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AGRCD18 Certificate of free sale			
R.C. 901.43	R.C. 901.43	R.C. 901.43	R.C. 901.43
Allows the AGR Director to authorize any AGR division or program to issue to any entity a certificate of free sale, a document that certifies to states and countries receiving a listed product that the product being exported is freely marketed without restriction in the U.S. Authorizes the AGR Director to charge a reasonable fee for the certificate and adopt and enforce rules for issuance. Requires that the fee be deposited into the appropriate fund.	Same as the Executive, but replaces the AGR Director's authority to charge a reasonable fee with a statutory \$50 fee.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
Fiscal effect: Minimal gain in fee revenue to applicable funds.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

AGRCD35 Public records of AGR laboratories			
		R.C. 901.43	R.C. 901.43
No provision.	No provision.	Generally excludes information, reports, and other records used in any AGR laboratory to perform a laboratory service from the Public Records Law.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Requires any details that would identify a person or entity that submitted a specimen to an AGR laboratory to be treated as confidential unless the AGR Director opts to share such information with (1) a local, state, federal agency in discharging official public duties, or (2) an institution of higher education.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.		No provision.		Allows the AGR Director to prepare and publish statistical information without disclosing details that would identify a particular person or business client.		Same as the Senate.	
				Fiscal effect: Minimal.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.	
AGRCD3	Fertilizer license fee and lime tonnage report						
R.C.	905.32, 905.56, 905.57	R.C.	905.32, 905.56, 905.57	R.C.	905.32, 905.56, 905.57	R.C.	905.32, 905.56, 905.57
Increases the annual license fee to manufacture or distribute fertilizer from \$5 to \$50; and increases the late license renewal fee from \$10 to \$25.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Eliminates the annual tonnage report and the accompanying inspection fee that a liming material licensee must file with AGR for the number of net tons of liming material sold or distributed to non-licensees in Ohio.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$44,000 annually from the increase in the fertilizer fees and approximate \$3,000 annual loss from eliminating the lime tonnage fee. Net annual gain of approximately \$41,000 for the Pesticide Program Fund (Fund 6690).		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	
AGRCD26	Commercial seed labeler permit						
R.C.	907.13, 907.14	R.C.	907.13, 907.14	R.C.	907.13, 907.14	R.C.	907.13, 907.14
Increases the annual commercial seed labeler permit fee from \$10 to \$50 and changes the expiration date of the permit from December 31 to January 31 of each year.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	

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Eliminates one of the required semiannual reports to be filed by a permit holder on the amount of seed sold in Ohio, thus requiring only one such report annually.	Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Eliminates the minimum annual fee of \$5 that a permit holder must pay and instead specifies that if the permit holder owes less than \$50 for the seed fee, the permit holder is not required to pay the fee.	Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$16,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD1 Apiary law changes				
R.C. 909.01, 909.02, 909.07-909.09, 909.13	R.C.	909.01, 909.02, 909.07-909.09, 909.13		R.C. 909.01, 909.02, 909.07-909.09, 909.13
Makes the following changes to the requirements governing apiary registration: (1) Extends the registration deadline from 10 to 30 days after taking ownership or moving into Ohio with an apiary; (2) Eliminates the \$5 registration fee and \$10 late fee, as well as the issuance of a physical registration certificate; (3) Requires clear posting of apiary identification number.	Same as the Executive.		No provision.	Same as the Executive.
Eliminates a board of county commissioner's authority to appropriate money in an amount it deems sufficient for the inspection of apiaries in its county.	Same as the Executive.		No provision.	Same as the Executive.

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Makes the following changes to the law governing deputy apiarists: (1) Requires a board of county commissioners to set the deputy apiarist's salary based on inspection work and related costs; (2) Requires the AGR Director to review, rather than approve, a deputy apiarist's salary and expenses; (3) Allows the AGR Director to assign a deputy apiarist to conduct inspections in multiple counties; (4) Expands the reasons for which the AGR Director may fire a deputy apiarist to include unethical or negligent discharge of duties.	Same as the Executive, but allows a board of county commissioners to appoint more than one deputy apiarist with the approval of the AGR Director.	No provision.	Same as the House.
Does all of the following under the law governing the sale or gift of queen bees: (1) Defines a "nuc" as a small colony of bees in a hive box with certain characteristics; (2) expands the law to cover the sale of packaged bees, nucs, and colonies and the trade or distribution of bees; (3) requires that a person intending to sell, trade, gift, or distribute them file a request for certification with AGR along with a fee of \$50 for the certification of a bee, nuc, or colony; (4) expands the prohibition against distributing diseased bees to include an apiary with bee pests or another amount set in rules.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	Same as the Executive.

