



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Am. S.B. 222

129th General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security)

Sens. Burke, Patton, Widener, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Brown, Cafaro, Coley, Daniels, Eklund, Faber, Gentile, Hite, Hughes, Jones, Kearney, Lehner, Niehaus, Obhof, Oelslager, Sawyer, Schaffer, Smith, Tavares, Wagoner

Reps. Celebrezze, Johnson, Ruhl

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the display of the United States flag, the Ohio flag, and the POW/MIA flag at each rest stop along an interstate highway and along the Ohio Turnpike.
- Requires the Director and the Turnpike Commission to comply with the existing system of preferences for products made in Ohio and the United States when purchasing the flags.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill requires the Director of Transportation to display the United States flag, the Ohio flag, and the POW/MIA flag at each rest stop that is along the interstate system.¹ Similarly, the Ohio Turnpike Commission is required to display the three flags at each rest stop along the turnpike.²

The bill also requires the Director and the Turnpike Commission, when purchasing the flags, to conform, to the maximum extent possible, to the existing system of preferences for products made in Ohio and the United States.³ The existing "Buy Ohio" program is managed by the Department of Administrative Services and, in general, bids for supplies and services are evaluated first to determine whether a bidder

¹ R.C. 5529.07(A).

² R.C. 5537.35(A).

³ R.C. 5529.07(B) and 5537.35(B).

is offering a product made in the United States and then if the bidder is offering a product that qualifies as Ohio produced. Ohio bidders receive a 5% preference over the price offered by a non-Ohio bidder.⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-15-11
Reported, S. Highways & Transportation	11-21-11
Passed Senate (33-0)	12-14-11
Reported, H. Transportation, Public Safety & Homeland Security	05-23-12

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⁴ R.C. 125.09 and 125.11 (not in the bill); O.A.C. 123:5-1-06.

