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*Bill Analysis*  
Legislative Service Commission

## **H.B. 368\***

126th General Assembly  
(As Reported by H. State Government)

**Reps. Wolpert, Widowfield, Ujvagi, Miller, D. Evans, J. McGregor, Brown, Fende, S. Patton**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Removes the prohibition against a minor being in a public dance hall unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Current law prohibits a person who is the proprietor of, or who conducts, manages, or is in charge of, any public dance hall from permitting the presence at the dance hall of any minor (a child under 18 years of age) who is not accompanied by the minor's father, mother, or legal guardian (R.C. 4399.14). A violator of this prohibition must be fined not less than \$25 or more than \$500, be imprisoned not more than six months, or be both so fined and imprisoned (R.C. 4399.99(D)--not in the bill). The bill removes this prohibition (R.C. 4399.14(B)).

The bill does not affect another provision of current law that prohibits a person who is the proprietor of, or who conducts, manages, or is in charge of, any public dance hall from allowing (a) the presence of intoxicated persons in the dance hall or on the premises on which the dance hall is located or (b) the use of any intoxicating liquor in the dance hall or on those premises *unless* the establishment is the holder of any specified type of D liquor permit and its principal business consists of conducting a hotel, restaurant, club, or night club (R.C. 4399.14(A) and (B)). A violation of this prohibition continues to be subject to the same penalties as under current law (a fine of \$25 to \$500, imprisonment up to six months, or both, under R.C. 4399.99(D)--not in the bill).

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\* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the House State Government Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

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## HISTORY

ACTION

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