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Expands the AGR Director's enforcement authority regarding the Apiary Law to include: (1) compliance agreements between AGR and a person engaged in queen rearing; (2) the authority to suspend any compliance agreement or any registration, certificate, or permit, and (3) the authority to revoke any registration or compliance agreement.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	Same as the Executive.
Authorizes the AGR Director to require all queen rearing apiaries to be inspected as specified in rules at least annually, rather than requiring inspections once each year with no authority to alter inspection frequency as under current law.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Loss of approximately \$35,000 annually by eliminating the apiary registration fee. Gain of approximately \$41,000 annually from new \$50 certification fee. Net gain of \$6,000 annually for the Plant Pest Program Fund (Fund 5FC0).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive. However, counties could incur additional costs if they choose to hire more than one deputy apiarist.		Fiscal effect: Same as the House.

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AGRCD11	Bakery registration fee						
R.C.	911.02	R.C.	911.02	R.C.	911.02	R.C.	911.02
Establishes a flat \$200 annual registration fee for bakeries to replace the current of \$30 for each 1,000 pounds of bakery per hour capacity, thus increasing the annual registration fee for bakeries with a production capacity lower than 6,000 pounds per hour while decreasing the fee for those with a production capacity higher than 6,000 pounds per hour.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$95,000 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70).		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	
AGRCD12	Soda water syrup or extract and soft drink syrup manufacturer fee						
R.C.	913.23	R.C.	913.23	R.C.	913.23	R.C.	913.23
Eliminates the registration requirement for soda water syrup or extract manufacturers or soft drink syrup manufacturers not otherwise licensed as soft drink bottlers, thus eliminating an annual \$100 registration/license fee.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: Loss of approximately \$3,400 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70).		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	

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AGRCD13 Cold storage locker license fee			
R.C. 915.16	R.C. 915.16	R.C. 915.16	R.C. 915.16
Increases the annual license fee for cold storage lockers from \$50 to \$200.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$18,000 annually for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

