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COMCD8 Unclaimed Funds Law Changes

R.C. 169.08, 109.572, 122.58, 169.01-169.03, 169.05-169.07, and 169.13-169.16

R.C. 169.08, 122.58, 169.05, 169.07

(1) Allows for the payment of interest to claimants in accordance with a formula devised in the 2009 Ohio Supreme Court case of Sogg v. Zurz, 121 Ohio St.3d 449 (2009), its progeny, and final settlement agreement, and removes the current prohibition against the payment of interest on funds in the possession of the state. Specifies time frames and amounts of interest allowed to claimants, as follows: (a) For properties received by the state on or before July 26, 1991, interest applied is six per cent per annum from the date the state received the property up to and including July 26, 1991; (b) For properties received by the state for the period from July 27, 1991, up to and including August 2, 2000, no interest is applied; and (c) For properties held by the state on August 3, 2000, or after, interest must be paid at the applicable required rate per annum for the period held from August 3, 2000, or the date of receipt, whichever is later, up to and including the date the claim is paid.

(1) No provision.

(1) Same as the Executive.

(2) Includes references to the newly created authority for the Attorney General to request owner information and claim unclaimed funds when collecting verified amounts owed to the state, and creates a setoff priority for state claims filed by the Attorney General's office under this authority as well as a priority for state claims for child support filed by the Department of Job and Family Services.

(2) No provision.

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(3) Provides that the contents of unclaimed safe-deposit boxes are unclaimed funds and authorizes the Superintendent of Financial Institutions to report to the

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Superintendent of Unclaimed Funds the proceeds from the sale of property removed from safe-deposit boxes unclaimed for three years after the closing, liquidation, or dissolution of a financial institution.

(4) Establishes the reporting deadline for safe-deposit contents as a date that is not earlier than the first day of February and not later than the first day of April of each year for property dormant as of the preceding thirtieth day of June.

(4) No provision.

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(5) Removes the newspaper publication requirement for out-of-state addresses and addresses in foreign countries and replaces it with authority to post the notice on the Department of Commerce's internet web site or the state public notice web site.

(5) No provision.

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(6) Increases the threshold value amount from \$10 to \$50 as the minimum value of items of unclaimed funds that triggers the Director's duty to maintain the owner's name on a list available in the Director's office indicating whose funds are being held by the state under the Unclaimed Funds Law.

(6) No provision.

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(7) Authorizes an FBI background check for Ohio residents applying to be "finders," as is done currently for out-of-state applicants.

(7) No provision.

(7) No provision.

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Fiscal effect: In relation to (1), more than \$15 million was paid in FY 2013 from the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund (Fund 5430) to a settlement administrator for interest payments on unclaimed funds pursuant to the ruling of the Supreme Court in Sogg v. Zurz. For (2), if unclaimed funds owners owe money either to the state or for child support, these amounts will be deducted before the claimant is paid, and credited to the appropriate state fund or the Child Support Payment Central custodial fund. The other changes could lead to an increase in the unclaimed funds that are reported and claimed, as well as some minimal administrative savings to Fund 5430.

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COMCD14 Mortgage Loan Originator Examinations

(1) No provision.

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R.C. 1321.535, 1321.51, 1321.55, 1322.01, 1322.051

(1) Removes the requirement that an applicant for a mortgage loan originator license or a loan originator license must achieve a test score of at least 75% correct answers on all questions relating to Ohio Mortgage Lending Laws and the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act in order to be considered to have passed the written test. (The test covers an applicant's knowledge and comprehension of topics such as ethics and federal and state law on mortgage origination generally.)

(2) No provision.

(2) No provision.

(2) Provides that if the Division of Financial Institutions obtains a call report from the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and registry (NMLS), the call report is confidential and not a public record for the purposes of the Public Records Law.

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(3) No provision.

(3) No provision.

(3) Changes several references to the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry to the NMLS to reflect industry usage of the term.

COMCD11 Video Service Provider Disconnection and Billing Authority

R.C. 1332.26

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(1) No provision.

(1) Permits a video-service provider to disconnect video service to a subscriber without notice if disconnection is necessary to prevent the use of video service through fraud, in addition to reasons permitted under current law, including (a) to prevent theft, (b) in cases where the subscriber requests disconnection, or (c) when necessary to reduce or prevent signal leakage.

(1) Same as the House.

(2) No provision.

(2) Requires video service providers to establish billing due dates of at least 14 days after bills are issued.

(2) Same as the House.

(3) No provision.

