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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

- Prohibits public nuisance actions arising from the sale of a product.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill amends the Ohio Products Liability Law by prohibiting persons, businesses, and government entities, from bringing public nuisance claims or actions alleging that the design, manufacture, supply, marketing, distribution, promotion, advertising, labeling, or sale of a product unreasonably interferes with a right common to the general public.¹

The bill also declares that the purpose of the General Assembly in enacting the bill is to expressly codify the Ohio Supreme Court holding in *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation; Trumbull County, Ohio et al. v. Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, which stipulates that certain public nuisance claims at common law are superseded by the remedies available under the Products Liability Law.²

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	02-24-25

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¹ R.C. 2307.801, 2307.71(A)(10), and 715.44; R.C. 1.59(C), not in the bill.

² R.C. 2307.801(B); *In re National Prescription Opiate Litigation; Trumbull County, Ohio et al. v. Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, Slip Opinion No. 2024-Ohio-5744.