Highways and Transportation

H.B. 191

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Cutrona

Effective date: October 11, 2021

 Designates the bridge spanning I-680, located in Mahoning County and being a part of State Route 164, as the "Don Manning Memorial Bridge."

S.B. 162

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Reineke

Effective date: March 23, 2022

Procedures for invoice payment of a toll

- Authorizes the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission to expand its rules by establishing the following:
 - Procedures for issuing invoices to persons who evade or otherwise do not pay a toll or fee;
 - Procedures by which a person may dispute an invoice via an administrative hearing with the Commission; and
 - Procedures by which a person may appeal Commission decisions to the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas.
- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and any deputy registrar to refuse to accept an application to register or transfer registration of a motor vehicle when the Registrar receives notice from the Commission that either:
 - □ A person has not (1) remitted payment of the toll or fee due or (2) disputed the invoice with the Commission within a specified time; or
 - □ A person has appealed an invoice or citation, lost on appeal, and has not paid any remaining balance.
- Authorizes the Commission to adopt rules establishing joint and strict liability for the payment of tolls, fees, and fines on the owner or lessee and the operator of a motor vehicle.

Disclosure of personal information

- Generally, specifies that the Commission or its employees and contractors cannot disclose personal information in connection with a toll, fine, fee, or electronic toll record (such as a Social Security number, contact information, and financial information).
- Establishes exceptions that allow for the disclosure of personal information.

 Requires the Commission to adopt rules governing the management of personal information.

Licensed professional services contracts

• Exempts Commission contracts for licensed professional services from the requirement that a contractor obtain a performance bond worth at least 50% of the contract price.

Towing law changes

- Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to select vendors that can provide real-time access to motor vehicle owner and lienholder information to a towing service, storage facility, or law enforcement agency after a vehicle is towed.
- Adds certified mail with electronic tracking as an option to send notice to a towed vehicle's owner and lienholders, regardless of the location from which the vehicle is towed.
- Makes conforming changes to address inconsistencies regarding notice in the Towing Law.