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Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

Allows the official motto of Ohio to be displayed alongside any official Ohio seal.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill allows the official motto of Ohio ("With God, All Things Are Possible") to be displayed alongside any official Ohio seal, which includes:

- The great seal of the state.
- The seal of the Supreme Court.
- The seal of each court of appeals, court of common pleas, and probate court.
- The seal of all other courts of record.
- The seal of the Secretary of State.
- The seal of the Auditor of State.
- The seal of the Treasurer of State.
- The seal of the Lieutenant Governor.
- The seal of the Attorney General.
- The seal of each benevolent institution.

The seals of all other state, county, and municipal agencies, divisions, and boards and commissions.¹

HISTORY

| Action | Date |
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| Introduced | 01-15-20 |
| Reported, H. State & Local Gov't | 12-02-20 |
| Passed House (86-8) | 12-03-20 |

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¹ R.C. 5.10 and 5.101; R.C. 5.06, not in the bill. The motto was upheld as constitutional under the Establishment Clause in 2001; see *ACLU v. Capitol Square Review & Advisory Bd.*, 243 F.3d 289 (6th Cir. 2001).