



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 352

131st General Assembly  
(As Reported by S. Health and Human Services)

**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, Anielski, Baker, Barnes, Blessing, Brenner, Buchy, Burkley, Cupp, Derickson, Dever, Dovilla, Ginter, Green, Grossman, Hall, Hayes, Lepore-Hagan, Maag, Patterson, Perales, Phillips, Rogers, Romanchuk, Sheehy, R. Smith, Sweeney, Terhar, Young, Rosenberger

**Sens.** Beagle, Jones, Lehner, Tavares, Brown

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates April as "Osteopathic Medicine Recognition Month."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Osteopathic Medicine Recognition Month

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.256.

medicine, and pediatrics. Many practice in rural and other medically underserved areas of the country.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	10-01-15
Reported, H. Health & Aging	10-19-15
Passed House (97-0)	11-17-15
Reported, S. Health & Human Services	04-20-16

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

