

## Substitute House Bill 74: Omnibus Amendment Summary

**Highway Patrol funding:** Provides an additional \$15 million annually to the Highway Patrol for a total of \$50 million per year in general revenue funds.

**Commercial trailer and semi-trailer fees:** Reduces the annual \$25 registration fee for permanent commercial trailers and semi-trailers to a one-time \$50 fee for owners or lessees of a trailer who are registering for the first time in Ohio. Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to collect information detailing the number of new commercial trailers registered in Ohio during fiscal year 2022.

**Certified mail with electronic tracking:** With regards to a title search conducted by a towing service, authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to select a vendor or vendors that provide real-time access to owner and lienholder information regarding a motor vehicle title. This allows for electronic tracking of certified mail.

**Remedial driver instruction course:** Requires the Director of Public Safety to approve remedial driver instruction courses that are any combination of in-person and/or video teleconferencing or internet instruction, rather than 50% in person and not more than 50% in any other manner, as in current law, if the instruction method is capable of meeting the instructional standards established by the Director.

**Fire engine permits:** Requires the Director of Transportation or any local authority that issues a vehicle weight permit for a fire engine that is not exempt from permitting to issue the permit for five years, rather than one year, at no cost to the fire department.

**Fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses:** Allows a fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licensee to transfer licenses from one geographic location to another upon application to, and approval from, the State Fire Marshal.

**Rules regarding highway construction bidding:** Removes provisions from the substitute bill requiring ODOT to establish rules that prevent any type of highway pavement receive priority in the bidding process.

**Federal flex dollars:** Allows the Director of ODOT to request the Controlling Board to reduce federal flexible funding by \$13 million upon receipt of additional federal funding for public transportation.

**Controlling Board:** Specifies that certain cash transfers in the bill are subject to Controlling Board approval.