

New Traffic Laws:

Vehicle headlights:

Ohio State law requires that vehicle headlights be on at any time when the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in use because of precipitation on the windshield. A provision in the bill mandates that it is a secondary offense and will have a six month phase in. Warnings only shall be issued until December 31, 2009. Enforcement under section Ohio revised Code 4513.03 for this violation can commence on January 1, 2010.

Child Restraints:

Ohio State law requires that children under four years old and under 40 pounds must ride in a car seat or booster that is appropriate for the child's age and weight. Ohio state law also states that the car seat must be used according to manufacturer's instructions.

Beginning October 7, 2009, Ohio also requires that children ages four through seven who are less than 4'9" tall must ride in a federally approved booster seat.

Children through age 15 must wear a seat belt or be secured in an appropriate child restraint system.