



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 291 of the 128th G.A.](#)

Date: November 17, 2009

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Jordan and Carney

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — No local cost

Contents: Exempts certain entities from complying with the Vehicle Parks Law

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The exemption provided under the bill could reduce enforcement costs for agricultural societies and local health departments.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill exempts county agricultural societies, independent agricultural societies, and the Ohio Expositions Commission that hold licenses under the Vehicle Parks Law from campground occupancy restrictions that apply under some of these licenses when these entities are preparing, operating, and dismantling a fair. Current law exempts fairgrounds that do not hold a year-round campground license from the need to obtain such a license at the time of their fairs. Nevertheless, many fairgrounds have obtained licenses to allow for camping at the fairgrounds during other times of the year. In some cases, these year-round licenses restrict the number of campers that are permitted to be on the grounds.

As a practical matter, during a fair when there are large numbers of vendors, fair participants, 4-H, and other agricultural groups occupying campsites on grounds, county fair boards and local health departments are unable to adequately enforce any restrictions that exist in a year-round license. Under the bill, it is possible that local health departments and county fair boards could see a reduction in costs resulting from enforcing any restrictions on the number of campers during fairs. It is also conceivable that, without this exemption, any entity that currently has a year-round camping license could decide to forego renewal so as to not face any restrictions during the period of their fairs.