters 3781. and 3791. of the Revised Code, and any applicable building or zoning regulations.

(B) Subject to division (E) of this section and section 3743.70 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall issue a license in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to the applicant for licensure as a wholesaler of fireworks only if the applicant and the premises on which the fireworks will be sold conform to sections 3743.15 to 3743.21 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to section 3743.18 of the Revised Code, only if the premises on which the fireworks will be sold complies with the Ohio building code adopted under Chapter 3781. of the Revised Code, if that premises was constructed after May 30, 1986, and only if the state fire marshal is satisfied that the application and accompanying matter are complete and in conformity with section 3743.15 of the Revised Code. The requirements of this chapter and of the rules adopted under this chapter as applicable to the structure of a building do not apply to a building used by a wholesaler if the building was inspected and approved by the department of industrial

relations or by any building department certified pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code prior to May 30, 1986.

(C) Each license issued pursuant to this section shall contain a distinct number assigned to the particular wholesaler. The state fire marshal shall maintain a list of all licensed wholesalers of fireworks. In this list next to each wholesaler's name, the state fire marshal shall insert the period of licensure and the license number of the particular wholesaler.

(D) Upon receipt of an application and the required accompanying matter under section 3743.15 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall forward to the superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation a request that the bureau conduct an investigation of the applicant and, if applicable, additional individuals who hold, own, or control a five per cent or greater beneficial or equity interest in the applicant, to determine whether the applicant or the additional associated individuals have been convicted of or pled guilty to a disqualifying offense in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code, under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

If the applicant for initial licensure has resided in this state for less than five continuous years immediately prior to the date the applicant submits an initial application, the superintendent also shall request that the federal bureau of investigation conduct an investigation of the applicant and, if applicable, additional individuals who hold, own, or control a five per cent or greater beneficial or equity interest in the applicant, to determine whether the applicant or the additional associated individuals have been convicted of or pled guilty to a disqualifying offense in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code, under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States.

The superintendent shall forward the results of an investigation conducted pursuant to this division to the state fire marshal and may charge a reasonable fee for providing the results. The state fire marshal shall assess any fee charged by the superintendent for the results to the applicant.

(E) A person shall not apply for licensure as a wholesaler of fireworks in the person's individual capacity. The state fire marshal shall not issue a license to act as a wholesaler of fireworks to a person in the person's individual capacity.

Sec. 3743.40. (A) Any person who resides in another state and who intends to ship fireworks into this state shall submit to the state fire marshal an application for a shipping permit. As used in this section, "fireworks" includes only 1.3G and 1.4G fireworks. The application shall be submitted prior to shipping fireworks into this state, shall be on a form prescribed by the state fire marshal, shall contain the information required by division (B) of this section and all information requested by the state fire marshal, and shall be accompanied by the fee and the documentation described in division (C) of this section.

The state fire marshal shall prescribe a form for applications for shipping permits and make a copy of the form available, upon request, to persons who seek such a permit.

(B) In an application for a shipping permit, the applicant shall specify the types of fireworks to be shipped into this state.

(C) An application for a shipping permit shall be accompanied by a fee of two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars.

An application for a shipping permit shall be accompanied by a certified copy or other copy acceptable to the state fire marshal of the applicant's license or permit issued in the applicant's state

of residence and authorizing the applicant to engage in the manufacture, wholesale sale, or transportation of fireworks in that state, if that state issues such a license or permit, and by a statement by the applicant that the applicant understands and will abide by rules adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to section 3743.58 of the Revised Code for transporting fireworks.

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, and subject to section 3743.70 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall issue a shipping permit to an applicant only if the state fire marshal determines that the applicant is a resident of another state and is the holder of a license or permit issued by that state authorizing it to engage in the manufacture, wholesale sale, or transportation of fireworks in that state, and the state fire marshal is satisfied that the application and documentation are complete and in conformity with this section and that the applicant will transport fireworks into this state in accordance with rules adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to section 3743.58 of the Revised Code. The state fire marshal shall issue a shipping permit to an applicant if the applicant meets all of the requirements of this section for the issuance of a shipping permit except that the applicant does not hold a license or permit issued by the state of residence authorizing the applicant to engage in the manufacture, wholesale sale, or transportation of fireworks in that state because that state does not issue such a license or permit.

(E) Each permit issued pursuant to this section shall contain a distinct number assigned to the particular permit holder, and contain the information described in division (B) of this section.

The state fire marshal shall maintain a list of all persons issued shipping permits. In this list next to each person's name, the state fire marshal shall insert the date upon which the permit was issued and the information described in division (B) of this section.

(F) A shipping permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance by the state fire marshal and only if the permit holder ships the fireworks directly into this state to the holder of a license issued under section 3743.03 or 3743.16 of the Revised Code or a license holder under section 3743.51 of the Revised Code who possesses a valid exhibition permit issued in accordance with section 3743.54 of the Revised Code and the fireworks shipped are to be used at the specifically permitted exhibition. The permit authorizes the permit holder to ship fireworks, as described in rules adopted by the state fire marshal under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, directly to the holder of a license issued under section 3743.03 or 3743.16 of the Revised Code, and to possess the fireworks in this state while the permit holder is in the course of shipping them directly into this state.

The holder of a shipping permit shall have the permit in the holder's possession in this state at all times while in the course of shipping the fireworks directly into this state. A shipping permit is not transferable or assignable.

(G) The state fire marshal shall not require a person holding a shipping permit issued under this section to obtain a shipping permit pursuant to Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3743.51. (A) If a person submits an application for licensure as an exhibitor of fireworks, together with the fee, as required by section 3743.50 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall review the application and determine whether the applicant satisfies sections 3743.50 to 3743.55 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to division (A) of section 3743.53 of the Revised Code.

(B) ~~Subject Except as provided in division (D) of this section and subject~~ to section 3743.70 of the Revised Code, the state fire marshal shall issue a license in accordance with Chapter 119. of

the Revised Code to the applicant for licensure as an exhibitor of fireworks only if the applicant satisfies sections 3743.50 to 3743.55 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted by the state fire marshal pursuant to division (A) of section 3743.53 of the Revised Code, and only if the state fire marshal is satisfied that the application is complete and in conformity with section 3743.50 of the Revised Code.

(C) Each license issued pursuant to this section shall contain a distinct number assigned to the particular exhibitor. The state fire marshal shall maintain a list of all licensed exhibitors of fireworks. In this list next to each exhibitor's name, the state fire marshal shall insert the period of licensure and the license number of the particular exhibitor.

(D) The state fire marshal shall issue a license to act as an exhibitor of fireworks in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant is licensed in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an exhibitor of fireworks in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3746.041. The director of environmental protection shall issue an environmental professional certification provided for under division (B)(5) of section 3746.04 of the Revised Code in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if an applicant either holds a certification or license in another state, or the applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an environmental professional in a state that does not issue that certification.

