



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 338 of the 128th G.A.](#)

Date: February 2, 2010

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Book and Uecker

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — Permissive

Contents: Allows, in certain circumstances, all issues concerning a person's driver's license to be litigated in a single court

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FY 2010 – FUTURE YEARS

Courts

Revenues

- 0 -

Expenditures

Potential decrease of uncertain magnitude

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- The bill confers on any court whose jurisdiction is invoked regarding a driver's license matter concurrent jurisdiction to adjudicate issues and appeals regarding that driver's license matter. This would reduce caseload processing expenditures in certain courts, the precise magnitude of which is difficult to discern. Any potential savings for a court would manifest itself in terms of improved efficiency in processing cases on the court's docket.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Overview

The bill would allow, in certain circumstances, all issues concerning a person's driver's license to be litigated in a single court. In some cases an individual's appeal of a driver's license suspension may require actions to be filed concurrently in more than a single court, plus the state's Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The bill will allow that individual to challenge driver's license related issues in a single jurisdiction which would allow for a more streamlined and cost effective process of adjudicating these driver's license related issues.

State fiscal effects

The bill appears to not significantly affect revenues or expenditures for the state. There could be a reduced number of hearings at the BMV, potentially resulting in a savings effect. According to the BMV, any potential savings would be negligible.

Local fiscal effects

The bill would create cost savings through efficiencies by allowing the courts to streamline the administration of driver's license issues which would, in turn, potentially decrease expenditures for certain courts. The bill confers on any court whose jurisdiction is invoked regarding a driver's license matter concurrent jurisdiction to adjudicate all issues and appeals regarding that driver's license matter. According to the Ohio Judicial Conference, as well as the Ohio State Bar Association, the bill would likely reduce caseload processing expenditures in certain courts by bringing various driver's license related appeals into a single court. The bill also specifies the procedure for the holder of the driver's license to invoke the particular court's jurisdiction.

Given the permissive nature of the bill, it is difficult to estimate the exact number of driver's license related cases that would be affected. This greatly complicates any effort to calculate the precise magnitude of any reduced expenditures in certain courts. Typically such savings would be realized in terms of a reduction in caseload and improved efficiency in the processing of cases on the court's docket.