Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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130th General Assembly
(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Allows certain motor-driven cycles and motor scooters to be parked on a sidewalk so long as the vehicles do not impede the normal flow of pedestrian traffic.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill specifies that a person "shall be permitted, without charge or restriction," to stand or park on a sidewalk, any of the following vehicles: (1) a motor-driven cycle or motor scooter with an engine not larger than 150 cubic centimeters or (2) a bicycle. The motor-driven cycle, motor scooter, or bicycle may be parked on the sidewalk only if it does not impede the normal flow of pedestrian traffic.[1] The bill specifies that its provisions do not authorize any person to drive a vehicle on a sidewalk, which generally is prohibited under current law for all vehicles other than bicycles.[2]

Current law generally regulates where a person may stand or park a vehicle and specifically prohibits vehicles other than bicycles from standing or parking on a sidewalk. Violation of the general parking prohibitions is a minor misdemeanor, but the offense may escalate based on prior specified traffic violations within one year.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	09-19-13

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[1] R.C. 4511.68(B).

[2] R.C. 4511.711, not in the bill.