



www.lsc.ohio.gov

# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Office of Research  
and Drafting

Legislative Budget  
Office

**H.B. 403**  
**135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

[Click here for H.B. 403's Bill Analysis](#)

**Version:** As Reported by House Civil Justice

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Cutrona

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

Maggie West, Senior Budget Analyst

### **Highlights**

- Certain municipal and county courts with jurisdiction over civil cases may experience a minimal increase in civil case filings and related costs, which will be at least partially offset by the collection of a filing fee.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill creates new causes of action in relation to vehicles towed after an accident by: (1) establishing a process for a motor vehicle owner or lienholder to file a civil action for the recovery of a motor vehicle, cargo, or personal property that was removed, towed, or stored after a motor vehicle accident, and (2) authorizing a towing service or storage facility to commence a civil action against a motor vehicle owner in certain circumstances. The bill also specifies that a civil action under the bill disputing the amount billed by a towing service or storage facility after an accident does not guarantee insurance coverage for that billed amount.

By creating new causes of civil action, the bill may result in an increase in civil case filings for certain municipal and county courts. Any increase in workload and related costs experienced by a given court to adjudicate additional cases under the bill is likely to be minimal with any new costs at least partially offset by the collection of a filing fee. The amount of the fee required to commence a civil action varies by court.