Sec. 3748.07. (A) ~~Every~~ Except as provided in division (G) of this section, every facility that proposes to handle radioactive material or radiation-generating equipment for which licensure or registration, respectively, by its handler is required shall apply in writing to the director of health on forms prescribed and provided by the director for licensure or registration. Terms and conditions of licenses and certificates of registration may be amended in accordance with rules adopted under section 3748.04 of the Revised Code or orders issued by the director pursuant to section 3748.05 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) ~~An~~ Except as provided in division (G) of this section, an applicant proposing to handle radioactive material shall pay for a license or renewal of a license the appropriate fee specified in rules adopted under section 3748.04 of the Revised Code and listed on an invoice provided by the director. The applicant shall pay the fee on receipt of the invoice.

(2)(a) Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, until fees are established in rules adopted under division (A)(8)(b) of section 3748.04 of the Revised Code, an applicant proposing to handle radiation-generating equipment shall pay for a certificate of registration or renewal of a certificate a biennial registration fee of two hundred sixty-two dollars.

Except as provided in division (B)(2)(b) of this section, on and after the effective date of the rules in which fees are established under division (A)(8)(b) of section 3748.04 of the Revised Code, an applicant proposing to handle radiation-generating equipment shall pay for a certificate of registration or renewal of a certificate the appropriate fee established in those rules.

The applicant shall pay the fees described in division (B)(2)(a) of this section at the time of applying for a certificate of registration or renewal of a certificate.

(b) An applicant that is, or is operated by, a medical practitioner or medical-practitioner group and proposes to handle radiation-generating equipment shall pay for a certificate of registration or renewal of a certificate a biennial registration fee of two hundred sixty-two dollars. The applicant shall pay the fee at the time of applying for a certificate of registration or renewal of the certificate.

(C) All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created in section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. The fees shall be used solely to administer and enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(D) Any fee required under this section that remains unpaid on the ninety-first day after the original invoice date shall be assessed an additional amount equal to ten per cent of the original fee.

(E) The director shall grant a license or registration to any applicant who has paid the required fee and is in compliance with this chapter and rules adopted under it.

(F) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, licenses and certificates of registration shall be effective for the applicable period established in rules adopted under section 3748.04 of the Revised Code. Licenses and certificates of registration shall be renewed in accordance with the renewal procedure established in rules adopted under section 3748.04 of the Revised Code.

(G) The director shall issue a license to handle radioactive material or a certificate of registration to handle radiation-generating equipment in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in handling radioactive material or radiation-generating equipment in a state that does not issue that license or certification or both.

Sec. 3748.12. ~~The~~ (A) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the director of health shall certify radiation experts pursuant to rules adopted under division (C) of section 3748.04 of the Revised Code. The director shall issue a certificate to each person certified under this section. An individual certified by the director is qualified to develop, provide periodic review of, and conduct audits of the quality assurance program for sources of radiation for which such a program is required under division (A) of section 3748.13 of the Revised Code.

(B) The director shall establish an application fee for applying for certification and a biennial certification renewal fee in rules adopted under division (C) of section 3748.04 of the Revised Code. A certificate issued under this section shall expire two years after the date of its issuance. To maintain certification, a radiation expert shall apply to the director for renewal of certification in accordance with the standard renewal procedures established in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. The certification renewal fee is not required for initial certification, but shall be paid for every renewal of certification. Fees collected under this section shall be deposited into the state treasury to the credit of the general operations fund created in section 3701.83 of the Revised Code. The fees shall be used solely to administer and enforce this chapter and rules adopted under it. Any fee required under this section that remains unpaid on the ninety-first day after the original invoice date shall be assessed an additional amount equal to ten per cent of the original fee.

(C) The director shall issue a certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a radiation expert in a state that does not issue that certificate.

Sec. 3769.03. The state racing commission shall prescribe the rules and conditions under which horse racing may be conducted and may issue, deny, suspend, diminish, or revoke permits to conduct horse racing as authorized by sections 3769.01 to 3769.14 of the Revised Code. The commission may impose, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the commission, fines in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars on any permit holder or any other person who violates the rules or orders of the commission. The commission may prescribe the forms of wagering that are permissible, the number of races, the procedures on wagering, and the wagering information to be provided to the public.

The commission may require totalizator equipment to display the amount of wagering in each wagering pool. The commission shall initiate safeguards as necessary to account for the amount of money wagered at each track in each wagering pool. It may require permit holders to install equipment that will provide a complete check and analysis of the functioning of any computers and require safeguards on their performance. The commission shall require all permit holders, except those holding state fair, county fair, or other fair permits, to provide a photographic recording, approved by the commission, of the entire running of all races conducted by the permit holder.

The state racing commission may issue, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses to those persons engaged in racing and to those employees of permit holders as is in the public interest for the purpose of maintaining a proper control over horse-racing meetings. The commission, as is in the public interest for the purpose of maintaining proper control over horse-racing meetings, also may rule any person off a permit holder's premises. License fees shall include registration fees and shall be set by the commission. Each license issued by the commission, unless revoked for cause, shall be for the period of one year from the first day of January of the year in which it is issued, except as otherwise provided in section 3769.07 of the Revised Code. Applicants for licenses issued by the commission shall submit their fingerprints to the commission, and the commission may forward the fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation or to any other agency, or to both, for examination. The commission shall issue a license to a person engaged in racing or an employee of a permit holder in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if that person or employee holds a license in another state, or that person or employee has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in horse racing in a state that does not issue that license.

There is hereby created in the state treasury the state racing commission operating fund. All license fees established and collected by the commission pursuant to this section, and the amounts specified in divisions (B) and (C) of section 3769.08 and division (A)(5) of section 3769.087 of the Revised Code, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the fund. Moneys in the fund shall be expended by the commission to defray its operating costs, salaries and expenses, and the cost of administering and enforcing this chapter.

The commission may deny a permit to any permit holder that has defaulted in payments to the public, employees, or the horsemen and may deny a permit to any successor purchaser of a track for as long as any of those defaults have not been satisfied by either the seller or purchaser.

The commission shall deny a permit to any permit holder that has defaulted in payments to the state or has defaulted in payments required under section 3769.089 or 3769.0810 of the Revised Code and shall deny a permit to any successor purchaser of a track for as long as those defaults have not been satisfied by either the seller or purchaser.

Any violation of this chapter, of any rule of racing adopted by the commission, or of any law or rule with respect to racing in any jurisdiction shall be sufficient reason for a refusal to issue a license, or a suspension or revocation of any license issued, pursuant to this section.

With respect to the issuance, denial, suspension, or revocation of a license to a participant in horse racing, the action of the commission shall be subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

The commission may sue and be sued in its own name. Any action against the commission shall be brought in the court of common pleas of Franklin county. Any appeal from a determination or decision of the commission rendered in the exercise of its powers and duties under this chapter shall be brought in the court of common pleas of Franklin county.

The commission, biennially, shall make a full report to the governor of its proceedings for the two-year period ending with the thirty-first day of December preceding the convening of the general assembly and shall include its recommendations in the report. The commission, semiannually, on the thirtieth day of June and on the thirty-first day of December of each year, shall make a report and accounting to the governor.

Sec. 3772.13. (A) No person may be employed as a key employee of a casino operator, management company, or holding company unless the person is the holder of a valid key employee license issued by the commission.

