



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Gonzales, Conditt, Grossman, Celebrezze, Patmon, Fende, Ruhl, Stebelton, R. Adams, Hill, Gerberry, Wachtmann, Derickson

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates May as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month

The bill designates May as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month."¹

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, but if detected and treated early it is the most curable form of cancer. It is estimated that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. The three main types of skin cancer are basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. Melanoma is the most dangerous type of skin cancer, as it can spread to other parts of the body.²

Skin cancer can be prevented by protecting from ultraviolet (UV) radiation. To protect from UV radiation, the 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.,

¹ R.C. 5.2280.

² Skin Cancer Foundation, *Skin Cancer Information* (last visited April 19, 2012), available at <<http://www.skincancer.org/skin-cancer-information>>.

(3) wearing long clothing, a hat, and sunglasses while outdoors, and (4) avoiding indoor tanning beds or booths.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-27-12

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³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Skin Cancer Prevention* (last visited April 19, 2012), available at <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic_info/prevention.htm>.

