



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 148

129th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Health, Human Services, 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, R. Adams, Amstutz, Ashford, Baker, Beck, Blair, Boose, Brenner, Bubp, Buchy, Budish, Butler, Clyde, Coley, Driehaus, Duffey, Foley, Gentile, Goyal, C. Hagan, Hall, Heard, Huffman, Landis, Luckie, Lundy, McClain, Mecklenborg, Newbold, O'Brien, Patmon, Pillich, Reece, Rosenberger, Stinziano, Uecker, Weddington, Williams, Winburn, Young

Sens. Coley, Tavares

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates March as "Macular Degeneration Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Macular Degeneration Awareness Month

The bill designates March as "Macular Degeneration Awareness Month."¹

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.² The disease occurs most often in people over age 60, in which case it is

¹ R.C. 5.2267.

² Macular Degeneration Foundation, *An Overview of Macular Degeneration*, available at <http://www.eyesight.org/Macular_Degeneration/macular_degeneration.html>.

called age-related macular degeneration. Much less common are several hereditary forms of macular degeneration, which usually affect children or teenagers.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-10-11
Reported, H. Health & Aging	04-06-11
Passed House (97-0)	04-13-11
Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Aging	06-16-11

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³ Macular Degeneration Foundation, *Frequently Asked Questions*, available at <http://www.eyesight.org/Macular_Degeneration/FAQ/faq.html>.

