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SUMMARY

- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to include only accidents in which a person was cited or found at fault within the past three years on a personal motor vehicle abstract, rather than any accident in which the person was involved, as under current law.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Certified motor vehicle abstracts

Introduction

Under current law, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, on request, must provide a certified motor vehicle abstract concerning any person. The abstract must include:

1. A record of all motor vehicle accidents in which the person was involved (except certain work-related accidents for specified first responders and highway maintenance employees);
2. A record of convictions for motor vehicle-related violations.¹

Current law does not specify how many years' worth of information must be included in the abstract; however, the abstracts generally cover the three years prior to the date of the

¹ R.C. 4509.05; R.C. 3937.41(D), not in the bill. The Registrar may allow deputy registrars to provide certified abstracts. The abstract costs \$5, which is deposited into the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund, along with the deputy registrar service fee, if the abstract is issued by a deputy registrar. The current deputy registrar fee is \$3.50, but will increase to \$5, after the Registrar adopts rules pursuant to R.C. 4503.038, as amended in Am. Sub. H.B. 166 of the 133rd General Assembly.

request.² Longer abstracts are available when required for employment purposes pertaining to operating a commercial vehicle.³ The abstracts are a type of public record and may be requested by any person.

Motor vehicle accident limitation

The bill limits the types of motor vehicle accidents listed in the abstract. It does so by specifying that the abstract may include only the following:

1. Accidents in which a person was cited or found at fault; and
2. Accidents within three years of the date that the abstract is requested (a codification of standard practice).

The bill does not alter the current work-related accident exception or the motor vehicle abstracts for commercial motor vehicle drivers for employment purposes.⁴

HISTORY

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² DRIVER ABSTRACT ACCOUNT, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (September 11, 2019, 1:21 PM), <https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/more-records-driverab.aspx>.

³ R.C. 4506.08(D), not in the bill. DRIVER RECORD FOR EMPLOYER OF A CDL HOLDER, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (September 11, 2019, 1:23 PM), <https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/more-record-types.aspx>.

⁴ R.C. 4509.05(A)(1).