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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Fowler Arthur

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. It prohibits the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and the Motor Vehicle Dealers Board from adopting rules requiring a specific number of hours of operation or a specific time of operation, including the posting of those hours, as a condition of licensure as a used motor vehicle dealer. In practice, the Board has set rules generally around hours of operation; those rules have been amended multiple times over the past two decades.¹ While the bill prohibits the Registrar or Board from adopting a rule requiring specific hours as a condition of licensure, it does not otherwise prohibit the Registrar or Board from adopting a general rule regarding hours of operation for used motor vehicle dealers.

As an indirect effect, the bill may increase the amount of time and effort expended by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Motor Vehicle Dealers Board, and the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section to ensure compliance, conduct inspections, and investigate complaints related to the law governing used motor vehicle dealers, including sales and subsequent titling.

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¹ For a complete history of Ohio Administrative Code 4501:1-3-08, which in part governs hours for used motor vehicle dealers, see: <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/rules/search/details/320193>.