



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Am. H.B. 395

129th General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security)

Reps. Maag, Brenner, Terhar, J. Adams, Goodwin, Wachtmann, Blair, Yuko, Combs, Celebrezze, O'Brien, Patmon

BILL SUMMARY

- Increases the speed limit on interstate freeways to 70 miles per hour for all vehicles.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Interstate freeway speed limits

The bill increases the speed limit on interstate freeways to 70 m.p.h. at all times for all vehicles.¹ Under current law, certain interstate freeways have a speed limit of 55 m.p.h. for all vehicles and other interstate freeways have a speed limit of 65 m.p.h. for all vehicles.² The bill also prohibits any person from operating a motor vehicle, trackless trolley, or streetcar in excess of 70 m.p.h. on an interstate freeway.³

The bill does *not* affect the speed limits that apply to freeways that are built to the standards and specifications applicable to interstate freeways but are not part of the interstate system. Commonly known as interstate "lookalike" freeways, these freeways carry "United States Route" designations. The speed limit on some of these freeways is 55 m.p.h. for all motor vehicles; on others, the speed limit is 55 m.p.h. for motor vehicles weighing more than 8,000 pounds empty weight and noncommercial buses and 65 m.p.h. for motor vehicles weighing 8,000 pounds or less empty weight and commercial buses.⁴

¹ R.C. 4511.21(B)(14).

² R.C. 4511.21(B)(11), (12), (13), and (14).

³ R.C. 4511.21(D)(7).

⁴ R.C. 4511.21(B)(11), (12), and (13).

HISTORY

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