



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 328**

129th General Assembly  
(As Passed by the Senate)

**Sens.** Balderson, Seitz, Patton, LaRose, Beagle, Burke, Coley, Eklund, Hite, Hughes, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Peterson, Schaffer, Wagoner

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires the Director of Natural Resources to establish the Governor's Award for Environmental Stewardship to be awarded annually to the company or person involved in the oil and gas industry that best represented wise environmental stewardship during the previous year.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The bill requires the Director of Natural Resources to establish the Governor's Award for Environmental Stewardship. The award must be presented annually to the owner (i.e. company) or other person involved in the oil and gas industry that best represented wise environmental stewardship during the previous one-year period.<sup>1</sup> The Governor must present the award on a date selected by the Director in consultation with the Governor.<sup>2</sup>

The Director must adopt rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act that establish all of the following:

(1) Procedures for the nomination of owners or other persons for the award. The rules must allow nominations to be made by members of the General Assembly, owners and other persons operating in the oil and gas industry, and private citizens. The rules must allow a company to nominate itself or a person to nominate the person.

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1509.80(A).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 1509.80(C).

(2) Procedures for selecting the annual winner of the award. The rules must require the Director to appoint a committee for purposes of selecting the annual winner.

(3) Procedures for selecting a design for a plaque or other commemorative item for presentation to the annual winner of the award; and

(4) Any other procedures necessary for the bill's implementation.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	04-17-12
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Passed Senate (30-1)	05-22-12

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 1509.80(B).