

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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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.

Topic	Previous Version (H.B. 279 As Introduced)	Sub. Version (LSC 131 1047-2)
Penalties for driving without proof of financial responsibility	No provision.	Modifies the license suspension penalties for offenders driving without proof of financial responsibility to Class D suspension (six months) for first-time offenders and Class C suspension (one year) for an offender with three or more violations within five years. Current law makes it a Class F suspension (until conditions are met) for first-time violators and a Class B suspension (two years) for offenders with three or more violations within five years. (R.C. 4509.101(A)(2).)
	No provision.	Increases the financial responsibility reinstatement fee from \$100 to \$250 for first-time violators, from \$300 to \$500 for second-time violators within a five-year period, and from \$600 to \$1,000 for violators with three or more

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		offenses within a five-year period (R.C. 4509.101(A)(5)(a)).
	No provision.	Specifies that, if a first- or second-time violator (within a five-year period) files proof of financial responsibility with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles within six months of the incident, the Registrar must terminate the license suspension and refund the reinstatement fee (<i>R.C.</i> 4509.101(L)(3)).
	No provision.	Requires a violator who receives a Class C suspension for three or more violations of driving without proof of financial responsibility in a five-year period to file and maintain proof of financial responsibility with the Registrar for five years in the form of a certificate of insurance (<i>R.C.</i> 4509.45(<i>D</i>)(2)).
Exception for lapse of coverage less than 30 days	No provision.	Specifies that the bill's prohibition against recovery of noneconomic damages does not apply if the uninsured driver failed to have coverage for 30 or fewer days before the date of the accident (R.C. 4509.105(C)(2)).

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