



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Final Analysis

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### **S.B. 291**

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

**Sens.** Yuko, Brown, Cafaro, Gentile, Gardner, Hite, Beagle, Tavares, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Eklund, Faber, Hackett, Hottinger, Hughes, Jones, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Patton, Peterson, Sawyer, Skindell, Thomas, Uecker, Williams

**Reps.** Gonzales, Antonio, Barnes, Gavarone, Kuhns, LaTourette, Ramos, Sykes, Anielski, Blessing, Buchy, Clyde, Craig, Dovilla, G. Johnson, Rogers, Sweeney, Young

**Effective date:** March 21, 2017

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## **ACT SUMMARY**

- Designates September as "Pain Awareness Month."

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The act designates the month of September as "Pain Awareness Month."<sup>1</sup> In doing so, it states that the General Assembly recognizes that physical pain affects tens of millions of Americans and untreated or inadequately treated pain can diminish quality of life and result in economic loss to Ohio through medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs. It also states that the General Assembly considers increasing public awareness of physical pain and promoting access to appropriate pain treatment for all Ohioans vital to reducing suffering and removing barriers to pain-free living.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.29.

<sup>2</sup> Section 2.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-07-16
Reported, S. Health & Human Services	05-18-16
Passed Senate (33-0)	05-24-16
Reported, H. Health & Aging	11-16-16
Passed House (88-5)	12-08-16

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