



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4507.021 Memorandum of understanding for enhanced licenses and IDs.

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(A)(1) The director of public safety shall enter into a memorandum of understanding agreement with the United States department of homeland security or other designated federal agency. The purpose of the agreement is to obtain approval to issue enhanced driver's licenses, enhanced commercial driver's licenses, and enhanced identification cards to Ohio residents for use as proof of identity and citizenship and for purposes of entering the United States at authorized land and sea ports.

(2) In conjunction with the United States department of homeland security or other designated federal agency, the director may enter into an agreement with the United Mexican States, any country within the region of the Caribbean, Canada, or any Canadian province for the purpose of implementing a border-crossing initiative.

(B)(1) Pursuant to an agreement under division (A)(1) of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles, subject to approval by the director, shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code governing issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card.

(2) The rules shall establish all of the following:

(a) Acceptable methods of proving citizenship for an applicant for an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, or enhanced identification card;

(b) Reasonable security measures to prevent counterfeiting of enhanced licenses and identification cards and to protect against unauthorized disclosure of personal information that is contained in an enhanced license or identification card. The rules may require a one-to-many biometric matching system for identification purposes, use of radio frequency identification technology, or use of other secure technology that is acceptable to the United States department of homeland security and is encrypted or otherwise secure from unauthorized data access.



(c) Any other additional characteristics of an enhanced license or identification card as determined by the registrar.

(C) The registrar may adopt any other rules necessary to administer the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card.