(B) No person may be employed as a key employee of a gaming-related vendor unless that person is either the holder of a valid key employee license issued by the commission, or the person, at least five business days prior to the first day of employment as a key employee, has filed a notification of employment with the commission and subsequently files a completed application for a key employee license within the first thirty days of employment as a key employee.

(C) Each applicant shall, before the issuance of any key employee license, produce information, documentation, and assurances as are required by this chapter and rules adopted thereunder. In addition, each applicant shall, in writing, authorize the examination of all bank accounts and records as may be deemed necessary by the commission.

(D) To be eligible for a key employee license, the applicant shall be at least twenty-one years of age and shall meet the criteria set forth by rule by the commission.

(E) Each application for a key employee license shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall contain all information required by the commission. The applicant shall set forth in the application if the applicant has been issued prior gambling-related licenses; if the applicant has been licensed in any other state under any other name, and, if so, the name under which the license was issued and the applicant's age at the time the license was issued; any criminal conviction the applicant has had; and if a permit or license issued to the applicant in any other state has been suspended, restricted, or revoked, and, if so, the cause and the duration of each action. The applicant also shall complete a cover sheet for the application on which the applicant shall disclose the applicant's name, the business address of the casino operator, management company, holding company, or gaming-related vendor employing the applicant, the business address and telephone

number of such employer, and the county, state, and country in which the applicant's residence is located.

(F) Each applicant shall submit with each application, on a form provided by the commission, two sets of fingerprints and a photograph. The commission shall charge each applicant an application fee set by the commission to cover all actual costs generated by each licensee and all background checks under this section and section 3772.07 of the Revised Code.

(G)(1) The casino operator, management company, or holding company by whom a person is employed as a key employee shall terminate the person's employment in any capacity requiring a license under this chapter and shall not in any manner permit the person to exercise a significant influence over the operation of a casino facility if:

(a) The person does not apply for and receive a key employee license within three months of being issued a provisional license, as established under commission rule.

(b) The person's application for a key employee license is denied by the commission.

(c) The person's key employee license is revoked by the commission.

The commission shall notify the casino operator, management company, or holding company who employs such a person by certified mail of any such finding, denial, or revocation.

(2) A casino operator, management company, or holding company shall not pay to a person whose employment is terminated under division (G)(1) of this section, any remuneration for any services performed in any capacity in which the person is required to be licensed, except for amounts due for services rendered before notice was received under that division. A contract or other agreement for personal services or for the conduct of any casino gaming at a casino facility between a casino operator, management company, or holding company and a person whose employment is terminated under division (G)(1) of this section may be terminated by the casino operator, management company, or holding company without further liability on the part of the casino operator, management company, or holding company. Any such contract or other agreement is deemed to include a term authorizing its termination without further liability on the part of the casino operator, management company, or holding company upon receiving notice under division (G)(1) of this section. That a contract or other agreement does not expressly include such a term is not a defense in any action brought to terminate the contract or other agreement, and is not grounds for relief in any action brought questioning termination of the contract or other agreement.

(3) A casino operator, management company, or holding company, without having obtained the prior approval of the commission, shall not enter into any contract or other agreement with a person who has been found unsuitable, who has been denied a license, or whose license has been revoked under division (G)(1) of this section, or with any business enterprise under the control of such a person, after the date on which the casino operator, management company, or holding company receives notice under that division.

(H) Notwithstanding the requirements for a license under this section, the commission shall issue a key employee license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a key employee of a casino operator, management

company, or holding company in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3772.131. (A) All casino gaming employees are required to have a casino gaming employee license. "Casino gaming employee" means the following and their supervisors:

(1) Individuals involved in operating a casino gaming pit, including dealers, shifts, clerks, hosts, and junket representatives;

(2) Individuals involved in handling money, including cashiers, change persons, count teams, and coin wrappers;

(3) Individuals involved in operating casino games;

(4) Individuals involved in operating and maintaining slot machines, including mechanics, floor persons, and change and payoff persons;

(5) Individuals involved in security, including guards and game observers;

(6) Individuals with duties similar to those described in divisions (A)(1) to (5) of this section or other persons as the commission determines. "Casino gaming employee" does not include an individual whose duties are related solely to nongaming activities such as entertainment, hotel operation, maintenance, or preparing or serving food and beverages.

(B) The commission may issue a casino gaming employee license to an applicant after it has determined that the applicant is eligible for a license under rules adopted by the commission and paid any applicable fee. All applications shall be made under oath.

(C) To be eligible for a casino gaming employee license, an applicant shall be at least twenty-one years of age.

(D) Each application for a casino gaming employee license shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall contain all information required by the commission. The applicant shall set forth in the application if the applicant has been issued prior gambling-related licenses; if the applicant has been licensed in any other state under any other name, and, if so, the name under which the license was issued and the applicant's age at the time the license was issued; any criminal conviction the applicant has had; and if a permit or license issued to the applicant in any other state has been suspended, restricted, or revoked, and, if so, the cause and the duration of each action.

(E) Each applicant shall submit with each application, on a form provided by the commission, two sets of the applicant's fingerprints and a photograph. The commission shall charge each applicant an application fee to cover all actual costs generated by each licensee and all background checks.

(F) Notwithstanding the requirements for a license under this section, the commission shall issue a casino gaming employee license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a casino gaming employee in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3773.36. (A) Upon the proper filing of an application to conduct any public or private competition that involves boxing, mixed martial arts, kick boxing, tough man contests, tough guy contests, or any other form of boxing or martial arts, accompanied by the surety bond and the application fee, or upon the proper filing of an application to conduct any public or private

competition that involves wrestling accompanied by the application fee, the Ohio athletic commission shall issue a promoter's license to the applicant if it finds that the applicant is not in default on any payment, obligation, or debt payable to the state under sections 3773.31 to 3773.57 of the Revised Code, is financially responsible, and is knowledgeable in the proper conduct of such matches or exhibitions.

(B) Notwithstanding the requirements for a license under division (A) of this section, the commission shall issue a promoter's license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a promoter in a state that does not issue that license.

(C) Each license issued pursuant to this section shall bear the name of the licensee, the post office address of the licensee, the date of expiration, an identification number designated by the commission, and the seal of the commission.

(D) A promoter's license shall expire twelve months after its date of issuance and shall become invalid on that date unless renewed. A promoter's license may be renewed upon application to the commission and upon payment of the renewal fee prescribed in section 3773.43 of the Revised Code. The commission shall renew the license unless it denies the application for renewal for one or more reasons stated in section 3123.47 or 3773.53 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3773.421. ~~A member of the~~ The Ohio athletic commission ~~may grant~~ shall issue a referee's, judge's, matchmaker's, timekeeper's, manager's, trainer's, contestant's, or second's license at any time prior to the beginning of a public boxing match or exhibition in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant ~~from~~ if either of the following applies:

(A) The applicant holds a license in another state ~~who wishes to participate as specified in section 3773.41 of the Revised Code and who furnishes satisfactory proof to the member that the applicant holds a license that is not under suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary action, if the license was issued by an agency that is similar to the commission, is a member of the association of boxing commissions, and has licensing requirements that are at least as stringent as those established by the commission.~~

(B) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a referee, judge, matchmaker, timekeeper, manager, trainer, contestant, or second in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 3781.10. (A)(1) The board of building standards shall formulate and adopt rules governing the erection, construction, repair, alteration, and maintenance of all buildings or classes of buildings specified in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code, including land area incidental to those buildings, the construction of industrialized units, the installation of equipment, and the standards or requirements for materials used in connection with those buildings. The board shall incorporate those rules into separate residential and nonresidential building codes. The standards shall relate to the conservation of energy and the safety and sanitation of those buildings.