(3) Shortens the grace period for video-service disconnection for nonpayment from 45 days to 14 days, and expressly permits disconnection if only part of a billed amount is past due.

(3) Same as the House.

Fiscal effect: None.

Fiscal effect: Same as the House.

COMCD6 Bedding and Stuffed Toy Manufacturers and Importers Reporting

R.C. 3713.06

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Reduces from two to one the number of reports that bedding and stuffed toy manufacturers and importers must submit annually to the Superintendent of Industrial Compliance.

Same as the Executive.

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Fiscal effect: None.

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COMCD9 Revolving Loan Program for Underground Storage Tanks

R.C. 3737.883, 3737.02

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(1) Creates the Underground Storage Tank Revolving Loan Program, to be administered by the State Fire Marshal or designee.

(1) Same as the Executive.

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(2) Requires that interest-free loans be made under the program to political subdivisions that seek to take action with regard to underground storage tanks when the tanks' owners or operators cannot be identified or cannot pay the costs of the action, provided that the political subdivision spends its own funds equal to at least 5% of the loan amount.

(2) Same as the Executive.

(2) Same as the Executive, but further specifies that the loans are to be used by (1) political subdivisions that are tank owners but not operators, to take corrective actions regarding those tanks, or (2) political subdivisions that are neither tank owners nor operators, for sites of previously existing releases if the owner or operator is either unidentifiable or cannot pay for the corrective action.

(3) Specifies that the loans must be financed through fines and penalties collected by the Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks and loan repayments.

(3) Same as the Executive.

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(4) Permits a political subdivision to take legal action to recover costs incurred if the tank owner or operator is identified or is determined to have been or be able to pay the costs of action taken by the political subdivision.

(4) Same as the Executive.

(4) Same as the Executive, but limits the provision to actions taken for previously existing sites.

Fiscal effect: Potential minimal increase in expenditures in the Underground Storage Tank Administration Fund (Fund 6530) in implementing and operating the revolving loan program.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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COMCD5 Historical Boilers Licensing Board Vacancies

R.C. 4104.33

Requires the Director of Commerce to fill vacancies on the Historical Boilers Licensing Board instead of requiring vacancies to be filled in the manner provided for during initial appointments, which gives the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House appointment authority. Specifies that the Director's appointments do not require the advice and consent of the Senate.

R.C. 4104.33

Same as the Executive.

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Same as the Executive.

COMCD7 Prevailing Wage Threshold Index

R.C. 4115.034

Changes the index used to calculate biennial changes to the threshold levels that are used to determine whether a horizontal public improvement project is subject to Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law, from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census Implicit Price Deflator for Construction to the construction cost index published by the Engineering News-Record or, should that index cease to be published, a similar recognized industry index chosen by the Director of Commerce.

R.C. 4115.034

Same as the Executive.

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Fiscal effect: Because the U.S. Department of Commerce no longer publishes the Price Deflator for Construction Index, the threshold adjustment has been calculated using the Building Cost for Skilled Labor Index published by McGraw-Hill's Engineering News-Record in its absence. As a result, there is no substantive change to prevailing wage threshold adjustments.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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COMCD16 Definitions of "Intoxicating Liquor" and "Mixed Beverages"

(1) No provision.

(1) No provision.

R.C. 4301.01

(1) Revises the definition of "intoxicating liquor" by doing both of the following: (1) specifying that "intoxicating liquor" includes all solids and confections which contain one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume. (Current law defines such items as intoxicating liquor if they contain any alcohol.); (2) eliminating inconsistent references to wine and mixed beverages that contain less than 4 percent of alcohol by volume.

(2) No provision.

(2) No provision.

(2) Revises the definition of "mixed beverages" to also include "solids and confections" that are obtained by mixing any type of whiskey, neutral spirits, brandy, gin, or other distilled spirits with water, juice, or other flavorings and that contain between one-half per cent and 21 per cent of alcohol by volume.

Fiscal effect: Broader definition of "mixed beverages" may lead to more products required to pay the mixed beverage excise tax. Taxes are paid by the manufacturer, wholesale dealer, or retail dealer at \$1.20 per gallon. Mixed beverage excise taxes are deposited into the GRF.

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COMCD15 Exemption from Open Container Law for Racetrack Liquor Permit Holders

(1) No provision.

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R.C. 4301.62

(1) Exempts from the Open Container Law a person on the property of an outdoor motorsports facility with an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the owner of the facility if both of the following apply: (1) the person is attending a racing event at the facility; and (2) the owner of the facility grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor on the property of facility.