AGRCD21 Livestock dealers – fees and penalties			
R.C. 915.24	R.C. 915.24	R.C. 915.24	R.C. 915.24
Alters the fees charged by AGR to livestock dealers and brokers as follows: (1) applies a flat \$250 annual dealer and broker license renewal fee instead a fee schedule (\$50 for less than 1,000 head; \$125 for 1,001 to 10,000 head; \$250 for more than 10,000 head) depending on head of livestock bought, sold, or exchanged in Ohio; (2) increases the annual license fee from \$25 to \$50 for small dealers, and increases the applicable late fee from \$25 to \$100; (3) increases the annual license fee for employees appointed by a small dealer, dealer, or broker from \$20 to \$30; (4) increases the annual license fee for weighers from \$10 to \$30.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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Eliminates the first degree misdemeanor criminal penalties for violation of any prohibition of the law governing livestock dealers and brokers, except for the violation of a weigher improperly weighing or accepting bribes, and instead allows the AGR Director to assess civil penalties for up to \$500 for a first violation within the previous five years, up to \$2,500 for a second such violation, and up to \$10,000 for a third or subsequent such violation. Directs the civil penalties to the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$57,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (Fund 4C90).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD23 Food Safety Fund			
R.C. 915.24	R.C. 915.24	R.C. 915.24	R.C. 915.24
Requires money received from federal contracts or cooperative agreements for the performance of AGR’s prescribed duties related to food safety inspections to be deposited into the Food Safety Fund. (Such moneys are currently deposited into the Federal Cooperative Contracts Fund.)	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain for the Food Safety Fund (Fund 4P70) and corresponding loss for the Federal Cooperative Contracts Fund (Fund 3820).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD16 Pesticide Law changes					
R.C.	921.01, 921.02, 921.06, 921.09, 921.11-921.14, 921.16, 921.23, 921.24, 921.26.	R.C.	921.01, 921.02, 921.06, 921.09, 921.11-921.14, 921.16, 921.23, 921.24, 921.26.		R.C. 921.01, 921.02, 921.06, 921.09, 921.11-921.14, 921.16, 921.23, 921.24, 921.26.
Updates Ohio law to comply with U.S. EPA regulations as follows:		Same as the Executive, but makes the following changes:		No provision.	Same as the House, but makes the following changes:
(1) Requires restricted use pesticides to be applied exclusively by a licensed commercial or private pesticide applicator;		(1) Same as Executive.		(1) No provision.	(1) Same as the Executive.
(2) Expands activities requiring licensure to include both pre-application actions involving mixing and loading restricted use pesticides, and transporting or storing pesticide application equipment;		(2) Same as Executive.		(2) No provision.	(2) Same as the Executive.
(3) Requires each pesticide business location to be licensed, rather than requiring one license for the pesticide business and the registration of each location that is owned by the person operating the pesticide business;		(3) Same as Executive.		(3) No provision.	(3) Same as the Executive.
(4) Allows the AGR Director to establish an examination fee by rule for applicants for pesticide applicator licenses;		(4) Same as Executive.		(4) No provision.	(4) Replaces the Executive provision with one that establish a \$30 examination fee for a pesticide applicator license applicant.
(5) Allows the AGR Director to deny, suspend, revoke, refuse to renew, or modify any license, permit, or registration if the applicant or holder has entered into an administrative or judicial settlement under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.		(5) Same as Executive.		(5) No provision.	(5) Same as the Executive.

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(6) Increases the number of days that the AGR Director may suspend a license, permit, or registration prior to a hearing concerning a violation from ten to 30 days.	(6) Same as Executive.	(6) No provision.	(6) Same as the Executive.
(7) Requires that, for one of the conditions that must be met for an exemption from obtaining a pesticide business license, an individual must not engage in the business of applying pesticides for hire, rather than, as under current law, requiring that the person must not regularly engage in such a business.	(7) No provision.	(7) No provision.	(7) No provision.
Increases fees for the annual registration of a pesticide sold or distributed in Ohio as follows: (1) from \$150 to \$250 for each product name and brand registered for the company whose name appears on the pesticide label; (2) from \$75 to \$125 the penalty fee for late registration renewal; and (3) from \$75 to \$125 the penalty fee for each product name and brand of a non-registered pesticide that is distributed in Ohio before registration.	Same as Executive.	No provision.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$500,000 annually for the Pesticide Program Fund (Fund 6690).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD25 Commercial Feed Law			
R.C. 923.42, 923.43, 923.51	R.C. 923.42, 923.43, 923.51	R.C. 923.42, 923.43, 923.51	R.C. 923.42, 923.43, 923.51
Requires that a commercial feed registration be made on an annual instead of semiannual basis. Requires a manufacturer or distributor to pay an annual \$50 registration fee and requires the registration to be filed by February 1 of each year and expire on January 31st of the following year.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Eliminates the specific information required to be on the registration form prescribed by the AGR Director.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Removes the minimum \$25 commercial feed inspection fee, generally calculated at a rate of \$25 per ton, and instead exempts the first 200 tons of commercial feed sold in a calendar year from the fee. States that the penalty for late payment of an inspection fee is 10% of the amount due or \$50, whichever is greater, rather than a 10% penalty, with a minimum penalty of \$50 as under current law.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires an annual instead of a semiannual submission of the required commercial feed inspection fee and accompanying statement by the first distributor in Ohio.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain of nearly \$40,000 annually for the Commercial Feed and Seed Fund (4C90).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD30 Pork Marketing Program	R.C. 924.212	R.C. 924.212, 924.01, 924.30	R.C. 924.212, 924.01, 924.30
No provision.	Establishes a Pork Marketing Program to promote the sale and use of pork products and requires it to be operated with the same general procedures, requirements, and other provisions that exist for the Grain and Soybean Marketing Programs.	Same as the House, but makes the following additions and clarifications: (1) Defines "pork" as the flesh of a porcine animal, "pork product" as a product produced or processed in whole or in part from pork, and "producer" as a person who raises porcine animals in Ohio for sale in commerce; (2) states that the Program's purpose is to promote the sale of pork and pork products; and (3) clarifies that the Program may operate only if the National Pork Checkoff Program is no longer in operation.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	Establishes a ten-member Pork Marketing Program Operating Committee consisting of four members appointed by the AGR Director and six elected members. States that all ten members of the Operating Committee are voting members.	Same as the House, but expands the Operating Committee to 12 by adding the AGR Director or the Director's designee as a nonvoting member and the executive vice-president of the Ohio Pork Council as a voting member.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	Applies the same procedures for elections as those that apply to the Grain Marketing Program, except divides the state into six districts consisting of specified counties.	Same as the House, but elaborates on the procedures for establishing the Operating Committee as follows: (1) Requires that the Ohio Pork Council, within 180 days after the National Program is no longer in operation, accept nominations for candidates and hold elections; (2) establishes requirements and procedures for elections.	Same as the Senate.

