



Legislative Update – October 29, 2015

Legislation			
131 st GENERAL ASSEMBLY			
Description	Bill	Status	Position
House Bills			
To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures.	HB 9	Sen. Ways and Means	IP
Creates the Elder Abuse Commission to formulate and recommend strategies on matters related to elder abuse. Expands and modifies the list of persons required to report to a county department of job and family services (CDJFS) that they have reasonable cause to believe that a person 60 or older is being exploited.	HB 24	Sen. Health and Human Services	IP
To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure database.	HB 46	Sen. Finance	IP
To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.	HB 64	*Signed*	IP
To regulate insurance requirements for transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers.	HB 90	Govt Accountability/Oversight	IP
To establish summary actions to foreclose mortgages on vacant and abandoned residential properties, to expedite the foreclosure and transfer of unoccupied, blighted parcels, to make other changes relative to residential foreclosure actions, and to terminate certain provisions of this act on December 31, 2019.	HB 134	Sen. Govt Oversight Cmte	Pro
Require the Treasurer of State to create a program offering federally tax-advantaged savings accounts used to pay for a person's qualified disability expenses and to disregard the value of and income from that account in determining whether that person is eligible for state or local means-tested public assistance.	HB 155	*Signed*	Pro
To prohibit a person from engaging in the widespread sending of bad faith, objectively baseless communications of patent infringement and to authorize the Attorney General to investigate and institute a civil action if the Attorney General believes a person has made such assertions of patent infringement.	HB 194	Judiciary	Pro
To provide that a portion of a condominium or planned community assessment is prior to other liens on condominium units and planned community lots and to provide that a condominium unit owners association lien is a continuing lien.	HB 226	Commerce & Labor	Opp
To create the Ohio Family Trust Company Act.	HB 229	*passed House*	Opp
To regulate transportation network companies and transportation network company services.	HB 237	House Govt Accountability & Oversight	IP



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To enact the "Ohio Rural Jobs Act" which authorizes a nonrefundable tax credit for insurance companies that invest in rural business growth funds, which are certified to provide capital to rural and agricultural businesses Am. 5725.98 and 5729.98 and to enact sections	HB 253	AG & Rural Development	IP
Regarding the removal of abandoned or unoccupied manufactured homes, mobile homes, or recreational vehicles from manufactured home parks.	HB 273	FIHUD	IP
To require notice and an opportunity for a hearing to a defendant before entry of judgment pursuant to a confession of judgment	HB 291	Judiciary	Opp
To create the D.O.L.L.A.R. Deed program as additional resource/loan modification tool.	HB 303	*passed House*	IP
To require the Public Utilities Commission to raise the existing statutorily designated towing and storage fees annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, to establish a \$35 fee for the retrieval of nonmedical personal items from a motor vehicle, to modify the civil penalties applicable to violations of the towing law, to modify the calculation of the value of an abandoned vehicle to which a towing service or storage facility seeks to take title, and to make other changes to the towing law.	HB 341	State Government	IP
To authorize the Treasurer of State to determine by rule the total market value of securities that must be pledged to secure the repayment of all uninsured public deposits at a particular public depository, to make other changes relative to the Ohio Pooled Collateral Program, and to declare an emergency.	HB 374	*passed*	Pro
To raise the maximum allowable limit of the monetary jurisdiction of small claims divisions of municipal courts.	HB 387	Local Gov't	Pro
To temporarily change the taxable wage base under Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law, to remove dependency classes for unemployment compensation benefit eligibility, to temporarily freeze automatic increases for weekly unemployment compensation benefit amounts, to reduce the number of weeks for which an individual may receive unemployment compensation benefits, to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, and to make other changes to Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law	HB 394	Insurance	IP



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Senate Bills			
To make peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical workers diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder arising from employment without an accompanying physical injury eligible for compensation and benefits under Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law.	SB 5	Finance	IP
Specify that discrimination by an employer against any person because of the person's credit history is an unlawful discriminatory practice under the Ohio Civil Rights Law.	SB 65	Civil Justice	Opp
Prohibit an insurer's use of a credit score, credit history, or credit report in fixing a premium rate for, or the terms and conditions of, an insurance policy, or in determining whether to issue, continue, or renew an insurance policy.	SB 64	Insurance	Opp
Prohibit employers from including on an employment application any question concerning whether an applicant has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony.	SB 79		
Waive any penalty due with respect to unpaid property taxes resulting when a mortgage lender fails to notify the county auditor of a satisfied mortgage.	SB 96	State and Local Govt	IP
To regulate insurance requirements for transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers.	SB 111	Insurance	IP
To require the Treasurer of State to create a program offering federally tax-advantaged savings accounts used to pay for a person's qualified disability expenses and to disregard the value of and income from that account in determining whether that person is eligible for state or local means-tested public assistance.	SB 147	Ways and Means	Opp
To create the Ohio Family Trust Company Act.	SB 175	Financial Institutions	IP
Expand nuisance law to apply to any real estate, vacant land, on which an offense of violence has occurred or is occurring.	SB 201	Civil Justice	IP
To enact the "Ohio Rural Jobs Act" which authorizes a nonrefundable tax credit for insurance companies that invest in rural business growth funds, which are certified to provide capital to rural and agricultural businesses Am. 5725.98 and 5729.98 and to enact sections	SB 209	House Ag & Rural Dev.	IP
Regarding debt adjusting.	SB 226	Financial Inst.	IP