



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 192 of the 131st G.A.

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Balderson

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Malfunctioning traffic control signals and passing of a bicycle

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill: (1) alters the protocol for proceeding into an intersection that has a malfunctioning traffic control signal, and (2) provides that when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle the safe passing distance to the left is not less than three feet. As these provisions essentially add more specificity and clarity to existing traffic law requirements, there will be little, if any, change in the number of violations issued by law enforcement and adjudicated by municipal and county courts. Thus, there will be no discernible ongoing fiscal effect on the state and any of its political subdivisions.

Under current law, unchanged by the bill, a violation of either requirement generally is a minor misdemeanor, and elevates to either a misdemeanor of the fourth or third degree depending upon prior specified circumstances. The possible jail terms and fines associated with a violation are summarized in the table below.

Jail Terms and Fines for Certain Misdemeanor Offenses Generally		
Offense Classification	Fine	Possible Term of Incarceration
Minor Misdemeanor	Up to \$150	None
Misdemeanor fourth degree	Up to \$250	Jail, not more than 30 days
Misdemeanor third degree	Up to \$500	Jail, not more than 60 days