(2) No provision.

(2) No provision.

(2) Defines "racing event" as a motor vehicle racing event sanctioned by one or more motor racing sanctioning organizations.

(3) No provision.

(3) No provision.

(3) Defines "outdoor motorsports facility" as an outdoor racetrack to which all of the following apply: (1) it is 2.4 miles or more in length; and (2) it is located on 200 acres or more of land; (3) the primary business of the owner of the facility is the hosting and promoting of racing events; and (4) the holder of a D-1, D-2, or D-3 liquor permit is located at the facility.

Fiscal effect: None.

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COMCD18 Tasting Samples of Spirituous Liquor

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		R.C. 4301.171
(1) No provision.	(1) No provision.	(1) Allows tasting samples of spirituous liquor to be offered for sale in an area that is immediately adjacent to an agency store if beer and other intoxicating liquor are sold in the area and if the area and the agency store are located on the same premises rather than allowing the sale of samples only in the area of an agency store that is open to the public as provided in current law.
(2) No provision.	(2) No provision.	(2) Specifies that a trade marketing professional, broker, or solicitor must notify the Division of Liquor Control about specified information related to the sale of tasting samples of spirituous liquor at an agency store not less than ten business days prior to the sale rather than not less than five business days prior to the sale as in current law.
(3) No provision.	(3) No provision.	(3) Requires a trade marketing professional, broker, or solicitor that offers tasting samples to purchase the spirituous liquor from the agency store at which the samples are offered at the current retail price rather than requiring an agency store to purchase the spirituous liquor at the current retail price.
(4) No provision.	(4) No provision.	(4) Removes existing law that requires: (a) the aggregate amount charged for the sale of tasting samples to be sufficient to cover the wholesale price of the spirituous liquor being tasted as that price is fixed under current law; and (b) the trade marketing professional, broker, or solicitor to reimburse the agency store for the amount of the retail price of the spirituous liquor from the amount collected from the sale of tasting samples of spirituous liquor.

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(5) No provision.

(5) No provision.

(5) Allows three spirituous liquor sample events in a calendar week provided that specified criteria are met rather than five in a calendar month as provided in current law.

Fiscal effect: Potential small increase in liquor permit fee revenue for additional liquor sample tasting permits (D-8 permits). The D-8 permit fee is \$500, with revenue deposited into the Undivided Liquor Permit Fund (Fund 7066), which is subsequently distributed to the State Liquor Regulatory Fund (Fund 5LP0) used by the Division of Liquor Control (45%), the local taxing district where the permit is issued (35%), and the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750) used by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (20%).

COMCD17 Liquor Permit for Restaurants in Park Districts Adjacent to Lake Erie

No provision.

No provision.

R.C. 4303.181

Allows for the issuance of a D-5p liquor permit for restaurants located in park districts that are adjacent to Lake Erie and meet specified criteria.

No provision.

No provision.

Authorizes D-5p liquor permit holders to sell beer and intoxicating liquor for on-and off-premises consumption.

Fiscal effect: Potential small increase in liquor permit fee revenue. The D-5p permit fee is \$2,344 and would be deposited into the Undivided Liquor Permit Fund (Fund 7066) and subsequently distributed.

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COMCD19 Issuance of Liquor Permits in Community Entertainment Districts

No provision.

No provision.

R.C. 4303.181

Revises one of the conditions under which the D-5j liquor permit may be issued in a community entertainment district by specifying that the municipal corporation in which the permitted premises will be located in the district must have been incorporated as a village prior to 1860 rather than prior to 1840 as provided in current law.

Fiscal effect: Potential small increase in liquor permit fee revenue. The D-5j permit fee is \$2,344 and would be deposited into the Undivided Liquor Permit Fund (Fund 7066) and subsequently distributed.

COMCD13 Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons License Requirements

No provision.

No provision.

R.C. 4735.07, 4735.09, 4735.10, 4735.142, 4735.56

Exempts a person who holds a valid Ohio real estate appraiser license and certificate from a requirement that he or she complete classroom instruction in real estate appraisal if the person applies for a real estate broker or salesperson license.

No provision.

No provision.

Limits the transactions for which a real estate broker or salesperson must provide a written brokerage policy on agency to a seller or purchaser to the sale or lease of vacant land, the sale of a real estate parcel containing one to four residential units, or the leasing of residential premises if the rental or lease agreement is for a term of more than 18 months.

