



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 142

131st General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Health & Aging)

Reps. Hagan, Gonzales, Huffman, Antonio, Barnes, Bishoff, Brown, Butler, Duffey, Ginter, T. Johnson, Kuhns, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, Ramos, Schuring, Sears, Sykes

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates March as "Endometriosis Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Endometriosis Awareness Month

The bill designates the month of March as "Endometriosis Awareness Month."¹ Endometriosis is a condition in which the type of tissue that forms the lining of the uterus (the endometrium) is found in areas outside of the uterus, including the fallopian tubes, ovaries, bladder, or bowels. This tissue may grow and bleed like the uterine lining does during the menstrual cycle, causing pain, infertility, and very heavy periods. Endometriosis occurs in about one in ten women of reproductive age and is most often diagnosed in women in their thirties and forties. The condition may be treated with medication, surgery, or both.²

HISTORY

ACTION

DATE

Introduced
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04-01-15
05-06-15

¹ R.C. 5.256.

² U.S. National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, MedlinePlus, *Endometriosis* (last visited May 8, 2015), available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/endometriosis.html>. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, *Frequently Asked Questions, Endometriosis* (last visited May 8, 2015), available at <http://www.acog.org/Patients/FAQs/Endometriosis>.