



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 148**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires a motor vehicle accident report to indicate whether a person involved in an accident wishes to be contacted for commercial solicitation purposes.
  - Prohibits a person from using information contained in an accident report to contact any other person for commercial solicitation purposes unless that other person indicated in the report that the person wishes to be contacted.
  - Allows a person, when registering a vehicle, to submit emergency contact information for inclusion in the next of kin database, which is administered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Accident reports**

The bill requires a motor vehicle accident report to include a place where a person involved in an accident may indicate whether or not the person wishes to be contacted for commercial solicitation purposes. The bill then prohibits a person from using information contained in an accident report to contact any other person for commercial solicitation purposes unless that other person indicated in the report that the person wishes to be contacted. The bill does not establish a penalty for a violation of this prohibition.<sup>1</sup>

Under current law, every law enforcement agency representing a township, county, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision investigating a motor

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5502.11.

vehicle accident involving a fatality, personal injury, or property damage in an amount greater than \$1,000, within five days, must forward a written report of the accident to the Director of Public Safety. The Director has adopted rules establishing the form of the report.<sup>2</sup>

### **Next of kin database**

The bill allows a person, when registering a vehicle, to submit to a deputy registrar or the Registrar of Motor Vehicles emergency contact information for inclusion in the next of kin database. Under current law, the next of kin database is administered by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and is used to notify a contact person in the event of a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation in which a person dies or is seriously injured. Current law allows a person to choose to provide emergency contact information for inclusion in the database when submitting an application for a driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, motorcycle operator's license or endorsement, or an identification card.<sup>3</sup>

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## **HISTORY**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Introduced	05-09-17

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 5502.11.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4501.81.

