Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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STATUS:	**As Passed by the Senate**	SPONSOR:	**Sen. Schuler**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Permissive**

CONTENTS: **To authorize designated persons to remove motor vehicles from roadways after accidents**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits local law enforcement officers, State Highway Patrol troopers, fire department chiefs, and any private tow truck operator or towing company authorized by these public safety officials or the Ohio Department of Transportation to remove motor vehicles and materials from the roadway after a vehicle accident without prior consent of the vehicle owner. The bill also generally provides immunity from civil damages to these persons when removing these items. Although the bill appears to have no direct fiscal effect on the state or its political subdivisions, one possible outcome would be to reduce the amount of time that law enforcement and fire department personnel spend at accident sites. Another potential outcome would be to reduce the amount of time that roadways are blocked because of accidents.

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