



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 544

130th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Health & Aging)

Reps. Grossman, Barnes, Brown, Hill, Johnson, Ramos, Schuring, Sears, Smith, Sprague, Antonio

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates September as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

The bill designates the month of September as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month."¹

Parkinson's disease is a motor system disorder that results from the loss of brain cells that produce dopamine, which helps to coordinate and control muscle activity. The four primary symptoms of Parkinson's disease are as follows: (1) trembling in the hands, arms, legs, jaw, and face, (2) stiffness of the limbs and trunk, (3) slowness of movement, and (4) impaired balance and coordination. As these symptoms become more pronounced, an individual may have difficulty walking, talking, or completing simple tasks.²

¹ R.C. 5.2296.

² National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institutes of Health, *NINDS Parkinson's Disease Information Page* (last visited November 21, 2014), available at <http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/parkinsons_disease/parkinsons_disease.htm> and *Parkinson's Disease: Challenges, Progress, and Promise* (last visited November 21, 2014), available at <http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/parkinsons_disease/parkinsons_research.htm>.

HISTORY

ACTION

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