



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 177 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: June 7, 2013

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Pelanda

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Prohibits the manufacture, import, or sale of a counterfeit or nonfunctional motor vehicle air bag and increases certain penalties

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Increasing a penalty for violating the provisions of the bill from a first degree misdemeanor to a fifth degree felony would result in a decrease in expenditures for the municipal courts and a corresponding increase in expenditures for the county courts of common pleas. It is unlikely that these decreases and increases would exceed minimal.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill prohibits the manufacture, import, or sale of a counterfeit or nonfunctional motor vehicle air bag or the reinstallation of a device in a motor vehicle that causes the vehicle's diagnostic system to inaccurately indicate that the vehicle is equipped with a functional air bag. The bill increases the penalty for improper replacement of an air bag if the violation results in the bodily injury or death of an individual from a first degree misdemeanor to a fifth degree felony. This would result in moving cases from the municipal court to the county court of common pleas, so there would be a movement in costs from the municipal court to the county court. Any decrease in costs to the municipal court, as well as any corresponding increase in costs to the county court of common pleas is unlikely to exceed minimal.

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