(2) The rules governing nonresidential buildings are the lawful minimum requirements specified for those buildings and industrialized units, except that no rule other than as provided in division (C) of section 3781.108 of the Revised Code that specifies a higher requirement than is

imposed by any section of the Revised Code is enforceable. The rules governing residential buildings are uniform requirements for residential buildings in any area with a building department certified to enforce the state residential building code. In no case shall any local code or regulation differ from the state residential building code unless that code or regulation addresses subject matter not addressed by the state residential building code or is adopted pursuant to section 3781.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) The rules adopted pursuant to this section are complete, lawful alternatives to any requirements specified for buildings or industrialized units in any section of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in division (I) of this section, the board shall, on its own motion or on application made under sections 3781.12 and 3781.13 of the Revised Code, formulate, propose, adopt, modify, amend, or repeal the rules to the extent necessary or desirable to effectuate the purposes of sections 3781.06 to 3781.18 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board shall report to the general assembly proposals for amendments to existing statutes relating to the purposes declared in section 3781.06 of the Revised Code that public health and safety and the development of the arts require and shall recommend any additional legislation to assist in carrying out fully, in statutory form, the purposes declared in that section. The board shall prepare and submit to the general assembly a summary report of the number, nature, and disposition of the petitions filed under sections 3781.13 and 3781.14 of the Revised Code.

(C) On its own motion or on application made under sections 3781.12 and 3781.13 of the Revised Code, and after thorough testing and evaluation, the board shall determine by rule that any particular fixture, device, material, process of manufacture, manufactured unit or component, method of manufacture, system, or method of construction complies with performance standards adopted pursuant to section 3781.11 of the Revised Code. The board shall make its determination with regard to adaptability for safe and sanitary erection, use, or construction, to that described in any section of the Revised Code, wherever the use of a fixture, device, material, method of manufacture, system, or method of construction described in that section of the Revised Code is permitted by law. The board shall amend or annul any rule or issue an authorization for the use of a new material or manufactured unit on any like application. No department, officer, board, or commission of the state other than the board of building standards or the board of building appeals shall permit the use of any fixture, device, material, method of manufacture, newly designed product, system, or method of construction at variance with what is described in any rule the board of building standards adopts or issues or that is authorized by any section of the Revised Code. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring approval, by rule, of plans for an industrialized unit that conforms with the rules the board of building standards adopts pursuant to section 3781.11 of the Revised Code.

(D) The board shall recommend rules, codes, and standards to help carry out the purposes of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code and to help secure uniformity of state administrative rulings and local legislation and administrative action to the bureau of workers' compensation, the director of commerce, any other department, officer, board, or commission of the state, and to legislative authorities and building departments of counties, townships, and municipal corporations, and shall recommend that they audit those recommended rules, codes, and standards by any appropriate action that they are allowed pursuant to law or the constitution.

(E)(1) The board shall certify municipal, township, and county building departments, the

personnel of those building departments, persons described in division (E)(7) of this section, and employees of individuals, firms, the state, or corporations described in division (E)(7) of this section to exercise enforcement authority, to accept and approve plans and specifications, and to make inspections, pursuant to sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code.

(2) The board shall certify departments, personnel, and persons to enforce the state residential building code, to enforce the nonresidential building code, or to enforce both the residential and the nonresidential building codes. Any department, personnel, or person may enforce only the type of building code for which certified.

(3) The board shall not require a building department, its personnel, or any persons that it employs to be certified for residential building code enforcement if that building department does not enforce the state residential building code. The board shall specify, in rules adopted pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the requirements for certification for residential and nonresidential building code enforcement, which shall be consistent with this division. The requirements for residential and nonresidential certification may differ. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the requirements shall include, but are not limited to, the satisfactory completion of an initial examination and, to remain certified, the completion of a specified number of hours of continuing building code education within each three-year period following the date of certification which shall be not less than thirty hours. The rules shall provide that continuing education credits and certification issued by the council of American building officials, national model code organizations, and agencies or entities the board recognizes are acceptable for purposes of this division. The rules shall specify requirements that are consistent with the provisions of section 5903.12 of the Revised Code relating to active duty military service and are compatible, to the extent possible, with requirements the council of American building officials and national model code organizations establish.

(4) The board shall establish and collect a certification and renewal fee for building department personnel, and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations as described in this section, who are certified pursuant to this division.

(5) Any individual certified pursuant to this division shall complete the number of hours of continuing building code education that the board requires or, for failure to do so, forfeit certification.

(6) This division does not require or authorize the board to certify personnel of municipal, township, and county building departments, and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations as described in this section, whose responsibilities do not include the exercise of enforcement authority, the approval of plans and specifications, or making inspections under the state residential and nonresidential building codes.

(7) Enforcement authority for approval of plans and specifications and enforcement authority for inspections may be exercised, and plans and specifications may be approved and inspections may be made on behalf of a municipal corporation, township, or county, by any of the following who the board of building standards certifies:

- (a) Officers or employees of the municipal corporation, township, or county;
- (b) Persons, or employees of persons, firms, or corporations, pursuant to a contract to furnish architectural, engineering, or other services to the municipal corporation, township, or county;
- (c) Officers or employees of, and persons under contract with, a municipal corporation,

township, county, health district, or other political subdivision, pursuant to a contract to furnish architectural, engineering, or other services;

(d) Officers or employees of the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce pursuant to a contract authorized by division (B) of section 121.083 of the Revised Code.

(8) Municipal, township, and county building departments have jurisdiction within the meaning of sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code, only with respect to the types of buildings and subject matters for which they are certified under this section.

(9) A certified municipal, township, or county building department may exercise enforcement authority, accept and approve plans and specifications, and make inspections pursuant to sections 3781.03, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code for a park district created pursuant to Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code upon the approval, by resolution, of the board of park commissioners of the park district requesting the department to exercise that authority and conduct those activities, as applicable.

(10) Certification shall be granted upon application by the municipal corporation, the board of township trustees, or the board of county commissioners and approval of that application by the board of building standards. The application shall set forth:

- (a) Whether the certification is requested for residential or nonresidential buildings, or both;
- (b) The number and qualifications of the staff composing the building department;
- (c) The names, addresses, and qualifications of persons, firms, or corporations contracting to furnish work or services pursuant to division (E)(7)(b) of this section;
- (d) The names of any other municipal corporation, township, county, health district, or political subdivision under contract to furnish work or services pursuant to division (E)(7) of this section;
- (e) The proposed budget for the operation of the building department.

