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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsors:** Reps K. Miller and Creech

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### SUMMARY

- Imposes an additional fine of \$200 on an offender who is guilty of exceeding the posted speed limit by 30 miles per hour or more.
- Prohibits imposition of the additional fine if a court determines that an offender is indigent and unable to pay the additional fine.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Speed limit fine

The bill imposes an additional fine of \$200 on an offender who is guilty of exceeding the statutory or posted speed limit by more than 30 miles per hour.<sup>1</sup> Generally, under current law, a speeding violation is a minor misdemeanor and carries a fine of up to \$150. However, the base fine can increase depending on the circumstances of the speeding offense (e.g., the offender has two or more prior speeding offenses or was speeding in a construction zone), and the bill adds the \$200 additional fine to those increased fines as well.<sup>2</sup>

#### Affidavit of indigency

The bill prohibits the imposition of the additional \$200 fine if:

1. An offender submits an affidavit to the court, prior to sentencing, asserting that the offender is indigent and unable to pay the additional fine; and
2. The court determines that the offender is indigent.

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4511.21(P)(4).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4511.21(P)(1) to (3) and (5).

Under current law, there is a similar indigent offender exemption related to paying the doubled-fines for an indigent offender who pleads guilty to or is convicted of speeding in a construction zone.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4511.21(P)(3) and (4).