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SUMMARY

- Makes a general statement that the General Assembly intends for the statewide statutes pertaining to peer-to-peer car sharing programs to govern the licensing, registration, taxation, and general requirements of and expectations for such programs.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Peer-to-peer car sharing

The bill makes a general statement in codified law that the General Assembly views the regulation of peer-to-peer car sharing programs, shared vehicle owners, shared vehicle drivers, and peer-to-peer car sharing to be a matter of general statewide interest that requires statewide regulation. Thus, except for the regulations adopted by public-use airport operators, the General Assembly intends for its enacted statutes that relate to the licensing, registration, taxation, and general requirements of and expectations for peer-to-peer car sharing programs to govern throughout Ohio.[1]

The intent statement presumes to supersede local ordinances relating to peer-to-peer car sharing that might establish regulations that are contrary to the general state law. However, while a court may consider an intent statement, the statement generally has no legal binding effect on the court's ruling. This is particularly pertinent if a municipal corporation's home rule authority is implicated, as it might be in a case where a municipal corporation's regulations of peer-to-peer car sharing are contrary to the state law regulations.[2]

[1] R.C. 4516.14.

[2] Ohio Constitution, Article XVIII, Section 3. *Canton v. State*, 95 Ohio St.3d. 149 (2002).

Ohio's peer-to-peer car sharing laws were originally established through H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly and were later modified through H.B. 33 of the 135th General Assembly.[3]

HISTORY

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[3] See the LSC Final Analysis for H.B. 166 (PDF) and the Final Analysis for H.B. 33 (PDF) for additional information on the current state law governing peer-to-peer car sharing.