

Testimony - AAA Clubs of Ohio
House Bill 132 – Philip Wigal’s Law
House Judiciary Committee
June 10, 2025

Chairman Thomas, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Isaacsohn, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on behalf of AAA Clubs of Ohio in support of House Bill 132, also known as Philip Wigal’s Law.

AAA represents more than 2.5 million members across the state of Ohio. As a trusted advocate for traffic safety, AAA appreciates the General Assembly’s continued commitment to strengthening laws that protect those who serve on our roadways—as well as the motorists they assist.

House Bill 132 addresses the serious and growing concern of drivers failing to slow down or move over when approaching stationary vehicles with flashing lights. These incidents are far too common and often have tragic consequences. We support the efforts of this bill to address such behavior and to send a strong message about the importance of vigilance and responsibility behind the wheel.

AAA does not take a position on the proposed increases in penalties. We respect that those determinations fall within the purview of the General Assembly. Our focus is on enhancing awareness, compliance, and safety outcomes for all Ohioans.

While not part of this legislation, we would like to take this opportunity to express our support for expanding Ohio’s Move Over, Slow Down law to apply to **all** stranded motorists. Too often, we see drivers and passengers in disabled vehicles facing dangerous situations on the roadside without the same protections afforded to emergency or maintenance vehicles. Extending this law would be a logical and important step forward for public safety.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify and for your continued leadership on issues of roadway safety.

Sincerely,
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