(11) The board of building standards shall adopt rules governing all of the following:

(a) The certification of building department personnel and persons and employees of persons, firms, or corporations exercising authority pursuant to division (E)(7) of this section. The rules shall disqualify any employee of the department or person who contracts for services with the department from performing services for the department when that employee or person would have to pass upon, inspect, or otherwise exercise authority over any labor, material, or equipment the employee or person furnishes for the construction, alteration, or maintenance of a building or the preparation of working drawings or specifications for work within the jurisdictional area of the department. The department shall provide other similarly qualified personnel to enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes as they pertain to that work.

(b) The minimum services to be provided by a certified building department.

(12) The board of building standards may revoke or suspend certification to enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes, on petition to the board by any person affected by that enforcement or approval of plans, or by the board on its own motion. Hearings shall be held and appeals permitted on any proceedings for certification or revocation or suspension of certification in the same manner as provided in section 3781.101 of the Revised Code for other proceedings of the board of building standards.

(13) Upon certification, and until that authority is revoked, any county or township building

department shall enforce the residential and nonresidential building codes for which it is certified without regard to limitation upon the authority of boards of county commissioners under Chapter 307. of the Revised Code or boards of township trustees under Chapter 505. of the Revised Code.

(14) The board shall certify a person to exercise enforcement authority, to accept and approve plans and specifications, or to make inspections in this state in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(a) The person holds a license or certificate in another state.

(b) The person has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter in the same profession, occupation, or occupational activity as the profession, occupation, or occupational activity for which the certificate is required in this state in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(F) In addition to hearings sections 3781.06 to 3781.18 and 3791.04 of the Revised Code require, the board of building standards shall make investigations and tests, and require from other state departments, officers, boards, and commissions information the board considers necessary or desirable to assist it in the discharge of any duty or the exercise of any power mentioned in this section or in sections 3781.06 to 3781.18, 3791.04, and 4104.43 of the Revised Code.

(G) The board shall adopt rules and establish reasonable fees for the review of all applications submitted where the applicant applies for authority to use a new material, assembly, or product of a manufacturing process. The fee shall bear some reasonable relationship to the cost of the review or testing of the materials, assembly, or products and for the notification of approval or disapproval as provided in section 3781.12 of the Revised Code.

(H) The residential construction advisory committee shall provide the board with a proposal for a state residential building code that the committee recommends pursuant to division (D)(1) of section 4740.14 of the Revised Code. Upon receiving a recommendation from the committee that is acceptable to the board, the board shall adopt rules establishing that code as the state residential building code.

(I)(1) The committee may provide the board with proposed rules to update or amend the state residential building code that the committee recommends pursuant to division (E) of section 4740.14 of the Revised Code.

(2) If the board receives a proposed rule to update or amend the state residential building code as provided in division (I)(1) of this section, the board either may accept or reject the proposed rule for incorporation into the residential building code. If the board does not act to either accept or reject the proposed rule within ninety days after receiving the proposed rule from the committee as described in division (I)(1) of this section, the proposed rule shall become part of the residential building code.

(J) The board shall cooperate with the director of job and family services when the director promulgates rules pursuant to section 5104.05 of the Revised Code regarding safety and sanitation in type A family day-care homes.

(K) The board shall adopt rules to implement the requirements of section 3781.108 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3781.102. (A) Any county or municipal building department certified pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code as of September 14, 1970, and that, as of that

date, was inspecting single-family, two-family, and three-family residences, and any township building department certified pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code, is hereby declared to be certified to inspect single-family, two-family, and three-family residences containing industrialized units, and shall inspect the buildings or classes of buildings subject to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code.

(B) Each board of county commissioners may adopt, by resolution, rules establishing standards and providing for the licensing of electrical and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractors who are not required to hold a valid and unexpired license pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code.

Rules adopted by a board of county commissioners pursuant to this division may be enforced within the unincorporated areas of the county and within any municipal corporation where the legislative authority of the municipal corporation has contracted with the board for the enforcement of the county rules within the municipal corporation pursuant to section 307.15 of the Revised Code. The rules shall not conflict with rules adopted by the board of building standards pursuant to section 3781.10 of the Revised Code or by the department of commerce pursuant to Chapter 3703. of the Revised Code. This division does not impair or restrict the power of municipal corporations under Section 3 of Article XVIII, Ohio Constitution, to adopt rules concerning the erection, construction, repair, alteration, and maintenance of buildings and structures or of establishing standards and providing for the licensing of specialty contractors pursuant to section 715.27 of the Revised Code.

A board of county commissioners, pursuant to this division, may require all electrical contractors and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractors, other than those who hold a valid and unexpired license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code, to successfully complete an examination, test, or demonstration of technical skills, and may impose a fee and additional requirements for a license to engage in their respective occupations within the jurisdiction of the board's rules under this division.

(C) No board of county commissioners shall require any specialty contractor who holds a valid and unexpired license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code to successfully complete an examination, test, or demonstration of technical skills in order to engage in the type of contracting for which the license is held, within the unincorporated areas of the county and within any municipal corporation whose legislative authority has contracted with the board for the enforcement of county regulations within the municipal corporation, pursuant to section 307.15 of the Revised Code.

(D) A board may impose a fee for registration of a specialty contractor who holds a valid and unexpired license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code before that specialty contractor may engage in the type of contracting for which the license is held within the unincorporated areas of the county and within any municipal corporation whose legislative authority has contracted with the board for the enforcement of county regulations within the municipal corporation, pursuant to section 307.15 of the Revised Code, provided that the fee is the same for all specialty contractors who wish to engage in that type of contracting. If a board imposes such a fee, the board immediately shall permit a specialty contractor who presents proof of holding a valid and unexpired license and pays the required fee to engage in the type of contracting for which the license is held within the unincorporated areas of the county and within any municipal corporation whose

legislative authority has contracted with the board for the enforcement of county regulations within the municipal corporation, pursuant to section 307.15 of the Revised Code.

(E) The political subdivision associated with each municipal, township, and county building department the board of building standards certifies pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code may prescribe fees to be paid by persons, political subdivisions, or any department, agency, board, commission, or institution of the state, for the acceptance and approval of plans and specifications, and for the making of inspections, pursuant to sections 3781.03 and 3791.04 of the Revised Code.

(F) Each political subdivision that prescribes fees pursuant to division (E) of this section shall collect, on behalf of the board of building standards, fees equal to the following:

(1) Three per cent of the fees the political subdivision collects in connection with nonresidential buildings;

(2) One per cent of the fees the political subdivision collects in connection with residential buildings.

(G)(1) The board shall adopt rules, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, specifying the manner in which the fee assessed pursuant to division (F) of this section shall be collected and remitted monthly to the board. The board shall pay the fees into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.

(2) All money credited to the industrial compliance operating fund under this division shall be used exclusively for the following:

(a) Operating costs of the board;

(b) Providing services, including educational programs, for the building departments that are certified by the board pursuant to division (E) of section 3781.10 of the Revised Code;

(c) Paying the expenses of the residential construction advisory committee, including the expenses of committee members as provided in section 4740.14 of the Revised Code.

