



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 6 of the 129th G.A.](#)

Date: December 12, 2011

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Huffman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Requires deputy registrars to accept debit cards by automated teller machines and allows deputy registrars to accept debit/credit cards by other means for all state-related transactions

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Clerks of a court of common pleas who are designated as deputy registrars who choose to accept payment by means of a financial transaction device may see an increase in costs related to these types of transactions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under current law, deputy registrars are permitted to have cashless automated teller machines at their locations. The bill requires the majority of deputy registrars (that is, those who contract with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), not clerks of a court of common pleas or county auditors who are designated as deputy registrars) to accept debit cards by automated teller machines, and allows them to accept debit cards and credit cards by other means, for all state-related transactions.

The bill specifically states that the BMV is not responsible for paying any of the fees related to credit card transactions. As a result, the bill has no fiscal effect on state government and, by extension, no direct fiscal effect on local governments that receive funding from the Auto Registration Distribution Fund (Fund 7051). The bill, however, permits a clerk of a court of common pleas that is designated as a deputy registrar to choose to accept debit or credit cards as payment for Department of Public Safety transactions conducted at the office. A clerk's office that chooses to accept debit or credit cards may see an increase in costs related to these types of transactions.

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