



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Sen. Hughes

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires new applicants for a used motor vehicle dealer's license to complete training in order to be licensed.
- Exempts applicants that have held a used or new motor vehicle license in good standing during the two years prior to applying for the license.
- Prescribes requirements for course providers to meet and basic qualifications for courses to be considered legitimate.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill requires an owner, officer, partner, or director of a business entity that is a new applicant for a used motor vehicle dealer's license to complete training in order to be licensed.¹ The applicant must provide proof that the applicant completed the training within six months before applying for the license.² This requirement does not take effect until 90 days after the effective date of the bill and does not apply to applicants that have a person described above who has held a used or new motor vehicle license that was not revoked or suspended during the two years prior to applying for the license.³

¹ R.C. 4517.05(B) and (C)(3).

² R.C. 4517.05(A) and (B)(1).

³ R.C. 4517.05(B)(1) and (B)(2).

The bill requires the Motor Vehicles Dealers Licensing Board (MVDLB) to adopt rules governing used motor vehicle dealer training courses. The rules must do all of the following:

- Require that such courses be taught by an institution of higher education or a relevant professional or trade association that has been in existence for more than five years and has a majority of members who are motor vehicle dealers licensed in Ohio;
- Establish the course curriculum, which must include information on all relevant federal and state laws, including Consumer Protection Laws;
- Require that courses must be at least six hours, but not more than 24;
- Establish additional qualifications and requirements for course providers as necessary.⁴

The MVDLB is required to maintain specified information received from course providers on the courses provided and to give this information to individuals upon request.⁵

The bill requires any person offering used motor vehicle dealer training to do all of the following:

- Conform courses offered to the rules adopted by MVDLB;
- Establish reasonable fees for courses offered;
- Issue a certificate of completion that attests that the person named on the certificate successfully completed the required training;
- Notify MVDLB of the course location, content, length, and cost.⁶

Course providers are allowed to use material provided by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Attorney General.⁷

⁴ R.C. 4517.05(C)(1).

⁵ R.C. 4517.05(C)(2).

⁶ R.C. 4517.05(D)(1).

⁷ R.C. 4517.05(C)(1)(d) and (D)(2).

Finally, the bill stipulates that none of the aforementioned requirements apply to new motor vehicle dealer licensing.⁸

HISTORY

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⁸ R.C. 4517.05(E).

