

H.B. 26
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 37 of the title, after "4907.472," insert "5501.47," 1

In line 91, after "4907.472," insert "5501.47," 2

Between lines 12899 and 12900, insert: 3

"**Sec. 5501.47.** (A) The director of transportation is 4
responsible for inspection of all bridges on the state highway 5
system inside and outside of municipalities, all bridges 6
connecting Ohio with another state for which the department of 7
transportation has inspection authority, and all other bridges or 8
portions of bridges for which responsibility for inspection is by 9
law or agreement assigned to the department. 10

Such inspection shall be made annually by a professional 11
engineer or other qualified person under the supervision of a 12
professional engineer, or more frequently if required by the 13
director, in accordance with the manual of bridge inspection 14
described in division (B) of this section. 15

The director shall cause to be maintained in each district of 16
the department an updated inventory of all bridges within such 17
district that are on the state highway system, including those 18
located within municipalities, and all other bridges for which the 19
department has responsibility for inspection. The inventory record 20

shall indicate who is responsible for inspection and for
maintenance, and the authority for such responsibilities.

On those bridges where there exists joint maintenance
responsibility, the director shall furnish a copy of reports to
each party responsible for a share of maintenance.

"Maintenance" as used in this division means actual
performance of maintenance work.

(B)(1) As used in this division:

(a) "Inspection" means the inspection described in the manual
of bridge inspection adopted by the department.

(b) "Highway" means those highway systems in section 5535.01
of the Revised Code, highways, streets, and roads within
municipalities, and any other highway, street, and road on which
the public travels.

(c) "Bridge" means any structure of ~~ten~~ twenty feet or more
clear span or ~~ten~~ twenty feet or more in diameter on, above, or
below a highway, including structures upon which railroad
locomotives or cars may travel.

(2) The director shall have general responsibility for
initiating, developing, and maintaining procedures and practices
that provide for and promote professional inspection of bridges.
The director shall:

(a) Prepare, maintain, and update a manual of bridge
inspection that will provide standards applicable to the
inspection of all bridges on, above, or below highways. The manual
shall include, but is not limited to, standards relating to
frequency of inspection, qualifications of persons inspecting or
supervising inspections, and procedures and practices facilitating
professional inspection of bridges.

(b) Develop and furnish inspection forms and other forms 50
relating to inspection, and approve forms used in lieu of the 51
departmental forms; 52

(c) Assist and cooperate with governmental units, upon 53
request, with inspection, disseminate information to appropriate 54
governmental officials and agencies with regard to responsibility 55
and inspection practices, and confer with public officials and 56
other individuals on inspection of bridges; such assistance may be 57
in the form of contracts with counties or municipal corporations 58
for transportation department inspection services; 59

(d) Inspect any bridge on a highway, with a designated 60
representative of the owner, where ~~he~~ the director has reason to 61
believe that the report of inspection does not reflect the 62
condition of such bridge or that the inspection did not accord 63
with the standards contained in the manual of bridge inspection." 64

In line 15969, after "4907.472," insert "5501.47," 65

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Definition of bridge 66

R.C. 5501.47 67

Amends the definition of bridge, for purposes of bridge 68
inspections, to mean structures 20 feet or more clear span or 20 69
feet or more in diameter on, above, or below a highway, rather 70
than 10 feet or more, as in current law. 71