



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Sub. H.B. 50

128th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Highways & Transportation)

Reps. Domenick, B. Williams, Harris, Huffman, Brown, Murray, Oelslager, Okey, Bolon, Winburn, Harwood, Phillips, Hottinger, McGregor, Bacon, Balderson, Batchelder, Blair, Boose, Boyd, Bubb, Burke, Carney, Combs, DeBose, Derickson, Dyer, Evans, Fende, Garland, Garrison, Gerberry, Goyal, Grossman, Hackett, Hagan, Heard, Lehner, Letson, Luckie, Mallory, Martin, McClain, Moran, Morgan, Patten, Pillich, Pryor, Ruhl, Sayre, Sears, Slesnick, Snitchler, Stebelton, Stewart, Uecker, Wachtmann, Weddington, S. Williams, Yuko, Zehringer

Sens. Turner, Fedor

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires that the certificates of registration issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles include a portion that contains all of the information of the main portion except the address of the person to whom the Registrar issues the certificate.
- Establishes a general prohibition against any pilot carrying passengers in an aircraft unless the pilot has a certificate issued by the United States that authorizes the holder to carry passengers and the pilot is carrying any passengers in accordance with the applicable certificate requirements.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Certificates of registration

(R.C. 4503.19)

Under current law, upon registration of a motor vehicle, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must issue to the owner of the motor vehicle the appropriate number of license plates with validation stickers, or just the appropriate number of validation stickers if no new license plate is needed, and a certificate of registration.

The bill requires that the certificate of registration issued by the Registrar include a portion that contains all of the information of the main portion except the address of the person to whom the Registrar issues the certificate.

The bill additionally provides clarification concerning the meaning of references to the certificate of registration. Under the bill, if Ohio law refers to a motor vehicle certificate of registration, the reference is to either the main portion of the certificate or the portion containing all information in the main portion except the person's address. However, if Ohio law refers specifically to the seizure or surrender of a motor vehicle certificate of registration, the reference refers to both the main portion and the portion without the person's address.

Pilot certification to carry passengers

(R.C. 4561.15)

With specified exceptions for military and governmental aircraft, it is a violation under current law for any person to "[c]arry passengers in an aircraft unless the person piloting the aircraft is a holder of a valid airperson's certificate of competency in the grade of private pilot or higher issued by the United States. . . ." This provision incorporates the six pilot certificate grades established under federal law (in ascending order: student, sport, recreational, private, commercial, and airline transport), each of which has specified privileges and limits (14 C.F.R. Part 61). Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

The bill eliminates the specific reference to "the grade of private pilot or higher" and replaces it with a general prohibition against a person carrying passengers in an aircraft unless the person has a certificate issued by the United States that authorizes the holder to carry passengers; the bill further requires the person to carry any passengers in accordance with the applicable certificate requirements. For example, under federal law, the holder of a sport pilot certificate may carry only one passenger, not for compensation, and only during the day (14 C.F.R. § 61.315).

HISTORY

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| Passed House (97-0) | 05-20-09 |
| Reported, S. Highways & Transportation | 05-20-10 |

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