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No provision.	Requires the Director to levy an assessment on pork producers at 35¢ per \$100 of value at the first point of sale. Prohibits such assessments if assessments are levied under the National Pork Checkoff Program. Prohibits the operating committee from refunding a producer for any assessments that it collects from the producer.	Replaces the House provision with one that does the following: (1) Establishes an assessment of the lesser of (a) 0.25% of the market value of the porcine animal, pork, or pork product sold or imported, or (b) an amount established by the operating committee at the committee's initial meeting through an initial order; and (2) allows the operating committee to increase the rate of assessment after the initial order by up to 0.1% per year.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision.	Prohibits a person from refusing to withhold an assessment levied on pork or pork products.	Same as the Senate.
No provision.	No provision. Fiscal effect: Minimal increase in AGR’s oversight administrative costs.	Excludes pork from the law governing other agricultural commodities. Fiscal effect: Same as the House.	Same as the Senate. Fiscal effect: Same as the House.
AGRCD10 Ohio Grape Industries Committee R.C. 924.51, Section 709.10 Revises the makeup of the Ohio Grape Industries Committee by removing the AGR Chief of the Division of Markets and adding two Ohio residents appointed by the AGR Director. Fiscal effect: None.	R.C. 924.51, Section 709.10 Same as the Executive. Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	R.C. 924.51, Section 709.10 Same as the Executive. Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	R.C. 924.51, Section 709.10 Same as the Executive. Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD15 Nurseryperson Inspection Fee			
R.C. 927.53	R.C. 927.53	R.C. 927.53	R.C. 927.53
Increases the base annual inspection fee for a nurseryperson who produces, sells, or distributes woody nursery stock in Ohio or ships such stock outside Ohio from \$100 to \$200.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Increases the additional per-acre inspection fee for growing woody nursery stock as follows: (1) in intensive production areas, from \$11 per acre, or fraction of an acre, to \$15 per acre, or fraction of an acre; (2) in nonintensive production areas, from \$7 per acre, or fraction of an acre, to \$10 per acre, or fraction of an acre.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$100,000 annually for the Plant Pest Program Fund (5FC0).	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD17 Hemp Cultivation and Processing Program			
R.C. 928.02, 928.03, 928.04	R.C. 928.02, 928.03, 928.04	R.C. 928.02	R.C. 928.02
Permits the AGR Director to transfer jurisdiction to implement Ohio's hemp cultivation licensure program to the USDA.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Eliminates the prohibition against issuing a hemp cultivation or processing licenses to a person for a felony related to a controlled substance within the previous 10 years.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.

