

House Bill 212 Sponsor Testimony

House Financial Institutions Committee

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Chairman Jordan, Vice Chair Hillyer, Ranking Member Crossman, and Members of the House Financial Institution Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 212. House Bill 212 provides added regulation for nonbank automated teller machines. This bill is similar to House Bill 106 that I introduced last general assembly.

Cleveland News Channel 5 investigative reporter Joe Pagonakis first brought this crime epidemic to my attention a few years ago citing interviews with several local convenient store owners who fell victim to smash and grab robberies of nonbank automated teller machines.

These types of criminals use vehicles, often times stolen, to plow into stores, grab the ATM, and make their getaway. The design behind these crimes is one that can be greatly mitigated, if not completely expunged through better and safer regulation of store born non-bank ATMs. This type of crime jeopardizes the safety of customers and store employees; it disrupts business, and has caused thousands in storefront damage.

House Bill 212 differs from House Bill 106 in last general assembly by requiring nonbank automated teller machines to be fastened to the ground with four bolts, each one being at least three to four inches long and not requiring an ATM to be placed along a brick or concrete wall. Regulations such as this would make it extremely difficult for the perpetrator to remove the ATM, and regulations on how the ATM is secured to the floor and how much money is kept inside the machine would serve as a major deterrent for this type of crime.

The optimism behind House Bill 212 is to illuminate this growing epidemic and provide reasonable solutions to quell this problem. Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will join me in supporting this legislation. At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions.