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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Doubles the fine for motor vehicle operators who fail to yield to a funeral procession.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Doubled fines

The bill doubles the fine for motor vehicle operators who fail to yield to a funeral procession. Currently, the fine is up to \$150 for a first-time offender. Under continuing law, failure to yield to a funeral is a predicate motor vehicle offense. A predicate motor vehicle offense is a specified group of traffic offenses in which an offender is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for the first violation of any of the offenses within one year, a fourth degree misdemeanor for the second violation of any of the offenses within one year, and a third degree misdemeanor for a third or subsequent violation of any of the offenses within one year.

Under continuing law, motor vehicle operators must yield the right of way to each vehicle of a funeral procession. Whenever the lead vehicle in a funeral procession lawfully enters an intersection, the remainder of the vehicles in the procession may continue to follow the lead vehicle through the intersection, regardless of any traffic control device or right of way provisions. All other motor vehicle operators must wait until the funeral procession passes before continuing through the intersection, even if the traffic control device is indicating that they have the right of way.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4511.451(B) and (D).

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	02-10-25

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