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Eliminates a requirement that the AGR Director revoke, for 10 years, a hemp cultivation or processing license issued to a person who pleads guilty to or is convicted of a controlled substance felony.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.
Eliminates a requirement that a license applicant comply with the general background check law, and instead requires an applicant to comply with background check rules adopted by the AGR Director.	No provision.	No provision.	No provision.
Fiscal effect: Potential cost savings if the program is transferred to the USDA. The state program is currently funded by GRF and license and other revenue deposited into Fund 5WJ0.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD20 Captive cervid licensing					
R.C.	943.01, 943.26, 944.01-944.08, 1533.71, 1533.721, 1533.731, 1533.77.	R.C.	943.01, 943.26, 944.01-944.08, 1533.71, 1533.721, 1533.731, 1533.77.		
Replaces the requirement that owners who propagate deer in a facility be licensed as livestock dealers with a new regulatory structure that applies to facility owners and owners of any type of cervid (deer, moose, elk, and their hybrids), as follows: (1) Requires all captive cervid facility owners to be licensed annually by AGR; (2) requires the facilities to be inspected before licensure, allowing for an appeals process for failed inspections; (3) establishes an annual \$50 license and renewal fee to be deposited into the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund. Applies the new regulatory structure to the AGR Director's existing authority for rulemaking, testing, mitigating disease, investigations and inspections, and civil penalties.		Same as the Executive.		No provision.	No provision.
Fiscal effect: Gain of approximately \$7,500 annually for the Animal and Consumer Protection Fund.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.			

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AGRCD22 Animal and Consumer Protection Fund							
R.C.	943.04, 943.26, 943.27, 943.99, 901.43	R.C.	943.04, 943.26, 943.27, 943.99, 901.43	R.C.	943.04, 943.26, 943.27, 943.99, 901.43	R.C.	943.04, 943.26, 943.27, 943.99, 901.43
Eliminates the Livestock Care Standards Fund and Dangerous and Restricted Animal Fund and redirects the money credited to those funds to the existing Animal and Consumer Protection Fund (Fund 5MS0).		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Redirects money collected from livestock dealer and broker fees and fines imposed for violating the law governing livestock dealers from the Animal and Consumer Protection and Laboratory Fund to Fund 5MS0.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Requires Fund 5MS0 to be used to administer the laws governing dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes, livestock dealers, and captive cervid.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Fiscal effect: Consolidates funding for the regulation of livestock dealers, captive cervid, and dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes under Fund 5MS0.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	
AGRCD19 High Volume Dog Breeder Kennel and Pet Store Funds							
R.C.	956.18, 956.181; Section 516.10	R.C.	956.18, 956.181; Section 516.10	R.C.	956.18, 956.181; Section 516.10	R.C.	956.18, 956.181; Section 516.10
Renames the High Volume Breeder Kennel Control License Fund (Fund 5MR0) the Commercial Dog Breeding Fund.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	
Abolishes the Pet Store License Fund (Fund 5PLO) and requires all pet store license fees and civil penalties assessed against pet stores to be credited to Fund 5MR0.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.		Same as the Executive.	

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Permits the OBM Director to transfer the cash balance in Fund 5PLO to Fund 5MR0 in FY 2026.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Gain in revenue for Fund 5MR0 up to the amount available for transfer from Fund 5PLO. The March 2026 cash balance in Fund 5PLO is \$173,000.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
AGRCD2 Amusement ride fees			
R.C. 993.04	R.C. 993.04		
Expands the current amusement ride classifications that apply to annual inspection from four currently to (1) kiddie rides, (2) family rides, (3) major rides, (4) spectacular rides (5) family/portable roller coaster, (6) tower rides, and (7) large roller coaster.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	No provision.
Increases the following inspection and reinspection fees: Family rides from \$160 to \$200; major rides from \$140 to \$300; spectacular rides from \$160 to \$400; tower rides from \$160 to \$1,800; and large roller coaster from \$1,200 to \$4,000.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	No provision.

