



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Final Analysis

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### Am. H.B. 492

129th General Assembly  
(As Passed by the General Assembly)

**Reps.** Gonzales, Conditt, Grossman, Celebrezze, Patmon, Fende, Ruhl, Stebelton, R. Adams, Hill, Gerberry, Wachtmann, Derickson, Antonio, Barnes, Boyd, Carney, Duffey, Gardner, Garland, Goodwin, Hackett, Hottinger, Johnson, Ramos, Schuring, Sears, M. Slaby, Smith, Yuko, Anielski, Ashford, Baker, Beck, Bubb, Buchy, Celeste, Damschroder, DeVitis, Dovilla, Driehaus, Fedor, C. Hagan, R. Hagan, Hall, Hayes, Huffman, Kozlowski, Letson, Luckie, Lundy, Lynch, Mallory, Milkovich, Newbold, O'Brien, Pelanda, Scherer, Sprague, Stautberg, Uecker, Winburn, Young, Batchelder

**Sens.** Beagle, Brown, Gentile, Hite, Hughes, Jones, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Patton, Peterson, Schaffer, Schiavoni, Tavares, Wagoner

**Effective date:** March 22, 2013

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## ACT SUMMARY

- Designates May as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month."
- Designates April 27 as "Emma 'Grandma' Gatewood Day."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

The act designates May as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month."<sup>1</sup>

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, but if detected and treated early, it is the most curable. It is estimated that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer. The three main types of skin cancer are basal cell

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2283.

carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. Melanoma is the most dangerous, as it can spread to other parts of the body.<sup>2</sup>

Skin cancer can be prevented by protecting from ultraviolet (UV) radiation. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all of the following: (1) using a broad spectrum sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher, (2) seeking shade between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., (3) wearing long clothing, a hat, and sunglasses while outdoors, and (4) avoiding indoor tanning beds or booths.<sup>3</sup>

## Emma 'Grandma' Gatewood Day

The act designates the 27th day of April as "Emma 'Grandma' Gatewood Day." The act specifies that the designation is in honor of the legendary Ohio hiker who was a founder of the Buckeye Trail, which was declared Ohio's official hiking trail on April 27, 1967.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-27-12
Reported, H. Health & Aging	04-25-12
Passed House (96-1)	05-09-12
Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Aging	12-06-12
Passed Senate (33-0)	12-12-12
House concurred in Senate amendments (89-0)	12-13-12

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<sup>2</sup> Skin Cancer Foundation, *Skin Cancer Information* (last visited January 7, 2013), available at <<http://www.skincancer.org/skin-cancer-information>>.

<sup>3</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Skin Cancer: Prevention* (last visited January 7, 2013), available at <[http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic\\_info/prevention.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic_info/prevention.htm)>.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5.2284.

