Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Am. S.B. 137 of the 130th G.A. **Date**: December 11, 2013

Status: As Enacted **Sponsor**: Sen. Patton

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Requires motor vehicle operators to move over or slow down and approach with caution when approaching certain stationary vehicles on the side of a highway and declares an emergency

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill adds highway maintenance vehicles and vehicles used by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to conduct motor vehicle inspections to the list of vehicles for which motor vehicle operators are required to either move over or slow down and approach with caution when such vehicle is stopped on a highway that has at least two lanes of traffic traveling in the same direction. The bill provides for a 90-day warning period after the effective date of the bill during which no citations may be issued for violations of the provisions of the bill. Once the warning period is over, there could be an increased number of citations if motorists do not move over or slow down for a stopped highway maintenance vehicle or PUCO vehicle, but it is unlikely to result in more than a negligible gain in revenues for the entity that issues the citation.

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