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NEW BILLS SIGNED INTO OHIO LAW IN JULY

Several bills made it onto the desk of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and were signed into law on July 7, 2026. These bills go into effect 90 days after being signed by the governor.



HB 492 amends ORC 4513.37 by expanding the prohibition against interfering with an arrest to apply to all motor vehicle-related laws. Upon request by a peace officer, all occupants of a motor vehicle must provide their name, address, and date of birth. This information must be provided even if the individuals are not being arrested or charged with a crime.

Thirteen sections of the ORC are amended by **HB 210**, which creates new offenses in ORC 2913.02 regarding the theft of catalytic converters and the purchase and sale of used catalytic converters. Stealing or knowingly receiving a stolen catalytic converter is now classified as a fifth-degree felony.

Businesses and scrap metal dealers are now subject to stricter recordkeeping and reporting requirements when buying or selling catalytic converters. HB 210 also establishes penalties for noncompliance with these new requirements. Additionally, motor vehicle salvage dealers may no longer purchase or accept catalytic converters.

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HB 533 expands the types of vehicles that may be involved in charges of vehicular homicide and vehicular assault by amending ORC sections 2903.06 and 2903.08. Newly included vehicles are all-purpose vehicles, golf carts, motorized bicycles, motorized scooters, and mopeds.

These laws will go into effect Tuesday, October 5, 2026. Find the most up-to-date version of the Ohio Revised Code on Lexis+ and ABA eBooks in the [Members Research Area of our website](#).



EEOC PASSES PROPOSED CHANGES TO EEO-1 DATA REPORTING 2-1

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has voted 2-1 advancing a proposal to rescind EEO-1 data reporting and related reports EEO-2 through EEO-6. This change marks what has the potential to be the biggest change to EEOC policy in decades.

Commissioners Andrea Lucas and Brittany Panuccio, voting to eliminate the report, argue that mandatory demographic reporting could be encouraging race and sex based employment decisions. If this is the case, they state the reports themselves could be unconstitutional. Further, they raise concerns about the financial burden collecting this data places upon employers.

Dissenting, Commissioner Kalpana Kotagal

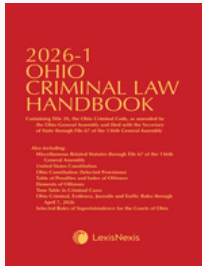
argues that EEO-1 has been a critical civil rights enforcement tool for years, aiding the EEOC in identifying systemic discrimination and prioritizing investigations. She also notes that demographic data will still be collected by employers for other legal and compliance reasons.

Passing this proposal begins the federal rulemaking process. The proposal in its entirety is now available for review. A notice period followed by public comment will take place before an official change or elimination of EEO-1 reporting can take place.

It is important to note that the rule has not been changed at this time. Until notice of an official change, employers must still collect all required EEO-1 data.

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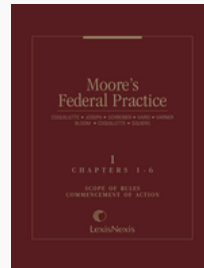
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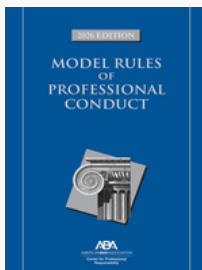
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PROBATE COURT TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Stark County Probate Court will be closed to the public for two weeks beginning July 27, 2026. Their Case Management System will be undergoing upgrades during this time.

While closed, the Court has made a station available for filing drop-offs and pick-ups. This station also includes blank form packets for those looking to file. Please anticipate filing delays until the Court reopens August 10, 2026.

Additionally, Probate Court's updated case deposit

amounts went into effect Monday, July 27, 2026.

[Probate Court Updated Case Cost Deposit Amounts](#)



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