

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Notice of hearing to adopt Rule 4501:1-1-40  
of the Ohio Administrative Code in accordance with  
Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held by the Registrar of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, for the purpose of considering adoption of the above-listed proposed administrative rule.

As authorized in Section 4501.81 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles has proposed to adopt Rule 4501:1-1-40 of the Ohio Administrative Code regarding establishment of a database to be known as the Ohio next of kin database within the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) that is accessible only to employees of the BMV and to criminal justice agencies.

The proposed new rule provides that an individual holding a valid Ohio driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, motorcycle operator's license, motorized bicycle operator's license, or state identification card shall be afforded the opportunity to list the name, address, telephone number, and relationship to the individual of contact person(s) whom the individual wishes to be contacted if the individual is involved in a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation and the individual dies or is seriously injured or rendered unconscious and is unable to communicate with the contact person. It provides the methods of applying for, and of making changes to, a listing of next of kin on the Ohio next of kin database. It also provides that the BMV may prescribe security requirements to protect the integrity of, and access to, the next of kin and contact person information.

A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held Friday, July 11, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in room 109 (first floor) of the Charles D. Shipley Building, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Either written or oral testimony will be received at the hearing. Additionally, written comments received at the address below before the hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rule or comments on it should be submitted in person or by mail to the following address: Office of Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 1970 West Broad Street, Suite 531, P.O. Box 182081, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2081, Telephone: (614) 466-7014.