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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- A clerk of a court of common pleas may incur additional costs to perform physical inspections of motor vehicles if the clerk chooses to do so (the bill is permissive).
- Those costs will be at least partially offset by the collection of a \$5.00 fee, as authorized under the bill.

Detailed Analysis

The bill authorizes the clerk of a court of common pleas to conduct physical inspections of certain motor vehicles and authorizes the clerk to collect a \$5.00 fee for performing such an inspection. Currently, only a deputy registrar's office or a licensed Ohio motor vehicle dealer may perform these physical inspections and the clerks are then required to process physical inspection certificates and issue titles. By allowing the clerks of courts to also carry out the physical inspections as well, the bill's changes may create certain efficiencies for this process. The bill is permissive, though.

Based on conversations with the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association, which represents all 88 county clerks, utilization of the bill's authorization to perform physical inspections is likely to vary by county with some clerks opting to offer the service in an effort to make the titling process more efficient. To the extent that a clerk chooses to perform physical inspections, additional costs may be incurred. The magnitude of those costs would depend on the number of physical inspections conducted. Those costs would be at least partially offset by the collection of the \$5.00 fee, authorized under the bill.