



## *Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\**

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Removes from the version of the bill passed by the House, the provisions that allowed motor vehicles to carry only one license plate.

Revises the Commercial Driver's License Law as follows:

--Establishes new prohibited alcohol concentrations for blood plasma and serum and urine that apply to the operator of a commercial motor vehicle (.048 of 1% or more per 100 milliliters of blood serum or blood plasma, and .056 of 1% or more per 100 milliliters of urine).

--Provides that a "serious traffic violation" includes a single charge of any speed in excess of 15 miles per hour over the speed limit; a charge of operating a commercial motor vehicle without having the proper class or endorsement on one's commercial driver's license (CDL); and a charge of operating a commercial motor vehicle without having one's CDL in one's possession unless the person shows proof of having such a license.

--Eliminates the existing provision that provides that there is no fee for the annual issuance of a waiver for farm-related service industries, and imposes a \$25 fee for such issuance.

--Establishes that a CDL applicant's appointment fee (\$50 with a public entity and up to \$85 with a private entity) is not to be refunded if the person makes an appointment to take all portions of the skills test and shows up to take the test, but then declines or is unable to take all portions of the test.

--Requires a CDL applicant who schedules an appointment to take one or more, but not all, portions of the skills test to pay an appointment fee.

--Permits a CDL medical examination to be given by a doctor of chiropractic.

--Modifies some of the CDL classes and endorsements.

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\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the Senate floor.

--Enacts new prohibitions relating to actions that CDL holders are not permitted to perform.

--Modifies the disqualification and implied consent provisions.

Restores a provision from the introduced version of the bill that combines four funds (Seat Belt Education Fund, Elementary School Program Fund, Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Fund, and Trauma and Emergency Medical Services Grants Fund) that receive seat belt fine money, and are used by the Department of Public Safety, into the Emergency Medical Services Fund.

Extends until the earlier of December 31, 2005, or the full implementation of the Automated Title Processing System, the 50% reimbursement made from the Automated Title Processing Fund to a clerk of a court of common pleas who certifies revenue loss during 2004 resulting from the implementation of cross-county titling.

Specifies that a county or township must conduct two public hearings prior to adopting any resolution concerning the levy of a local motor vehicle license tax.

Provides that when a driver's license applicant surrenders a license from another jurisdiction, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must report to the other issuing authority the surrender of the license and the issuance of an Ohio license and must destroy the surrendered license if it is not returned to the other issuing authority.

Requires the Director of Public Safety to implement electronic licensing and registration procedures for private investigators and security guards not later than December 31, 2006.

Provides that where the boundary between two local authorities rests on the centerline of a highway, the speed limit for the shared part of the highway is to be either of the speed limits permitted by law as agreed by the two authorities.

Establishes procedures for the Director of Transportation to debar applicants for special hauling permits, and establishes grounds for debarment.

Restores a provision from the introduced version of the bill that permits the Director of Transportation, with the approval of the Director of Budget and Management, to enter into agreements with an agency of the United States government for costs of providing services, or into project cooperation agreements with the U.S. Army for construction projects, which may include provisions for advance payment by the state, but alters the provision by requiring the approval of the Director of Budget and Management for such agreements.

Extends through June 30, 2007 an uncodified law allowing the Director of Transportation or a local authority to issue special permits for transporting three or fewer steel coils in a single load on a state or local highway so long as the gross vehicle weight



of the transport vehicle, including the coils, does not exceed 92,000 pounds, rather than making this provision permanent, as in the version of the bill passed by the House.

Specifically allows the Ohio Turnpike Commission to issue a special permit to allow the operation of a motor vehicle transporting two or fewer steel coils on any turnpike project and removes a provision from the version of the bill passed by the House that required the Turnpike Commission to allow the operation of a motor vehicle transporting two or fewer steel coils under a special permit issued by the Director of Transportation.

Allows a law enforcement officer who orders an abandoned vehicle into storage to "relinquish jurisdiction over the vehicle" to the owner of the storage facility.

Requires ODOT to develop and "maintain" a pavement management system, rather than develop and "implement" such a system, as in the version of the bill passed by the House.

Establishes not more than five years as the warranty period for ODOT bridge painting projects that are bid requiring a warranty.

Permits the county engineer to dispose of metal scrap construction materials resulting from a road or bridge improvement only if they cannot be used in any other "project," rather than, as in the version of the bill passed by the House, in any other "construction project."

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