(H) A board of county commissioners that adopts rules providing for the licensing of electrical and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractors, pursuant to division (B) of this section, may accept, for purposes of satisfying the requirements of rules adopted under that division, a valid and unexpired license issued pursuant to Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code that is held by an electrical or heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, for the construction, replacement, maintenance, or repair of one-family, two-family, or three-family dwelling houses or accessory structures incidental to those dwelling houses.

(I) A board of county commissioners shall not register a specialty contractor who is required to hold a license under Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code but does not hold a valid license issued under that chapter.

(J) If a board of county commissioners regulates a profession, occupation, or occupational activity under this section, the board shall comply with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code.

(K) As used in this section, "specialty contractor" means a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning contractor, refrigeration contractor, electrical contractor, plumbing contractor, or hydronics contractor, as those contractors are described in Chapter 4740. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3781.105. (A) The board of building standards shall certify individuals who design fire protection systems for buildings and who meet the requirements specified in this section. The board

may establish separate certification categories for specific types of fire protection systems.

(B) Any individual who wishes to obtain certification shall make application to the board on a form prescribed by the board. The application shall be accompanied by an application fee and an initial certification fee. The initial certification fee shall be refunded if the applicant fails to obtain certification. Certification may be renewed annually upon payment of a renewal fee.

Fees required to be paid under this division shall be established by rule adopted by the board. The application fee shall bear a reasonable relationship to processing the individual's application, the certification fee shall bear a reasonable relationship to certifying the individual, and the certification renewal fee shall bear a reasonable relationship to renewing the individual's certification.

(C) Each applicant shall submit evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has directly engaged in designing and preparing drawings for the category of the type of fire protection system for which the applicant seeks certification.

(D) The board shall certify any qualified applicant who passes an examination prescribed either by the board or by the national institute for certification in engineering technologies. The examination shall demonstrate the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the category of the type of fire protection system for which the applicant seeks certification.

(E) The board, after a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may suspend or revoke any category of certification of any individual who proves at any time to be incompetent to submit and certify plans and specifications for that category to the appropriate building department under section 3791.04 of the Revised Code, and may suspend or revoke all categories of certification of any individual who engages in any illegal or fraudulent acts in connection with the design of fire protection systems.

~~(H)~~(F) The board may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for the administration and enforcement of this section.

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the board shall certify an applicant in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant is licensed or certified in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a designer of fire protection systems in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 3916.03. (A) ~~An~~ Except as provided in division (H) of this section, an applicant for a license as a viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker shall submit an application for the license in a manner prescribed by the superintendent of insurance. The application shall be accompanied by a fee established by the superintendent by rule adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(B) A license issued under this chapter to a person other than an individual authorizes all partners, officers, members, or designated employees of the person to act as viatical settlement providers or viatical settlement brokers, as applicable, and all those partners, officers, members, or designated employees shall be named in the application and any supplements to the application.

(C) ~~Upon~~ Except as provided in division (H) of this section, upon the filing of an application under this section and the payment of the license fee, the superintendent shall make an investigation of the applicant and issue to the applicant a license that states in substance that the person is

authorized to act as a viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker, as applicable, if all of the following apply:

(1) Regarding an application for a license as a viatical settlement provider, the applicant provides all of the following:

- (a) A detailed plan of operation;
- (b) Proof of financial responsibility pursuant to division (D) of this section;
- (c) A general description of the method the applicant will use to determine life expectancies, including a description of the applicant's intended receipt of life expectancies, the applicant's intended use of life expectancies, the applicant's intended use of life expectancy providers, and a written plan of policies and procedures used to determine life expectancies.

(2) The superintendent finds all of the following:

(a) The applicant is competent and trustworthy and intends to act in good faith in the capacity of a viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker, as applicable.

(b) The applicant has a good business reputation and has had experience, training, or education so as to be qualified to act in the capacity of a viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker, as applicable.

(3) If the applicant is a person other than an individual, the applicant provides a certificate of good standing from the state of its organization.

(4) The applicant provides an antifraud plan that meets the requirements of division (G) of section 3916.18 of the Revised Code.

(D)(1) An applicant for licensure as a viatical settlement provider may provide proof of financial responsibility through one of the following means:

(a) Submitting audited financial statements that show a minimum equity of not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in cash or cash equivalents;

(b) Submitting both audited annual financial statements that show positive equity and either of the following:

(i) A surety bond in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars in favor of this state issued by an insurer authorized to issue surety bonds in this state;

(ii) An unconditional and irrevocable letter of credit, deposit of cash, or securities, in any combination, in the aggregate amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

~~(2) If an applicant is licensed as a viatical settlement provider in another state, the superintendent may accept as valid any similar proof of financial responsibility the applicant filed in that state.~~

~~(3) The superintendent may request proof of financial responsibility at any time the superintendent considers necessary.~~

(E) An applicant shall provide all information requested by the superintendent. The superintendent may, at any time, require an applicant to fully disclose the identity of all shareholders, partners, officers, members, and employees, and may, in the exercise of the superintendent's discretion, refuse to issue a license to an applicant that is not an individual if the superintendent is not satisfied that each officer, employee, shareholder, partner, or member who may materially influence the applicant's conduct meets the standards set forth in this chapter.

(F) Except as otherwise provided in this division, a license as a viatical settlement provider or

viatical settlement broker expires on the last day of March next after its issuance or continuance. A license as a viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker may, in the discretion of the superintendent and the payment of an annual renewal fee established by the superintendent by rule adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, be continued past the last day of March next after its issue and after the last day of March in each succeeding year. Failure to pay the renewal fee by the required date results in the expiration of the license.

(G) Any individual licensed as a viatical settlement broker shall complete not less than fifteen hours of continuing education biennially. The superintendent shall approve continuing education courses that shall be related to viatical settlements and viatical settlement transactions. The superintendent shall adopt rules for the enforcement of this division.

(H) The superintendent shall ~~not~~ issue a license to ~~a nonresident~~ an applicant who is licensed in another state or has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code as a viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker in a state that does not issue that license in accordance with that chapter, ~~unless if~~ either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant files and maintains a written designation of an agent for service of process with the superintendent.

(2) The applicant has filed with the superintendent the applicant's written irrevocable consent that any action against the applicant may be commenced against the applicant by service of process on the superintendent.

(I) A viatical settlement provider or viatical settlement broker shall provide to the superintendent new or revised information regarding any change in its officers, any shareholder owning ten per cent or more of its voting securities, or its partners, directors, members, or designated employees within thirty days of the change.

