



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Final Analysis

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### S.B. 133

131st General Assembly  
(As Passed by the General Assembly)

**Sens.** Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Hughes, Yuko, Oelslager, Bacon, Gardner, Hite, Lehner, Tavares, Brown, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Faber, Jones, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, Patton, Peterson, Thomas

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**Effective date:** August 5, 2016

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## ACT SUMMARY

- Designates June as "Scleroderma Awareness Month."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

The act designates June as "Scleroderma Awareness Month."<sup>1</sup>

Scleroderma is a group of rare diseases that involve the hardening and tightening of the skin and connective tissues — the fibers that provide the framework and support for the body. In some people, scleroderma affects only the skin. But in many others, scleroderma also harms structures beyond the skin, such as blood vessels, internal organs, and the digestive tract. Signs and symptoms vary depending on which structures are affected.<sup>2</sup>

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\* This version updates the effective date and a Revised Code number change by the LSC Director under R.C. 103.131. (See <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=5588&format=pdf>.)

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.237.

<sup>2</sup> Mayo Clinic, *Scleroderma*, available at [www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/scleroderma/basics/definition/con-20021378](http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/scleroderma/basics/definition/con-20021378).

Scleroderma most commonly occurs between the ages of 30 and 50 and affects women more often than men.<sup>3</sup> It is estimated that about 300,000 Americans have scleroderma. The exact causes are still unknown and most patients who suffer from scleroderma do not have any relatives with the disease. Research indicates that there is a susceptibility gene, which raises the likelihood of a person developing scleroderma, but by itself does not cause the disease.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-18-15
Reported, S. Health & Human Services	06-17-15
Passed Senate (32-0)	06-24-15
Reported, H. Health & Aging	11-19-15
Passed House (94-0)	04-12-16

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<sup>3</sup> Mayo Clinic, *Scleroderma*.

<sup>4</sup> Scleroderma Foundation, *What is scleroderma?*, available at [www.scleroderma.org/site/PageNavigator/patients\\_what\\_is.html#.VV45mE10yzc](http://www.scleroderma.org/site/PageNavigator/patients_what_is.html#.VV45mE10yzc).

