



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 492

129th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Health, Human Services and Aging)

Reps. Gonzales, Conditt, Grossman, Celebrezze, Patmon, Fende, Ruhl, Stebelton, R. Adams, Hill, Gerberry, Wachtmann, Derickson, Antonio, Barnes, Boyd, Carney, Duffey, Gardner, Garland, Goodwin, Hackett, Hottinger, Johnson, Ramos, Schuring, Sears, M. Slaby, Smith, Yuko, Anielski, Ashford, Baker, Beck, Bubb, Buchy, Celeste, Damschroder, DeVitis, Dovilla, Driehaus, Fedor, C. Hagan, R. Hagan, Hall, Hayes, Huffman, Kozlowski, Letson, Luckie, Lundy, Lynch, Mallory, Milkovich, Newbold, O'Brien, Pelanda, Scherer, Sprague, Stautberg, Uecker, Winburn, Young, Batchelder

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. 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 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

¹ R.C. 5.2280.

² Skin Cancer Foundation, *Skin Cancer Information* (last visited December 8, 2012), available at <<http://www.skincancer.org/skin-cancer-information>>.

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., (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
Reported, H. Health & Aging	04-25-12
Passed House (96-1)	05-09-12
Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Aging	12-06-12

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³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Skin Cancer: Prevention* (last visited December 8, 2012), available at <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin/basic_info/prevention.htm>.