(J) Any fee collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the department of insurance operating fund created by section 3901.021 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3951.03. (A) Before any certificate of authority shall be issued by the superintendent of insurance there shall be filed in ~~his~~ the superintendent's office a written application therefor. Such application shall be in the form or forms and supplements thereto prescribed by the superintendent and shall set forth:

~~(A)-(1)~~ (1) The name and address of the applicant, and if the applicant be a firm, association, or partnership, the name and address of each member thereof, and if the applicant be a corporation, the name and address of each of its officers and directors;

~~(B)-(2)~~ (2) Whether any license or certificate of authority as agent, broker, or public insurance adjuster has been issued previously by the superintendent of this state or by the insurance department of any state to the individual applicant, and, if the applicant be an individual, whether any such certificate has been issued previously to any firm, association, or partnership of which ~~he~~ the individual was or is an officer or director, and, if the applicant be a firm, association, or partnership, whether any such certificate has been issued previously to any member thereof, and, if the applicant be a corporation, whether any such certificate has been issued previously to any officer or director of such corporation;

~~(C)-(3)~~ (3) The business or employment in which the applicant has been engaged for the five

years next preceding the date of the application, and the name and address of such business and the name or names and addresses of his employer or employers;

~~(D)~~ (4) Such information as the superintendent may require of applicants in order to determine their trustworthiness and competency to transact the business of public insurance adjusters, in such manner as to safeguard the interest of the public;

~~(E)~~ ~~The (B)~~ Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the superintendent shall issue a public insurance adjuster agent certificate to a person, who is a bona fide employee of a public insurance adjuster without examination, provided said application is made by a person, partnership, association, or corporation engaged in the public insurance adjusting business. The fee to be paid by the applicant for such a license at the time the application is made, and annually thereafter for the renewal thereof according to the standard renewal procedure of sections 4745.01 to 4745.03, inclusive, of the Revised Code, shall be fifty dollars, and such applicant shall be bonded in the amount of one thousand dollars as provided for in division (D) of section 3951.06 of the Revised Code.

(C) The superintendent shall issue a public insurance adjuster agent certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a public insurance adjuster agent in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

(D) An application for any certificate of authority shall be signed and verified under oath by the applicant and, if made by a firm, association, partnership, or corporation, by each member or officer and director thereof to be authorized thereby to act as a public insurance adjuster.

Sec. 3951.05. The superintendent of insurance shall, in order to determine the trustworthiness and competency of any applicant for a certificate of authority to act as a public insurance adjuster, require such applicant or in the case of a firm, association, partnership, or corporation, such of its employees, members, officers, or directors, who are to be individually authorized to act under its certificate of authority, to submit to a written examination, ~~except applicants who are granted a waiver of examination in accordance with section 3951.09 of the Revised Code.~~ Examinations shall be held in such place in this state and at such time as the superintendent may designate.

Sec. 3951.09. The superintendent ~~may waive the requirement that an applicant submit to an examination to obtain~~ of insurance shall issue a certificate of authority under this chapter, ~~provided that the applicant is licensed as a public insurance adjuster in another state that required the applicant to submit to an examination as a condition of licensure. Prior to waiving the examination requirement with respect to a public insurance adjuster licensed in another state, the superintendent shall issue a notice at least sixty days prior to the effective date of the waiver identifying the applicant's other state of licensure. The notice shall be issued in a manner deemed appropriate by the superintendent. Once the superintendent has issued a notice under this section identifying an applicant's other state of licensure, the superintendent need not issue subsequent notices as to applicants licensed in the same state in order to waive the examination requirement for those applicants in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:~~

(A) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(B) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code as a public insurance adjuster in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 4104.07. (A) ~~An~~ Except as provided in division (E) of this section, an application for examination as an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels shall be in writing, accompanied by a fee of one hundred fifty dollars, upon a blank to be furnished by the superintendent of industrial compliance. Any moneys collected under this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.

(B) The superintendent shall determine if an applicant meets all the requirements for examination in accordance with rules adopted by the board of building standards under section 4104.02 of the Revised Code. An application shall be rejected which contains any willful falsification, or untruthful statements.

(C) An applicant shall be examined by the superintendent, by a written examination, prescribed by the board, dealing with the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of boilers and pressure vessels and their appurtenances, and the applicant shall be accepted or rejected on the merits of the applicant's application and examination.

(D) Upon a favorable report by the superintendent of the result of an examination, the superintendent shall immediately issue to the successful applicant a certificate of competency to that effect.

(E) The superintendent shall issue a certificate of competency in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an inspector of boilers and pressure vessels in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 4104.101. (A) No person shall install or make major repairs or modifications to any boiler without first registering to do so with the division of industrial compliance.

(B) No person shall make any installation or major repair or modification of any boiler without first obtaining a permit to do so from the division. The permit application form shall provide the name and address of the owner, location of the boiler, and type of repair or modification that will be made. The application permit fee shall be one hundred dollars.

(C) The superintendent of industrial compliance shall require annual registration of all contractors who install, make major repairs to, or modify any boiler. The board of building standards shall establish a reasonable fee to cover the cost of processing registrations.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the superintendent shall register a contractor to install, make major repairs to, or modify boilers in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code if either of the following applies:

(1) The contractor is licensed or registered in another state to install, make major repairs to, or modify boilers.

(2) The contractor has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter to install, make major repairs to, or modify boilers in a state that does not issue that license or registration.

Sec. 4104.19. (A) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in division (H) of this section, any person seeking a license to operate as a steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator shall file a written application with the superintendent of industrial compliance on a form prescribed by the superintendent with the appropriate application fee as set forth in section 4104.18 of the Revised Code. The application shall contain information satisfactory to the superintendent to demonstrate that the applicant meets the requirements of division (B) of this section. The application shall be filed with the superintendent not more than sixty days and not less than thirty days before the license examination is offered.

(B) To qualify to take the examination required to obtain a steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator license, a person shall meet both of the following requirements:

- (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;
- (2) Have one year of experience in the operation of steam engines, high pressure boilers, or low pressure boilers as applicable to the type of license being sought, or a combination of experience and education for the type of license sought as determined to be acceptable by the superintendent.

(C) No applicant shall qualify to take an examination or to renew a license if the applicant has violated this chapter or if the applicant has obtained or renewed a license issued under this chapter by fraud, misrepresentation, or deception.

(D) The superintendent shall issue a license to each applicant who receives a passing score on the examination, as determined by the superintendent, for the license for which the applicant applied.

(E) The superintendent may select and contract with one or more persons to do all of the following relative to the examinations for a license to operate as a steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator:

- (1) Prepare, administer, score, and maintain the confidentiality of the examination;
- (2) Maintain responsibility for all expenses required to fulfill division (E)(1) of this section;
- (3) Charge each applicant a fee for administering the examination, in an amount authorized by the superintendent;
- (4) Design the examination for each type of license to determine an applicant's competence to operate the equipment for which the applicant is seeking licensure.

(F) Each license issued under this chapter expires one year after the date of issue. Each person holding a valid, unexpired license may renew the license, without reexamination, by applying to the superintendent not more than ninety days before the expiration of the license, and submitting with the application the renewal fee established in section 4104.18 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the renewal information and fee, the superintendent shall issue the licensee a certificate of renewal.

(G) The superintendent, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may suspend or revoke any license, or may refuse to issue a license under this chapter upon finding that a licensee or an applicant for a license has violated or is violating the requirements of this chapter. The superintendent shall not refuse to issue a license to an applicant because of a disqualifying offense unless the refusal is in accordance with section 9.79 of the Revised Code.

(H) The superintendent shall issue a license in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(1) The applicant holds a license in another state.

(2) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a steam engineer, high pressure boiler operator, or low pressure boiler operator in a state that does not issue that license.

Sec. 4105.02. No person may act, either as a general inspector or as a special inspector, of elevators, unless the person holds a certificate of competency from the division of industrial compliance.

