



Sponsor Testimony
State Representative Brian Baldrige
House Bill 138

Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and fellow members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to stand before you today to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 138, a reintroduction of House Bill 711 from the 133rd General Assembly. Ohio code has been expanded to allow Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants to write do-not-resuscitate orders. However, the code was not updated to allow Emergency Medical Technicians to follow through on these orders and instead requires EMTs to adhere only to DNR orders written by a physician. House Bill 138 simply seeks to correct this technical error and allow EMS personnel to comply with DNR orders from all practitioners that Ohio Code currently permits to write them.

This is common sense and forward thinking legislation. By eliminating the prescribed services our EMS personnel can provide from the code and placing it into the responsibility of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services through the rule making process House Bill 138 preempts a future error of this kind.

Vice-Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to stand before you today to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 138, and I would be happy to answer any questions from the committee.