



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Gonzales, Hood, Becker, Wachtmann, McGregor, Beck

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the Department of Taxation to create a program to provide taxpayers that file electronic returns the option of receiving their income tax refund in the form of a credit card, debit card, prepaid card, or other device used to electronically transfer funds.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Income tax refund by financial transaction device

The bill authorizes the Tax Commissioner to establish a program that provides taxpayers that file electronic returns the option of receiving their income tax refund in the form of a credit card, debit card, prepaid card, or other device used to electronically transfer funds ("financial transaction device"). If the Commissioner establishes the program, the Commissioner may enter into an agreement with one or more issuers of financial transaction devices to supply the devices and credit the devices with specific refund amounts. Each such agreement must specify that taxpayers are responsible for any fees associated with the use of the devices.

Under the program taxpayers may receive their refund as a financial transaction device by electing to do so when electronically filing their income tax return. The Commissioner must provide information to taxpayers describing the features of the financial transaction device program, including any fees associated with receiving or using a card and alternate refund options available to taxpayers.¹

¹ R.C. 5747.114.

Under current law, the Department may issue refunds by paper check or direct deposit. Taxpayers may also contribute all or part of a refund to the Natural Areas and Preserves Fund, Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund, Military Injury Relief Fund, or Ohio Historical Society Income Tax Contribution Fund by checking the appropriate box on their income tax return.²

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-10-13

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² R.C. 126.35 and 5747.11; R.C. 5747.113, not in the bill. Beginning in 2014, taxpayers may contribute refunds to the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project Income Tax Contribution Fund.