Application for examination as an inspector of elevators shall be in writing, accompanied by a fee to be established as provided in section 4105.17 of the Revised Code, and upon a blank to be furnished by the division, stating the school education of the applicant, a list of the applicant's employers, the applicant's period of employment, and the position held with each. An applicant shall also submit a letter from one or more of the applicant's previous employers certifying as to the applicant's character and experience.

Applications shall be rejected which contain any willful falsification or untruthful statements. An applicant, if the division considers the applicant's history and experience sufficient, shall be examined by the superintendent of industrial compliance by a written examination dealing with the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of elevators and their appurtenances, and the applicant shall be accepted or rejected on the merits of the applicant's application and examination.

~~The~~ Except as provided in this section, the superintendent shall issue a certificate of competency in the inspection of elevators to any applicant found competent upon examination. A rejected applicant shall be entitled, after the expiration of ninety days and upon payment of an examination fee to be established as provided in section 4105.17 of the Revised Code, to another examination. Should an applicant fail to pass the prescribed examination on second trial, the applicant will not be permitted to be an applicant for another examination for a period of one year after the second examination.

The superintendent shall issue a certificate of competency in the inspection of elevators in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an applicant if either of the following applies:

(A) The applicant holds a license or certificate in another state.

(B) The applicant has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as an inspector of elevators in a state that does not issue that license or certificate.

Sec. 4169.03. (A) Before a passenger tramway operator may operate any passenger tramway in the state, the operator shall apply to the division of industrial compliance in the department of commerce, on forms prepared by it, for registration by the division. The application shall contain an inventory of the passenger tramways that the applicant intends to operate and other information as the division may reasonably require and shall be accompanied by the following annual fees:

- (1) Each aerial passenger tramway, five hundred dollars;
- (2) Each skimobile, two hundred dollars;
- (3) Each chair lift, two hundred dollars;
- (4) Each J bar, T bar, or platter pull, one hundred dollars;
- (5) Each rope tow, fifty dollars;

(6) Each wire rope tow, seventy-five dollars;

(7) Each conveyor, one hundred dollars.

When an operator operates an aerial passenger tramway, a skimobile, or a chair lift during both a winter and summer season, the annual fee shall be one and one-half the above amount for the respective passenger tramway.

(B) Upon payment of the appropriate annual fees in accordance with division (A) of this section and successful completion of the inspection described in section 4169.04 of the Revised Code, the division shall issue a registration certificate to the operator. Each certificate shall remain in force until the thirtieth day of September next ensuing. The division shall renew an operator's certificate in accordance with the standard renewal procedure in Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code upon payment of the appropriate annual fees.

(C) Money received from the registration fees and from the fines collected pursuant to section 4169.99 of the Revised Code shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the industrial compliance operating fund created in section 121.084 of the Revised Code.

(D) No person shall operate a passenger tramway in this state unless the person has been registered by the division.

(E) The division shall issue a registration certificate in accordance with Chapter 4796. of the Revised Code to an operator if either of the following applies:

(1) The operator is licensed or registered in another state.

(2) The operator has satisfactory work experience, a government certification, or a private certification as described in that chapter as a passenger tramway operator in a state that does not issue that license or registration.

Sec. 4301.10. (A) The division of liquor control shall do all of the following:

(1) Control the traffic in beer and intoxicating liquor in this state, including the manufacture, importation, and sale of beer and intoxicating liquor;

(2) Grant or refuse permits for the manufacture, distribution, transportation, and sale of beer and intoxicating liquor and the sale of alcohol, as authorized or required by this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code. A certificate, signed by the superintendent of liquor control and to which is affixed the official seal of the division, stating that it appears from the records of the division that no permit has been issued to the person specified in the certificate, or that a permit, if issued, has been revoked, canceled, or suspended, shall be received as prima-facie evidence of the facts recited in the certificate in any court or before any officer of this state.

(3) Put into operation, manage, and control a system of state liquor stores for the sale of spirituous liquor at retail and to holders of permits authorizing the sale of spirituous liquor; however, the division shall not establish any drive-in state liquor stores; and by means of those types of stores, and any manufacturing plants, distributing and bottling plants, warehouses, and other facilities that it considers expedient, establish and maintain a state monopoly of the distribution of spirituous liquor and its sale in packages or containers; and for that purpose, manufacture, buy, import, possess, and sell spirituous liquors as provided in this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code, and in the rules promulgated by the superintendent of liquor control pursuant to those chapters; lease or in any manner acquire the use of any land or building required for any of those purposes; purchase any equipment that is required; and borrow money to carry on its business, and issue, sign, endorse, and

accept notes, checks, and bills of exchange; but all obligations of the division created under authority of this division shall be a charge only upon the moneys received by the division from the sale of spirituous liquor and its other business transactions in connection with the sale of spirituous liquor, and shall not be general obligations of the state;

(4) Enforce the administrative provisions of this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code, and the rules and orders of the liquor control commission and the superintendent relating to the manufacture, importation, transportation, distribution, and sale of beer or intoxicating liquor. The attorney general, any prosecuting attorney, and any prosecuting officer of a municipal corporation or a municipal court shall, at the request of the division of liquor control or the department of public safety, prosecute any person charged with the violation of any provision in those chapters or of any section of the Revised Code relating to the manufacture, importation, transportation, distribution, and sale of beer or intoxicating liquor.

(5) Determine the locations of all state liquor stores and manufacturing, distributing, and bottling plants required in connection with those stores, subject to this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code;

(6) Conduct inspections of liquor permit premises to determine compliance with the administrative provisions of this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under those provisions by the liquor control commission.

Except as otherwise provided in division (A)(6) of this section, those inspections may be conducted only during those hours in which the permit holder is open for business and only by authorized agents or employees of the division or by any peace officer, as defined in section 2935.01 of the Revised Code. Inspections may be conducted at other hours only to determine compliance with laws or commission rules that regulate the hours of sale of beer or intoxicating liquor and only if the investigator has reasonable cause to believe that those laws or rules are being violated. Any inspection conducted pursuant to division (A)(6) of this section is subject to all of the following requirements:

(a) The only property that may be confiscated is contraband, as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code, or property that is otherwise necessary for evidentiary purposes.

(b) A complete inventory of all property confiscated from the premises shall be given to the permit holder or the permit holder's agent or employee by the confiscating agent or officer at the conclusion of the inspection. At that time, the inventory shall be signed by the confiscating agent or officer, and the agent or officer shall give the permit holder or the permit holder's agent or employee the opportunity to sign the inventory.

(c) Inspections conducted pursuant to division (A)(6) of this section shall be conducted in a reasonable manner. A finding by any court of competent jurisdiction that an inspection was not conducted in a reasonable manner in accordance with this section or any rules adopted by the commission may be considered grounds for suppression of evidence. A finding by the commission that an inspection was not conducted in a reasonable manner in accordance with this section or any rules adopted by it may be considered grounds for dismissal of the commission case.

If any court of competent jurisdiction finds that property confiscated as the result of an administrative inspection is not necessary for evidentiary purposes and is not contraband, as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code, the court shall order the immediate return of the confiscated