



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 184

129th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Martin, Mecklenborg, Thompson, Carey, O'Brien

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates March as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month

The bill designates March as Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month.<sup>1</sup>

Multiple system atrophy is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that affects the body's autonomic functions (such as modulating blood pressure, heart rate, and bladder function). Motor control symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease are also common, including tremor, rigidity, and balance problems. The disease affects both men and women, primarily in their fifties.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

| ACTION     | DATE     |
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| Introduced | 03-31-11 |

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

<sup>2</sup> Mayo Clinic, *Multiple System Atrophy* (last visited May 16, 2011), available at <<http://www.mayoclinic.org/multiple-system-atrophy/>>; National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, *Multiple System Atrophy Fact Sheet* (last visited May 16, 2011), available at <[http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/msa/detail\\_msa.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/msa/detail_msa.htm)>.