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126th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Health, Human Services, and Aging)

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Sens.   **Fingerhut, Wilson, Hagan, Clancy, Miller, Coughlin, Armbruster**

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates March of each year as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill designates each March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month to enhance understanding of the disease, including its causes and health effects, and to support and encourage education programs and research to develop effective therapies and find a cure (R.C. 5.2232). The bill also states that the General Assembly's intent in making this designation is to increase public awareness and understanding of multiple sclerosis in order to help serve the thousands of Ohioans and their families affected by this disease (Section 2).

COMMENT

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease in which there is scattered destruction or damage to the myelin sheath of nerves in the central nervous system that may result in speech defects and loss of muscular coordination.

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	10-13-05
Reported, H. State Government	02-07-06
Passed House (96-0)	02-14-06
Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Aging	02-23-06

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