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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. A. Mathews and Kishman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill limits transportation network company (TNC) liability by excluding their applications from product liability claims, specifying when a TNC is not liable for a driver's actions, and confirming that TNCs and their drivers are not regulated as common carriers. It is expected to have minimal administrative costs for the state government.

Detailed Analysis

The bill removes a transportation network company's (TNC) application or digital platform from Ohio's Products Liability Law by specifying that defects in the software used to arrange rides or deliveries cannot be treated as defective products. The bill also protects a TNC from being held vicariously liable for a driver's actions when the company has committed no related criminal wrongdoing and has met all legal obligations such as required background checks. Lastly, the bill clarifies that TNCs and their drivers are not subject to Ohio's common carrier regulations or registration requirements. Since these provisions primarily adjust liability rules and clarify how TNCs are classified, the bill is expected to have minimal administrative costs for the state.