



Senator Andrew O. Brenner – 19th District
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Senate Bill 12 – Sponsor Testimony

Chairman Baldrige, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you for allowing me to present testimony on Senate Bill 12.

Senate Bill 12, as you may know, is a redraft of Senate Bill 371 from last general assembly, which creates a specific license plate for Delaware County's own, Little Brown Jug. For those of you who are unaware of the Little Brown Jug – it is part of harness horse racing's Triple Crown and is one of the largest harness horse racing events in North America. Officially established 76 years ago this year, in 1945, the Little Brown Jug has been running every year, including this past year, with limited capacity due to COVID-19, on the third Thursday after Labor Day. The Jug is incredibly important to the community in Delaware County. So much so that the Delaware County Fair is co-located and runs during the same week as the Jug. Additionally, students are given Jug Day off to celebrate with their families and the 45,000 others who attend the event each year.

Members of the Little Brown Jug Society and descendants of one of the original founders, reached out to me last year and this year, in light of COVID-19, to ask that a license plate be created to support the efforts of and to expand the reach and message of the Little Brown Jug. The Jug is part of Central Ohioan culture and a tradition carried on by many families in and around the area. This bill would require a purchaser of the license plate to pay \$20, which would go to the Little Brown Jug Society, to assist in maintaining, promulgating, and operating the Little Brown Jug, and a \$10 service fee to the BMV for processing purposes.

This bill is about honoring the rich history of Delaware County and those in central Ohio who partake in the many aspects of the Little Brown Jug. To continue such traditions and to ensure that they are passed down to subsequent generations, I thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 12 which was passed unanimously by the Senate Transportation Committee as well as the Senate as a whole. Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.