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COMCD1 Administrative Assessments

Section: 241.10

Specifies that the Division of Administration Fund (Fund 1630) is entitled to receive assessments from all operating funds of the Department, subject to OBM approval.

Fiscal effect: Provides a method to pay for the Department's centralized services, such as communications, fiscal administration, human resources, legal, legislative affairs, quality control, training, employee development, and support services.

Section: 241.10

Same as the Executive.

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COMCD2 Unclaimed Funds Payments

Section: 241.10

Requires GSF Fund 5430 appropriation item 800625, Unclaimed Funds-Claims, to be used to pay claims under R.C. 169.08 and appropriates additional amounts for this purpose if necessary.

Section: 241.10

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COMCD3 Fire Department Grants

Section: 241.10

(1) Earmarks up to \$2,146,802 each year from SSR Fund 5460 appropriation item 800639, Fire Department Grants, for grants to volunteer fire departments, fire departments that serve one or more small municipalities or small townships, joint fire districts comprised of fire departments that primarily serve small municipalities or small townships, local units of government responsible for such fire departments, and local units of government responsible for the provision of fire protection services for small municipalities or small townships.

(2) Requires the grants to be used to purchase firefighting or rescue equipment or gear or similar items, to provide full or partial reimbursement for the documented costs of firefighter training, or, at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal, to cover fire department costs for providing fire protection services in the grant recipient's jurisdiction.

(3) Limits grant awards for firefighting or rescue equipment or gear or fire department costs of providing fire protection services to \$15,000 per fiscal year, or up to \$25,000 per fiscal year if an eligible entity serves a jurisdiction in which the Governor declared a natural disaster during the preceding or current fiscal year in which the grant was awarded, and to \$15,000 per fiscal year for full or partial reimbursement of the documented costs of firefighter training, which could be in addition to any grant funds awarded for equipment or fire protection services.

Section: 241.10

(1) Same as the Executive, but increases the earmark from \$2,146,802 to \$2,198,802.

(2) Same as the Executive, but allows up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year to pay for the State Fire Marshal's costs of providing certain firefighter training classes at no cost to selected students, and allows the State Fire Marshal to establish the qualification and selection process for such classes.

(3) Same as the Executive.

Section: 241.10

(1) Same as the House.

(2) Same as the House.

(3) Same as the Executive.

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(4) Requires the State Fire Marshal to determine the total amounts to be allocated for each eligible purpose.

(4) Same as the Executive.

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(5) Requires the State Fire Marshal to administer the grant program in accordance with rules adopted as part of the State Fire Code, which may further define eligible entities and establish criteria for the awarding and expenditure of grant funds.

(5) Same as the Executive.

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(6) Permits any appropriations in excess of the amount allocated for the grants to be used to administer the grant program.

(6) Same as the Executive.

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COMCD4 Cash Transfers to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund

Section: 241.10

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Allows the Director of Budget and Management, upon the request of the Director of Commerce, to transfer up to \$500,000 in cash from the Real Estate Recovery Fund (Fund 5480) and up to \$250,000 in cash from the Real Estate Appraiser Recovery Fund (Fund 4B20) to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490) during the biennium.

Same as the Executive.

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OHSCD5 Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force

(1) No provision.

(1) No provision.

Section: 747.10

(1) Establishes the Ohio Cemetery Law Task Force to develop recommendations on modifications of the laws of this state relating to cemeteries.

(2) No provision.

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(2) Requires the Task Force to comprise 11 members, consisting of a representative of local government, other than townships, appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of the Ohio Township Association appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of Native Americans appointed by the President of the Senate; a representative of private cemeteries appointed by the Speaker of the House; a representative of the Ohio Historical Society appointed by the Speaker of the House; a representative of archaeologists appointed by the Speaker of the House; a representative of the Ohio Genealogical Society appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing in the Department of Commerce appointed by the Governor; a representative of the Department of Transportation appointed by the Governor; and a representative of the Department of Natural Resources appointed by the Governor.

(3) No provision.

(3) No provision.

(3) Requires the initial appointments to the Task Force to be made within 30 days after the provision's effective date and requires vacancies to be filled in the manner provided for original appointments.

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(4) No provision.	(4) No provision.	(4) Requires the Task Force to elect two of its members to serve as co-chairpersons of the Task Force. Requires the Task Force to meet as often as necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. Requires members of the Task Force to serve without compensation.
(5) No provision.	(5) No provision.	(5) Requires the Task Force to issue a report of its recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor not later than one year after the provision's effective date. Specifies that the Task Force ceases to exist upon submitting its report.