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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Dolan and Yuko

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### SUMMARY

- Grants the housing division of the Cleveland Municipal Court additional jurisdiction over appeals of local administrative decisions relating to building, health, and safety codes.
- Specifies that the housing division's jurisdiction in those cases is the same as in appeals of local administrative orders in the court of common pleas.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

The Cleveland Municipal Court has a housing division that specializes in cases related to housing, health, and environmental matters. The bill grants the Cleveland Municipal Court's housing division jurisdiction over any review or appeal of a final order from an administrative body or officer that relates to a local building, housing, air pollution, sanitation, health, fire, zoning, or safety code, ordinance, or regulation.<sup>1</sup>

The bill specifies that the housing division's jurisdiction has the same scope as in similar appeals in the court of common pleas. The bill does not grant the housing division exclusive jurisdiction, so appeals could be heard in either the housing division of the municipal court or in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.<sup>2</sup>

Under current law, appeals from a final decision of a local administrative body are heard by the court of common pleas. However, an environmental division of a municipal court may hear the same types of appeals as described in the bill; currently, the only court in Ohio with an environmental division is the Franklin County Municipal Court.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1901.181(C).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> See R.C. 1901.011, 1901.183, and 2506.01, not in the bill.

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## HISTORY

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