

CHAPTER 341  
Drivers of Commercial Cars or Tractors

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CROSS REFERENCES

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Warning devices when disabled on freeways - see Ohio R.C. 4513.28

Hours of service of truck drivers - see Ohio R.C. 4921.30, 4923.16

Arrest notice of drivers - see Ohio R.C. 5577.14

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341.01 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter of the Traffic Code:

- (a) "Commercial car" means any motor vehicle having motor power designed and used for carrying merchandise or freight, or used as a commercial tractor. (ORC 4501.01(G))
- (b) "Commercial tractor," except as defined in Section 301.02, means any motor vehicle having motive power designed or used for drawing other motor vehicles, or designed or used for drawing another motor vehicle while carrying a portion of such other motor vehicle or its load, or both. (ORC 4501.01(D))
- (c) "Owner" includes any person, firm or corporation other than a manufacturer or dealer having title to a motor vehicle. (ORC 4501.01(P))

341.02 PERMITTING OR DRIVING WHILE FATIGUED OR ILL PROHIBITED.

(a) No person shall drive a commercial car or commercial tractor, as defined herein, while his ability or alertness is so impaired by fatigue, illness or other causes that it is unsafe for him to drive such vehicle. No driver shall use any drug which would adversely affect his ability or alertness.

(b) No owner, as defined herein, of a commercial car or commercial tractor, or a person employing or otherwise directing the driver of such vehicle, shall require or knowingly permit a driver in any such condition described in subsection (a) of this section to drive such vehicle upon any street or highway. (ORC 4511.79)

341.03 DRIVER'S CONSECUTIVE SERVICE AND OFF-DUTY HOURS.

No owner, as defined herein, of a commercial car or commercial tractor, as defined herein, or person employing or otherwise directing the driver of such vehicle, shall require or knowingly permit a driver to drive such vehicle in this Municipality after fourteen consecutive hours of service, within or without this Municipality. After fourteen consecutive hours of service, such driver shall have at least eight consecutive hours off duty, no part of which shall be required to be spent in or upon a motor vehicle.

In addition, no such driver shall be required or knowingly permitted to drive such vehicle in this Municipality after fourteen total hours of service within or without this Municipality in any twenty-four hour period until he has had at least eight consecutive hours off duty, no part of which shall be required to be spent in or upon a motor vehicle.

In cases of emergency this section shall not apply. (ORC 4511.80)

341.99 PENALTY.

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