Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Prohibits the Registrar of Motor Vehicles from refusing to issue a motor vehicle dealer, leasing dealer, or auction owner license based upon a finding that the applicant was convicted of a felony or misdemeanor ten years or more before the application if the offense was not a motor vehicle sales-related offense or consumer fraud.
- Designates the act as the "Rehabilitated Ohioan Opportunity Act."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Application for license as motor vehicle dealer, leasing dealer, or auction owner

The bill prohibits the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, notwithstanding any other provision of law, from denying the application of any person for a license as a motor vehicle dealer, motor vehicle leasing dealer, or motor vehicle auction owner and from refusing to issue such a license based upon a finding that the person was convicted of a felony or misdemeanor if all of the following apply:¹

- (1) The conviction occurred ten or more years before the date the application was submitted.
- (2) The offense was not related to the selling, taxing, licensing, or regulation of sales of motor vehicles.

¹ R.C. 4517.12(C).

(3) The offense did not involve theft, fraud, or deceit during a "consumer transaction" as currently defined in the Consumer Sales Practices Law.

The Motor Vehicle Dealers and Auction Owners Law lists the grounds for the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to deny the application of any person for a license as a motor vehicle dealer, motor vehicle leasing dealer, or motor vehicle auction owner and to refuse to issue the license.² Among these grounds are the applicant having been guilty of a fraudulent act in selling, dealing in, or leasing motor vehicles or in connection with brokering manufactured homes, or noncompliance with that Law.³

Designation of act

The bill provides that the act is to be known as the "Rehabilitated Ohioan Opportunity Act."⁴

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² R.C. 4517.12(A).

³ R.C. 4517.12(A)(2) and (5).

⁴ Section 3.