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Replaces the current flat \$104 inspection or reinspection fee for inflatable rides with the following: For three or fewer at the same location and with the same owner, \$100 each. For three such rides, \$75 each. For 11 or more, \$50 each. Decreases the permit fee for inflatables from \$225 to \$100. Fiscal effect: Estimated loss of approximately \$222,000 annually in permit fees. Partially offsetting gain in inspection fees. Receipts are deposited into the Amusement Ride Safety Fund (Fund 5780).	Same as the Executive. Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	No provision.	No provision.
AGRCD14 Food processing establishment exemption for small egg producers			
R.C. 3715.021	R.C. 3715.021		R.C. 3715.021
Exempts a small egg producer (500 or fewer birds) from food processing establishment regulations.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	Same as the Executive.
Requires AGR Director to establish standards for manufacturing practices.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: None.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD31 Auctioneer client trust accounts		R.C. 4707.024		R.C. 4707.024		R.C. 4707.024	
No provision.		Allows a licensed auctioneer to deposit money into a client trust account, and retain that money in the account, to pay expenses related to bank charges necessary to maintain the account.		Same as the House.		Same as the House.	
		Fiscal effect: None.		Fiscal effect: Same as the House.		Fiscal effect: Same as the House.	
AGRCD4 Soil and Water Division							
Section: 211.20		Section: 211.20					
Earmarks \$500,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 700428, Soil and Water Division, to provide grants to local governments for developing or updating local land use plans.		Same as the Executive.		No provision.		No provision.	
AGRCD5 County Agricultural Societies							
Section: 211.20		Section: 211.20		Section: 211.20		Section: 211.20	
Requires that GRF ALI 700501, County Agricultural Societies, be used to reimburse county and independent agricultural societies for expenses related to Junior Fair activities.		Same as the Executive, but earmarks \$380,000 in each fiscal year for this purpose and also includes the following earmarks:		Same as the House.		Same as the House.	
No provision.		Earmarks \$250,000 in each fiscal year to support Future Farmers of America, urban agriculture, and agriculture literacy programs around the state.		Same as the House.		Same as the House.	
No provision.		Earmarks \$800,000 in each fiscal year to support up to 50% of the rental and equipment costs associated with hosting state and national livestock events at the Ohio Expo Center.		No provision.		No provision.	

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No provision.	Earmarks \$500,000 in FY 2026 to support the construction of the Mercer County Fairgrounds Grand Events Center.	No provision.	Same as the House.
AGRCD32 E15 Rebate Program			
	Section: 211.20, 757.100		
No provision.	Requires the AGR Director to create a pilot High Blend Ethanol Rebate Program to support new construction of E15 or higher blend ethanol pumps at motor fuel retailer locations across Ohio.	No provision.	No provision.
No provision.	Requires the Director to provide a rebate of 5¢ per gallon of blended fuel sold, up to \$100,000 per fiscal year, to a retailer that meets the program's conditions.	No provision.	No provision.
No provision.	Establishes general conditions for the program, and authorizes AGR to adopt rules to administer it. Fiscal effect: The bill provides \$10.0 million for grants under new GRF ALI 700429, E15 Motor Fuel Rebate Program.	No provision.	No provision.
AGRCD6 Soil and Water District Support			
Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20
Earmarks \$4,200,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 700509, Soil and Water District Support, to be used to support county soil and water conservation districts in priority regions designated by the AGR Director for (1) staffing costs, and (2) to assist in soil testing and nutrient management plan development.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD7 Soil and Water Districts			
Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20
Allows AGR, in addition to state matching payments, to use Fund 5BV0 ALI 700661, Soil and Water Districts, to pay any soil and water conservation district an annual amount not to exceed \$40,000. Requires these payments to be deposited into the district's Special Fund.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
AGRCD8 H2Ohio Fund			
Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20
Requires AGR to establish programs to assist in reducing total phosphorous and dissolved reactive phosphorus in the Western Lake Erie Basin and other regions designated by the AGR Director. Requires that Fund 6H20 ALI 700670, H2Ohio, be used to support these programs, including (1) purchasing various nutrient placement and testing equipment, (2) creating a revolving loan program, and (3) providing matching funds for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
AGRCD9 Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating			
Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20	Section: 211.20
Requires Fund 7057 ALI 700632, Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Operating, to be used to administer the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Purchase Program.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

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AGRCD27 Transfer from the GRF to the H2Ohio Fund			
Section: 512.10 Allows the OBM Director to transfer \$270,276,066 in FY 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20).	Section: 512.10 Same as Executive, but decreases the transfer amount to \$150,000,000.	Section: 512.10 Same as House, but increases the transfer amount to \$170,000,000.	Section: 512.10 Same as the Senate, but decreases the cash transfer to \$165,000,000.

