



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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131st General Assembly
(As Introduced)

Reps. T. Johnson, McClain, Duffey, Thompson, Ruhl, Leland, Sprague, M. O'Brien, Schaffer, Hackett, Strahorn

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates the month of 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" to honor the contributions made by the osteopathic field to improve the health of Ohioans.¹ According to the American Osteopathic Association, doctors of osteopathic medicine, or D.O.s, are one of the fastest growing segments of health care professionals in the United States. D.O.s focus on preventative health care and practice a "whole person" approach to medicine. Approximately 60% of practicing D.O.s 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

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	10-01-15

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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>.