



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 148

129th General Assembly  
(As Reported by H. Health and Aging)

**Reps.** Letson and Anielski, Antonio, Blessing, Carey, Combs, Derickson, Fedor, Fende, Garland, Gerberry, Grossman, Mallory, Milkovich, Murray, Ramos, Ruhl, Slaby, Slesnick, Stebelton, Yuko, Wachtmann, Barnes, Burke, Carney, Celeste, Gardner, Hackett, R. Hagan, Hollington, Hottinger, Johnson, McKenney, Schuring, Sears

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates March as Macular Degeneration Awareness Month.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Macular Degeneration Awareness Month

The bill designates March as "Macular Degeneration Awareness Month."<sup>1</sup>

Macular degeneration is a disease that gradually destroys sharp, central vision, which is needed for seeing objects clearly and for common daily tasks such as reading and driving.<sup>2</sup> The disease occurs most often in people over 60 years old, in which case it is called age-related macular degeneration. Much less common are several hereditary forms of macular degeneration, which usually affect children or teenagers.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2267.

<sup>2</sup> Macular Degeneration Foundation, *An Overview of Macular Degeneration* (last visited April 4, 2011), available at <[http://www.eyesight.org/Macular\\_Degeneration/macular\\_degeneration.html](http://www.eyesight.org/Macular_Degeneration/macular_degeneration.html)>.

<sup>3</sup> Macular Degeneration Foundation, *Frequently Asked Questions* (last visited April 4, 2011), available at <[http://www.eyesight.org/Macular\\_Degeneration/FAQ/faq.html](http://www.eyesight.org/Macular_Degeneration/FAQ/faq.html)>.

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced

03-10-11

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04-06-11

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