



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 18 of the 131st G.A.

Date: December 8, 2016

Status: As Passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Reps. Gonzales and Ginter

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Prohibits manufactured home park operators, landlords, and neighborhood and condominium associations from prohibiting the display of service flags or U.S. flags

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill specifies that a tenant with a rental agreement or tenant residing in a manufactured home park, or a property owner or resident subject to neighborhood or condominium association rules, may not be prevented from displaying service flags as designated by the U.S. Secretary of Defense. Specifically, the bill prohibits these entities from restricting the display of a service flag, or POW flag, in a window of the residence of a member of the immediate family of an individual who is serving in the armed forces of the United States. The bill also prohibits a manufactured home park operator or landlord from including any restrictions in a rental agreement that prohibits the display of the United States flag on a tenant's or owner's rental property when the flag is displayed in accordance with federal law. Current law already prohibits homeowners, neighborhood, and condominium associations from applying such a restriction. Overall, the provisions of the bill are unlikely to have any fiscal impact on the state or political subdivisions.

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