



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 309

129th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. Butler and Rosenberger, R. Adams, J. Adams, Amstutz, Baker, Barnes, Beck, Blair, Blessing, Boose, Boyd, Bubp, Buchy, Clyde, Combs, Conditt, Damschroder, Derickson, Dovilla, Driehaus, Duffey, Garland, Gentile, Gonzales, Goodwin, Grossman, Hackett, C. Hagan, Hall, Hayes, Henne, Hollington, Huffman, Johnson, Landis, Luckie, Mallory, Martin, McClain, McKenney, Milkovich, Newbold, O'Brien, Okey, Patmon, Reece, Roegner, Sears, Sprague, Stebelton, Stinziano, Sykes, Szollosi, Thompson, Uecker, Wachtmann, Williams, Winburn, Young, Yuko

BILL SUMMARY

- Adds to the Coat of Arms of the State and, thus, to the Great Seal of the State of Ohio and all other official seals, a representation of the Wright Brothers' first piloted airplane.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Coat of Arms – Wright Brothers Airplane

The bill requires the Coat of Arms of the State (and, thus, the Great Seal of the State of Ohio and all other official seals) to include, above and to the left of the sun, a representation of the first piloted airplane, flown by the Wright Brothers in 1903.

Current law requires all official seals, including the Great Seal of the State of Ohio as well as the seals of specified courts, state executive branch officials, and entities of the state and its political subdivisions, to have engraved on them the Coat of Arms of the State. Under current law, the Coat of Arms of the State must consist of the following: a circular shield; in the right foreground of the shield, a full sheaf of wheat bound and standing erect; in the left foreground, a cluster of 17 arrows bound in the center and resembling in form the sheaf of wheat; in the background, a representation of Mount Logan, Ross County, as viewed from Adena state memorial; over the mount, a rising sun three-quarters exposed and radiating 13 rays to represent the 13 original colonies shining over the first state in the northwest territory, the exterior extremities of

which rays form a semicircle; and uniting the background and foreground, a representation of the Scioto River and cultivated fields. When the Coat of Arms of the State is reproduced in color, the colors used must be substantially the same as the natural color of the terrain and objects shown.¹

Use of existing supplies

The bill specifies that on its effective date (or that of any bill changing the state seal), supplies and materials bearing the state seal as it existed before that bill's effective date must be exhausted before new supplies and materials bearing the new state seal are purchased or produced. All other state property bearing the state seal as it existed before such a bill's effective date must be replaced in the ordinary course of business and must not be replaced solely because the state seal has been changed.²

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 5.04 and 5.10.

² Section 3.

