



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by S. Health, Human Services, and Medicaid)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Designates September 25 as "International Ataxia Awareness Day" in Ohio.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

International Ataxia Awareness Day

The bill designates the 25th day of September as "International Ataxia Awareness Day" in Ohio.¹

Between one to two persons in every 100,000 globally are affected by ataxia – a group of degenerative neurological disorders characterized by impaired coordination of movement, vision, speech, hearing and other involuntary actions. In the United States, over 150,000 people are affected by ataxia. Currently, there is no cure. Support organizations such as Living with Ataxia, American Ataxia Networking, and Ataxia-UK have adopted September 25 as International Ataxia Awareness Day as proposed by the National Ataxia Foundation. The aim of the declaration is to raise awareness and understanding of ataxia.²

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 5.257.

² National Ataxia Foundation, *International Ataxia Awareness Day*, <https://ataxia.org/international-ataxia-awareness-day/>.

HISTORY

ACTION

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