



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 244**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Reported by H. Health)

**Reps.** Patterson, Ramos, Sykes, Thompson, Kent, Antani, Antonio, Dever, Boyd, Patton, Gavarone, Sheehy, Sweeney, Boccieri, Slaby, Roegner, K. Smith, Arndt, Miller, Lepore-Hagan, Ashford, Boggs, LaTourette, O'Brien, Sprague, Huffman, T. Johnson, Kick, Romanchuk

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Designates June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month**

The bill designates the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."<sup>1</sup> Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory, thinking skills, and eventually, the ability to carry out simple tasks. In those with the disease, symptoms typically first appear after age 60. Among older adults, Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia,<sup>2</sup> or a group of symptoms caused by disorders that affect the brain.<sup>3</sup> Dementia may include the loss of cognitive functioning – thinking, remembering, and reasoning – and behavioral abilities to such an extent that it interferes with a person's daily life and activities.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.236.

<sup>2</sup> National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging, *What is Alzheimer's Disease?*, available at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/what-alzheimers-disease>.

<sup>3</sup> National Institutes of Health, U.S. National Library of Medicine, *Dementia*, available at <https://medlineplus.gov/dementia.html>.

<sup>4</sup> National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging, *What is Dementia?*, available at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/what-dementia>.

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced  
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09-13-17

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