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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Fraizer

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will experience an increase in costs to conduct expedited licensing inspections for existing residential care facilities and to promulgate rules. The total cost will depend on the number and scope of requests. Any fee revenue collected could offset a portion of these costs.

### Detailed Analysis

#### Expedited licensing inspections

The bill permits licensed residential care facilities to request an expedited licensing inspection when a facility is seeking to increase or decrease the facility's licensed capacity or to make any other change for which the Director of Health requires a licensing inspection to be conducted. Inspections of residential care facilities are conducted by Ohio Department of Health (ODH) surveyors; thus, there will be costs to ODH to conduct these inspections and to adopt any necessary rules. According to ODH, it is possible that additional staff and equipment would be necessary if there were many requests for expedited inspections. ODH estimates that the maximum number of staff needed would not exceed five employees. However, the actual number of staff will depend on the number of expedited licensing inspection applications received. The total cost will depend on the number and scope of requests. Additionally, it is likely that ODH would collect fee revenues for these expedited inspections that could offset a portion of costs.

ODH currently has a process for expedited licensing inspections for new applicants for licensure for residential care facilities, nursing homes, homes for the aging, and veterans' homes. If, before receiving a license, an entity requests an expedited licensing inspection, ODH is required to conduct the inspection no later than ten days after receipt of the request. According to materials on ODH's website, to request an expedited licensure inspection, the

residential care facility must submit a complete initial application requesting an expedited initial inspection, any other required documentation, the initial application fee (this varies according to number of facility beds), and a fee of \$2,250.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>ODH Residential Care Facility Initial Application. [https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/afb6ba60-2b5f-4736-8a08-b9684f2d19e2/RCF+Initial+Lic+Packet082018.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT\\_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18\\_M1HGGIK0N0JO00QO9DDDDM3000-afb6ba60-2b5f-4736-8a08-b9684f2d19e2-mr13M9Q](https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/afb6ba60-2b5f-4736-8a08-b9684f2d19e2/RCF+Initial+Lic+Packet082018.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_M1HGGIK0N0JO00QO9DDDDM3000-afb6ba60-2b5f-4736-8a08-b9684f2d19e2-mr13M9Q).