



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by S. Transportation, Commerce & Labor)

Reps. Antani and Reineke, Duffey, Hackett, Young, Grossman, Baker, Barnes, Anielski, Antonio, Arndt, Ashford, Boyd, Brown, Burkley, Craig, Derickson, Dovilla, Driehaus, Fedor, Hambley, Howse, Kuhns, Kunze, Leland, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, McClain, M. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, Patterson, Reece, Rogers, Schaffer, Sheehy, K. Smith, Sprague, Thompson

BILL SUMMARY

- Defines autocycle (e.g., the Polaris Slingshot or Campagna T-Rex) for purposes of the Motor Vehicles Law, exempts autocycle operators and passengers from specified equipment requirements that apply to motorcycle operators and passengers, and applies other regulatory requirements to autocycles.
- Requires an automotive technician or a motor vehicle technician to be an eligible employee under the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program if the technician satisfies other Program requirements.
- Makes an employer of an automotive technician or a motor vehicle technician an eligible employer under the Program if other requirements for participation are satisfied.
- Revises the definition of "treat" and "treatment" for purposes of the Solid, Hazardous, and Infectious Wastes Law to include, in part, neutralization when used in connection with hazardous waste.

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Regulation of autocycles

Under the bill, an "autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for motorcycles and is equipped with safety belts, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride to ride the motorcycle.¹ With regard to autocycles, the bill does all of the following:

(1) Establishes a base vehicle registration tax of \$14, which is the same as the existing base registration tax for motorcycles and cab-enclosed motorcycles;²

(2) Requires an autocycle to display a license plate, in a size prescribed by the Director of Public Safety, on the rear of the vehicle only;³

(3) Allows the owner of an autocycle to apply for POW/MIA awareness license plates;⁴

(4) Allows a retired or honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the U.S. armed forces to obtain veteran license plates for an autocycle;⁵

(5) Specifies that a person who has a valid driver's or commercial driver's license is not required to obtain a motorcycle operator's endorsement in order to operate an autocycle;⁶

(6) For purposes of provisions of law establishing motor vehicle crimes and motor vehicle equipment requirements, specifies that an autocycle is within the definition of motorcycle;⁷ and

(7) Exempts operators of, or passengers in, an autocycle from the following:

¹ R.C. 4501.01(Y).

² R.C. 4503.04(A)(2).

³ R.C. 4503.21(A) and 4503.22.

⁴ R.C. 4503.535.

⁵ R.C. 4503.544.

⁶ R.C. 4507.03(A)(5).

⁷ R.C. 4511.01(C).



--The prohibition against being an operator or passenger on a motorcycle without using safety glasses or other protective eye device;

--The prohibition against operating a motorcycle without a helmet that applies to a motorcycle operator who is under age 18 or who is a novice motorcycle operator (i.e., a person who has held a motorcycle restricted license or endorsement for less than one year);

--The prohibition against a passenger on a motorcycle riding without a helmet when the motorcycle is being operated by a person specified above; and

--The prohibition against operating a motorcycle without a helmet while holding a temporary instruction permit.⁸

Eligibility under the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program

The bill requires that an employee who is an automotive technician or a motor vehicle technician be an eligible employee under the Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program if the employee otherwise satisfies the Program's requirements. Additionally, under the bill, an employer of an automotive technician or a motor vehicle technician, including an employer that is a motor vehicle retail service store or a licensed motor vehicle dealer, is an eligible employer if the employer otherwise satisfies the requirements for Program participation. Under the bill, an "automotive technician" is an individual who repairs, services, or performs maintenance on motor vehicles or other types of vehicles, including utility vehicles.⁹

Background – Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program

The Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program provides financial assistance to an employer to offset a portion of the training costs to upgrade the skills of the employer's incumbent employees. The Development Services Agency (DSA), in partnership with OhioMeansJobs.com (the state's electronic system for labor exchange and job placement activity), provides a reimbursement to the employer for specific training costs permitted under the Program. An employer is eligible to receive up to \$100,000 in reimbursements per fiscal year through the Program. This includes an amount of up to 50% of the cost of an eligible training and up to \$4,000 per employee in the fiscal year for a single or multiple trainings. The employer is reimbursed by DSA after the employer pays for the full cost of the training and submits an invoice to DSA after the employee has successfully completed the training.

⁸ R.C. 4511.53(C)(1), (2)(a), and (3).

⁹ Section 1 (amending Sec. 257.30 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly).



To receive a voucher to participate in the Program, the employer and the employee must meet certain requirements. An eligible employer is one that operates as a for-profit entity in a state-designated target industry and has a facility located in Ohio that has been in continuous operation for the 12 months immediately before applying. Currently, the automotive industry is a target industry for the Program and includes companies involved in the design, development, and manufacture of motor vehicles. However, this designation does not include dealerships or repair shops (those industries dedicated to the selling and maintenance of automobiles following delivery to the end-user). An eligible employee must be directly employed by the employer in an approved business function, earn an hourly wage of at least 150% of the federal minimum wage (currently \$10.88) plus benefits, work at least 25 hours per week, and satisfy age and residency requirements.¹⁰

Definition of "treat" and "treatment" as applied to hazardous waste

The bill revises the definition of "treat" and "treatment" for purposes of the Solid, Hazardous, and Infectious Wastes Law. Under current law, "treat" or "treatment," when used in connection with hazardous waste, means:

Any method, technique, or process designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological characteristics or composition of any hazardous waste; to neutralize the waste; to recover energy or material resources from the waste; to render the waste nonhazardous or less hazardous, safer to transport, store, or dispose of, or amenable for recovery, storage, further treatment, or disposal; or to reduce the volume of the waste.

The bill makes three changes to the definition. First, the bill includes neutralization when used in connection with hazardous waste in the definition. The bill then specifies that any method, technique, or process, including neutralization, must be designed to change the character, rather than characteristics of the hazardous waste. Finally, the bill specifies that rendering the waste for further treatment or disposal does not constitute "treat" or "treatment."¹¹

¹⁰ Development Services Agency, *Ohio Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program*, http://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_wtvp.htm (accessed May 25, 2016).

¹¹ R.C. 3734.01(K).



HISTORY

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