Executive	As Passed By House	As Passed By Senate	As Reported By Conference Committee
COMCD33 Fire code changes and enforcement			
	R.C. 3737.83, 3781.062	R.C. 3737.83, 3781.062	R.C. 3737.83, 3781.062
No provision.	Prohibits the State Fire Marshal (SFM) from including certain accessory spaces in determining whether an agricultural structure requires an automatic sprinkler system or other fire suppression system.	Replaces the House provision with one that prohibits the SFM, when determining sprinkler thresholds, from including the occupant load of a covered patio and its area if the building or structure is incident to the agricultural purpose of the land, exempt from Board of Building Standards rules, and meets other specified criteria, including that the covered patio is completely open on three sides with a accessible means of egress on each side.	Same as the Senate, but makes the following modifications: (1) requires a means of egress on each open side of the covered patio, as opposed to each side; and (2) allows a covered patio with two open sides to qualify for the exclusion but only if no point in the covered patio area is more than 20 feet from a means of egress and not more than 50% of the perimeter of the covered patio is enclosed by walls.
No provision.	Requires the COM Director, in collaboration with the SFM, Board of Building Standards (BBS), and local building departments, to develop guidelines for the enforcement of the Ohio Building Code and State Fire Code in a coordinated manner, including the interaction of exemptions from one code with requirements of another code.	No provision.	No provision.
	Fiscal effect: Minimal.	Fiscal effect: Minimal.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Senate.

Executive		As Passed By House	As Passed By Senate	As Reported By Conference Committee
LECCD1	Cash Transfers to the Lake Erie Protection Fund			
Section: 319.20		Section: 319.20	Section: 319.20	Section: 319.20
Permits the OBM Director to transfer up to \$25,000 in each fiscal year from each of the following funds to the Lake Erie Protection Fund (Fund 4C00):		Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
(a) Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0) used by Ohio EPA.		(a) Same as the Executive.	(a) Same as the Executive.	(a) Same as the Executive.
(b) Pesticide, Fertilizer and Lime Fund (Fund 6690) used by AGR.		(b) Same as the Executive.	(b) Same as the Executive.	(b) Same as the Executive.
(c) General Operations Fund (Fund 4700) used by DOH.		(c) Same as the Executive.	(c) Same as the Executive.	(c) Same as the Executive.
(d) Program Support Fund (Fund 1570) used by DNR.		(d) Same as the Executive.	(d) Same as the Executive.	(d) Same as the Executive.
(e) Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) used by ODOT.		(e) Same as the Executive.	(e) No provision.	(e) No provision.
(f) Supportive Services Fund (Fund 1350) used by DEV.		(f) Same as the Executive.	(f) Same as the Executive.	(f) Same as the Executive.
Permits Fund 4C00 to accept contributions and transfers made to the fund.		Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.

Executive		As Passed By House		As Passed By Senate		As Reported By Conference Committee	
EPACD13 EPA fees							
R.C.	3734.57, 3734.901, 3745.11	R.C.	3734.57, 3745.11	R.C.	3734.57, 3745.11	R.C.	3734.57, 3745.11
Makes permanent the following Ohio EPA fees that are scheduled to expire between June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2026:		Same as the Executive, but removes the provisions that would have made permanent all of the fees enumerated in (a) through (j) and, instead, extends the current sunset of those fees by two years:		Same as the House, but makes the annual emissions fees for synthetic minor facilities permanent:		Same as the House.	
(a) The fees levied on the transfer or disposal of solid waste.		(a) Same as the Executive.		(a) Same as the Executive.		(a) Same as the Executive.	
(b) The annual emissions fees for synthetic minor facilities.		(b) Same as the Executive.		(b) Same as the Executive.		(b) Same as the Executive.	
(c) Application fees for plan approvals for wastewater treatment works under the Water Pollution Control Law.		(c) Same as the Executive.		(c) Same as the Executive.		(c) Same as the Executive.	
(d) The annual discharge fees for holders of a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits issued under the Water Pollution Control Law.		(d) Same as the Executive.		(d) Same as the Executive.		(d) Same as the Executive.	
(e) The annual surcharge paid by NPDES permit holders that are major dischargers.		(e) Same as the Executive.		(e) Same as the Executive.		(e) Same as the Executive.	
(f) The initial and renewal license fees for public water system licenses issued under the Safe Drinking Water Law.		(f) Same as the Executive.		(f) Same as the Executive.		(f) Same as the Executive.	
(g) The fee for plan approvals for public water supply systems under the Safe Drinking Water Law.		(g) Same as the Executive.		(g) Same as the Executive.		(g) Same as the Executive.	
(h) The fees for state certification of laboratories and laboratory personnel for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Law.		(h) Same as the Executive.		(h) Same as the Executive.		(h) Same as the Executive.	

