



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 372 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: January 17, 2014

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Becker

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Permits operators of watercraft to use rearview mirrors to observe skiers and others who are being towed by the vessels

State Fiscal Highlights

- There is a potential minimal loss in revenues for the Waterways Safety Fund (Fund 7086), used by the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Watercraft, as a result of a possible reduction in the number of fines that would have otherwise been collected.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- There is a potential minimal loss in revenues for the local law enforcement agencies that patrol the state's waterways, as a result of any reduction in the number of fines that would have otherwise been collected.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Under current law, operators of watercraft are required to have a person other than the operator, who is at least ten years of age, to observe the progress of a person being towed by the vessel. The bill allows the operator of a watercraft to use a rearview mirror to observe the progress of a person being towed by the vessel. This change could result in a loss in revenue to the Waterways Safety Fund (Fund 7086), used by the Department of Natural Resources' Division of Watercraft, and to local law enforcement agencies responsible for patrolling the state's waterways as a result of fewer citations being issued and, as such, fewer fines collected, but any loss is unlikely to exceed minimal.

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