



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## **Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\***

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The amendments adopted by the Senate committee make the following changes:

- For purposes of the existing prohibition against wearing earphones or earplugs over or in both ears while operating a motor vehicle, clarifies that "earphones" and "earplugs" include devices that provide either entertainment or hearing protection, and updates their meaning to reflect new advances in technology, such as wireless technology.
- Removes the 150-mile-radius restriction for travel under a special regional heavy hauling permit, thus, permitting vehicles under the permit to travel further distances in excess of standard size and weight restrictions.
- Makes permanent a current temporary exemption from statutory vehicle size and weight limits that applies to towing vehicles that are traveling to or returning from removing a motor vehicle from an emergency on a public highway.