



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules establishing a training program for all deputy registrars and their employees regarding the proper issuance of driver's licenses.
- Specifies that the program must include training on how to evaluate all types of documentation necessary for obtaining a driver's license and a cultural competency component.
- Requires the Registrar, by rule, to establish a prohibition against improperly denying a driver's license to an eligible applicant and an administrative penalty applicable to a deputy registrar or an employee of the deputy registrar who violates the prohibition.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Introduction: deputy registrars

Under Ohio law, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles is authorized to designate at least one deputy registrar in each county of Ohio. In general, a deputy registrar can be either an individual or a nonprofit corporation. However, in counties with lower populations, the Registrar may designate the county auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to serve as a deputy registrar.<sup>1</sup> A deputy registrar is authorized to carry out many of the duties and functions of the Registrar, such as issuing driver's licenses and motor vehicle registrations. The Registrar is required to adopt rules governing the contract between the Registrar and deputy registrars, including the types of services to

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4503.03(A).

be performed, the size and location of deputy registrar offices, and procedures for collecting specified fees.<sup>2</sup>

### **Training program**

The bill requires the Registrar to adopt rules establishing a training program for deputy registrars and their employees regarding the proper issuance of driver's licenses. The program must include instruction on evaluating all types of documentation that are required for the issuance of a driver's license. Additionally, the program must include a cultural competency component.

Along with the training program, the bill requires the Registrar to establish, by rule, a prohibition against the improper denial of a driver's license to an eligible applicant and an administrative penalty applicable to a deputy registrar or an employee of the deputy registrar who violates the prohibition.<sup>3</sup>

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### **HISTORY**

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4503.03(D).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4503.03(D)(1)(m).