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(i) The application and examination fees for certification as operators of water supply systems or wastewater systems under the Safe Drinking Water Law or the Water Pollution Control Law.	(i) Same as the Executive.	(i) Same as the Executive.	(i) Same as the Executive.
(j) The application fees for permits, variances, and plan approvals under the Water Pollution Control Law and the Safe Drinking Water Law.	(j) Same as the Executive.	(j) Same as the Executive.	(j) Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: The fee extensions will preserve annual revenues of \$91.4 million allocated for use by Ohio EPA and AGR as follows: \$365,000 for the Clean Air - Non Title V Fund (Fund 4K20), \$14.2 million for the Solid Waste Fund (Fund 4K30), \$9.0 million for the Surface Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K40), \$7.0 million for the Drinking Water Protection Fund (Fund 4K50), \$1.7 million for the Hazardous Waste Facility Management Fund (Fund 5030), \$9.5 million for the Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Fund (Fund 5050), \$44.4 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 5BC0), and \$1.3 million for the National Priority List Remedial Support Fund (Fund 5YY0) used by Ohio EPA; and \$3.9 million for the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR. Other provisions modify the allocation of solid waste disposal fees and reduce the Ohio EPA portion by \$7.1 million annually, redirecting that amount for use by local boards of health.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive, but extends the annual revenue streams for the affected state funds until they are subject to sunset on June 30, 2028.	Fiscal effect: Same as the House, but extends the annual revenue the Clean Air - Non Title V Fund (Fund 4K20) permanently.	Fiscal effect: Same as the House.

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EPACD24 Scrap Tire Fees			
R.C. 3734.901	R.C. 3734.901	R.C. 3734.901	R.C. 3734.901
Makes permanent the 50¢ per tire fee deposited into the Scrap Tire Management Fund which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.	Same as the Executive, but removes the provisions that would have made permanent the fee and, instead, extends the current sunset until June 30, 2028.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
Makes permanent the 50¢ per tire fee deposited into the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.	Same as the Executive, but removes the provisions that would have made permanent the fee and, instead, extends the current sunset until June 30, 2041.	Same as the House, but extends the current sunset until June 30, 2028.	Same as the Senate.
Fiscal effect: Retains annual revenues of \$8.0 million: \$4.0 million to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) used by Ohio EPA, and \$4.0 million to Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

Executive	As Passed By House	As Passed By Senate	As Reported By Conference Committee
Other Taxation Provisions			
TAXCD71 Replacement tire fee: eliminate 4% discount			
R.C. 3734.904, Section 801.110	R.C. 3734.904, Section 801.110		R.C. 3734.904, Section 801.110
Effective January 1, 2026, eliminates the 4% discount for wholesale distributors of replacement tires or retail dealers who timely file and pay the replacement tire fee administered by TAX.	Same as the Executive.	No provision.	Same as the Executive.
Fiscal effect: Increases fee revenue to the Scrap Tire Management Fund (Fund 4R50) used by EPA and the Soil and Water Conservation District Assistance Fund (Fund 5BV0) used by AGR.	Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.		Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.
Property Taxes and Transfer Fees			
TAXCD98 CAUV recoupment			
No provision.	No provision.	R.C. 5713.34, Section 801.290 Exempts agricultural land converted to an environmental response project or a nature water project receiving funding from the H2Ohio Fund (Fund 6H20) from CAUV recoupment. Fiscal effect: Likely decrease property tax collections by tens of thousands of dollars per project in the years when conversion occurs.	No provision.