

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 260  
BY  
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Chairman Green, Vice Chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the committee, I am unable to present oral testimony on HB 260 today, but would like to place the Ohio Conference of AAA Clubs on the record as supporting this legislation. The Ohio Conference is comprised of the six AAA clubs in Ohio and represents almost 3 million Ohio motorists.

AAA's national policy has long taken the position that the suspension of one's driver's license should ONLY be imposed if the offense actually involved a motor vehicle in its commission. HB 260 would remove the mandatory suspension for many offenses that are NOT related to use of a motor vehicle. While it still DOES allow the judge to use discretion in applying a suspension, this legislation would no longer make it mandatory.

Too often suspensions are imposed for an offense that has no relationship to a vehicular violation and often times this places a great hardship on the offender. Representatives Butler and Sykes have well presented these hardships and AAA agrees that there is no reason for such suspensions that may result in loss of employment and present other unwarranted personal hardships.

The Ohio Conference respectfully urges the committee to pass HB 260 in an expeditious manner. Thank you Mr. Chairman and committee members for allowing us the opportunity to comment on this important legislation.