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BILL SUMMARY

- Eliminates the requirement that a person who maintains a work camp pay to a municipal corporation, township, or county where the camp is maintained any expense caused by contagious or infectious diseases that originate or exist in the camp.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Expenses caused by contagious or infectious diseases in a work camp

(sec. 3707.15)

Under current law, a person who maintains a work camp is required to pay to a municipal corporation, township, or county where the camp is maintained any expense caused by contagious or infectious diseases that originate or exist in the camp.¹ The bill eliminates this requirement.

COMMENT

The statute repealed by the bill was enacted in 1910. Neither the original statute nor the one now in effect defines "work camp," and there is no case law or other authority that gives guidance on what the term means. The only limitation on what might be considered a work camp for the purposes of the statute is that it is maintained by a private individual or organization. Since the statute requires that the expense of a contagious or infectious disease be paid by a "person," the statute does not apply to a government entity.

¹ "Person" includes an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, and association (sec. 1.59, not in the bill).

A review of current Revised Code sections found only one type of entity that might be considered a work camp--an agricultural labor camp. "Agricultural labor camp" is defined in current law as one or more buildings or structures, trailers, tents, or vehicles, together with any land relating thereto, established, operated, or used as temporary living quarters for two or more families or five or more persons engaging in agriculture (sec. 3733.41, not in the bill). Since the current law regulating agricultural labor camps was not enacted until 1974, there is no way to determine whether these are the type of work camps referred to in the statute being repealed.

HISTORY

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