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SUMMARY

- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to include information regarding who is at fault for a motor vehicle accident on a motor vehicle abstract if that information is available.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Motor vehicle abstract information regarding accidents

The bill requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, when providing a certified abstract of a person's motor vehicle accident and violation history, to include information regarding who was at fault for each accident listed on the abstract if that information is available. To determine who was at fault on the abstract, the Registrar may use accident reports, traffic citations, and relevant information given to the Registrar by an insurance carrier.¹ A deputy registrar also must provide that information when furnishing a certified abstract if so permitted by the Registrar.²

Under current law, the Registrar (and deputy registrars if so permitted by the Registrar) must search and furnish a certified abstract of the following information when requested:

1. The number of accidents that a person has been in (except under limited circumstances, such as the person involved in the accident was an on-duty law enforcement officer); and
2. The person's conviction record for motor vehicle law violations.³

¹ R.C. 4509.05(B).

² R.C. 4509.05(D).

³ R.C. 4509.05(A).

A person who requests an abstract from the Registrar or a deputy registrar must pay a \$5 fee for each abstract. The Registrar must deposit the money collected to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund to be used for enforcing and paying the expenses of administering the laws relative to the registration and operation of motor vehicles on the public roads or highways and for paying other Registrar expenses.⁴

HISTORY

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⁴ R.C. 4501.06, not in the bill; R.C. 4509.05(C) and (D).