



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 352

131st General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Health & Aging)

Reps. T. Johnson, McClain, Duffey, Thompson, Ruhl, Leland, Sprague, M. O'Brien, Schaffer, Hackett, Strahorn, Huffman, Antonio, Bishoff, Brown, Butler, Kuhns, LaTourette, Schuring, Sears, Sykes

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates April as "Osteopathic Medicine Recognition Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Osteopathic Medicine Recognition Month

The bill designates the month of April as "Osteopathic Medicine Recognition Month." The designation is described as being in honor of the significant contributions made by the osteopathic field of medicine to improve the health of Ohioans.¹

According to the American Osteopathic Association, doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, are one of the fastest growing segments of health care professionals in the United States. Osteopathic physicians focus on preventative health care and practice a "whole person" approach to medicine. Approximately 60% of practicing osteopaths specialize in primary care, including family medicine, general internal medicine, and pediatrics. Many practice in rural and other medically underserved areas of the country.²

¹ R.C. 5.256.

² American Osteopathic Association, *What is a DO?*, available at <http://www.osteopathic.org/osteopathic-health/about-dos/what-is-a-do/Pages/default.aspx>.

HISTORY

ACTION

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Introduced

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