



ENACTMENT SUMMARY

HB 492 **Interfering with Motor Vehicle Arrests** Effective October 6, 2026

On July 7, 2026, Governor DeWine signed HB 492 (Reps. Ray and Abrams) into law. The bill expands the offense of interfering with certain motor-vehicle-related offenses (R.C. 4513.36).

Under prior law at R.C. 4513.36, “[n]o person shall resist, hinder, obstruct, or abuse any sheriff, constable, or other official while that official is attempting to arrest offenders under any provision of sections 4511.01 to 4511.78, 4511.99, and 4513.01 to 4513.37 of the Revised Code. No person shall interfere with any person charged under any provision of any of those sections with the enforcement of the law relative to public highways.” A violation of this offense was a minor misdemeanor.

The bill replaces “sheriff, constable, or other official” with the more general “peace officer,” and expands the list of applicable code sections to any section of Title 45 or substantially equivalent municipal ordinance. The offense is now an M2.

Additionally, the bill expands the offense to also prohibit the operator or passenger of a motor vehicle, streetcar, trackless trolley, motorcycle, under-speed vehicle, motorized bike or moped, all-purpose vehicle, utility vehicle, mini-truck, snowmobile, watercraft, or aircraft from refusing to disclose their name, address, or date of birth when requested by a peace officer who reasonably suspects the person has committed a violation of contained in Title 45 or a substantially similar municipal violation. Nothing in the bill requires an operator or passenger to answer any question beyond name, address, or date of birth, and it is not a violation of the offense to refuse to answer a question that would reveal the person’s age or date of birth if such information is an element of the crime the person is suspected of committing. A violation of this new prohibition is an M4.

The House of Representatives passed the bill on November 19, 2025 by a vote of 59-21, and the Ohio Senate passed the bill June 10, 2026 by a vote of 24-9. The bill was signed into law on July 7, 2026 and takes effect on October 6, 2026.