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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (As Introduced, as amended by AM_136_1811)	Latest Version (I_136_2380-1)
Late-payment penalty for civil parking ticket	
<p>Establishes a \$25 maximum late-payment penalty for failure to pay a civil parking ticket issued by a local authority (<i>R.C. 4521.02(A)(4)</i>).</p> <p>Imposes a timeline for late-payment penalties as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The first late fee is not charged prior to 30 days after the parking ticket was issued and is not more than \$10; and ▪ Any second late fee is not charged prior to 60 days after the parking ticket was issued and is not more than an additional \$15 (<i>R.C. 4521.02(A)(4)</i>). <p>Prohibits a local authority from imposing a late-payment penalty until at least 30 days after issuance of the civil parking ticket (<i>R.C. 4521.02(C)</i>).</p>	<p>Increases the maximum late-payment penalty to the lesser of \$35 or the amount of the initial civil parking ticket fine (<i>R.C. 4521.02(A)(4)</i>).</p> <p>Modifies the timeline and allowable amount of late-payment penalties to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The first late fee is not charged prior to 21 days after the parking ticket was issued and is not more than \$15; and ▪ Any second late fee is not charged prior to 42 days after the parking ticket was issued and is not more than an additional \$20 (<i>R.C. 4521.02(A)(4)</i>). <p>Decreases the timeline from 30 days to 21 days (<i>R.C. 4521.02(C)</i>).</p>

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Administrative, processing, collection, or additional fees	
<p>Limits an administrative, processing, or collection fee charged by a local authority to the lesser of the actual cost of collection or 25% of the original civil parking ticket fine.</p> <p>Prohibits a local authority from imposing additional penalties, surcharges, or fee multipliers (<i>R.C. 4521.02(D)</i>).</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Limits the administrative, processing, or collection fee to a maximum of \$10.</p> <p>Limits a local authority to imposing only one administrative, processing, or collection fee (<i>R.C. 4521.02(D)(1)</i>).</p> <p>Requires the above fee to be imposed before an unpaid civil parking ticket is referred for collection proceedings (<i>R.C. 4521.02(D)(2)</i>).</p>
Collection of judgments and default judgments	
<p>No provision.</p> <p>No provision.</p>	<p>Allows a traffic violations bureau, joint parking violations bureau, parking violations bureau, or juvenile court, as applicable, to do either of the following for an unpaid judgment or default judgment related to a civil parking ticket:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certify the judgment or default judgment amount to the Attorney General for collection within ten days of the date of the judgment entry; or ▪ Assign the judgment or default judgment amount to a collection agency within ten days of the date of the judgment entry (<i>R.C. 4521.08(C)(2) and 4521.11(A)</i>). <p>Requires any collection agency fee associated with the unpaid judgment or default judgment to meet the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To be the sole compensation to that collection agency for its services; ▪ To not exceed the lesser of 25% of the amount of the original parking ticket fine or \$15; and ▪ To be itemized separately from the fines, penalties, fees, or court costs previously

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	imposed relating to the civil parking ticket (<i>R.C. 4521.11(B) and (C)</i>).
Hearings concerning a parking infraction	
No provision.	Requires a person who is charged with a parking infraction and who wishes to deny committing that infraction to request a hearing within 16 days after issuance of the civil parking ticket.
No provision.	Prohibits a local authority from imposing any late fees after a person requests a hearing (<i>R.C. 4521.06(A)(3)</i>).