

H. B. No. 315  
As Introduced

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

In line 14 of the title, after "sections" insert "503.54," 1

In line 29, after "sections" insert "503.54," 2

After line 347, insert: 3

"Sec. 503.54. (A) As used in this section: 4

(1) "Admission" means the right or privilege to enter into 5  
any place. 6

(2) "Qualifying township" means a township that has all or 7  
any part of a qualifying event venue within its boundaries. 8

(3) "Qualifying event venue" means a theater, concert 9  
hall, entertainment venue, or similar space for hosting 10  
performances or events that meets both of the following 11  
requirements: 12

(a) The venue has a capacity of at least two thousand 13  
attendees; 14

(b) The venue, and the land on which it is situated, is 15



exempt from property taxation. 16

(B) For the purposes of providing revenue for police, 17  
fire, and emergency medical services and of paying the costs of 18  
administering the fee, the legislative authority of a qualifying 19  
township may, by resolution, impose a fee upon the sale of 20  
admission to any qualifying event venue in the township. 21

(C) The resolution shall state that the fee does not apply 22  
to amounts paid for admission to any of the following: 23

(1) A county fairground; 24

(2) Events or activities sponsored by the state or a 25  
political subdivision, including any city, local, or exempted 26  
village school district; 27

(3) Events or activities wherein the charge for admission 28  
is ten dollars or less. 29

(D) The rate of a fee imposed under this section shall 30  
equal a fixed amount per admission, but shall not exceed one 31  
dollar per admission. Every person receiving any payment for a 32  
sale on which a fee is imposed under this section shall collect 33  
the amount of the fee from the person making the admission 34  
payment and remit the fee to the qualifying township in the 35  
manner and at the times prescribed by the regulations adopted by 36  
the board of township trustees. 37

(E) The resolution shall state that the fee shall be 38  
referred to as a "protect and serve charge." Before adopting the 39  
resolution, the board of township trustees shall conduct two 40  
public hearings on the resolution, the second hearing to be not 41  
less than three nor more than ten days after the first. Notice 42  
of the date, time, and place of such hearings shall be given by 43

publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the 44  
township or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code once 45  
a week on the same day of the week for two consecutive weeks, 46  
the second publication being not less than ten nor more than 47  
thirty days before the first hearing. 48

No resolution under this section shall become effective 49  
sooner than thirty days following its adoption, and such 50  
resolution is subject to a referendum in the same manner, except 51  
as to the form of the petition, as provided in division (H) of 52  
section 519.12 of the Revised Code for a proposed amendment to a 53  
township zoning resolution. In addition, a petition under this 54  
section shall be governed by the rules specified in section 55  
3501.38 of the Revised Code. No resolution imposing a fee under 56  
this section for which a referendum vote has been requested 57  
shall go into effect unless approved by a majority of those 58  
voting upon it. 59

(F) The legislative authority of a qualifying township 60  
imposing a fee pursuant to this section shall establish all 61  
regulations necessary to provide for the administration of the 62  
fee. The regulations shall provide, after deducting the real and 63  
actual costs of administering the fee, that the revenue be used 64  
exclusively for providing police, fire, and emergency medical 65  
services within the township. 66

(G) A fee imposed pursuant to this section continues in 67  
effect until repealed by resolution adopted by the board of 68  
township trustees." 69

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

<u>SYNOPSIS</u>	70
<b>Township event admissions fee</b>	71
<b>R.C. 503.54</b>	72
Authorizes townships to impose a fee on admissions to	73
event venues in the township that (a) have a capacity of at	74
least 2,000 and (b) are exempt from property taxation. The fee	75
cannot apply to admissions to county fairgrounds, events	76
sponsored by the state or a local government, or events with a	77
ticket price of \$10 or less.	78
Specifies that the fee may equal up to \$1 per admission.	79
Requires that revenue from the fee be used for township	80
police, fire, and emergency medical services.	81