

OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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Sub. H.B. 353

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version, which includes AM0917-1 that was adopted in committee on November 28, 2017. 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	H.B. 353 (As Introduced with AM0917-1)	Sub. H.B. 353 (L_132_1624-3)
Open-loop prepaid card exemption from Unclaimed Funds Law	Exempts from the Unclaimed Funds Law any open-loop prepaid card for which the underlying funds do not expire and the records of the holder do not disclose the identity of the actual owner.	Similar, except does not include the qualifier that the records of the holder do not disclose the identity of the actual owner (R.C. 169.01(B)(2)(e)).
	Defines "open-loop prepaid card" as an electronic payment device that is:	Same, but adds language as stated below.
	 Purchased or loaded on a prepaid basis for the future purchase or delivery of any goods or services; and 	Same.
	 It can be used to purchase goods and services at multiple unaffiliated merchants or service providers. 	Same.
	No provision. (R.C. 169.01(B)(2)(e).)	It is not redeemable for cash in whole or in part. (R.C. 169.01(B)(2)(e)(iii).)

Topic	H.B. 353 (As Introduced with AM0917-1)	Sub. H.B. 353 (L_132_1624-3)
Gift certificate, gift card, merchandise card, merchandise credit card exemption from Unclaimed Funds Law	Retains existing law description, which exempts any credit due to a retail customer that is represented by a gift certificate, gift card, merchandise credit, or merchandise credit card, redeemable only for merchandise (R.C. 169.01(B)(2)(d)(i)).	Similar, except specifies the exemption is for any credit <i>or obligation</i> due to a retail customer and instead of redeemable for only merchandise, specifies that it can be redeemed for goods or services, including gift cards issued by financial organizations or business associations (R.C. 169.01(B)(2)(d)(i)).
Single merchant/service provider electronic payment device exemption from Unclaimed Funds Law	Exempts from the Unclaimed Funds Law any electronic payment device that has no expiration date and that meets the following conditions:	Same, except exempts any electronic payment device that is issued by a financial organization or a business association that has no expiration date and that meets the following conditions:
	 It is purchased or loaded on a prepaid basis for the future purchase or delivery of goods or services; 	Same.
	 It is redeemable upon presentation to a single merchant or service provider or an affiliated group of merchants or service providers. 	Same.
	No provision. (R.C. 169.01(B)(2)(d)(ii).)	 It is not redeemable for cash in whole or in part. (R.C. 169.01(B)(2)(d)(ii).)
Rewards card exemption from Unclaimed Funds Law	Exempts rewards cards from the Unclaimed Funds Law.	Same.
	Describes "rewards card" to include any loyalty, incentive, or promotional type program whether represented by card or electronic record, which program is established for the purposes of providing cardholder awards, rewards, rebates, or other amounts to reward the cardholder for his or her relationship with the entity sponsoring the rewards card, provided that money was not paid by the cardholder.	Same, except specifies that the loyalty, incentive, or promotional type program is issued by a financial organization or business association and specifies that no direct money was paid by the cardholder for the rewards card.

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	Specifies that a minimal annual fee is not considered money paid by the cardholder for the rewards, rebates, or other amounts.	Same, but specifies that a minimal annual fee is not considered direct money paid by the cardholder.
	No provision.	Specifies that a rewards card includes both of the following:
		 Cards or electronic records consisting of points, cash, or other tokens of value given to a cardholder as a reward or incentive for engaging in a transaction or a series of transactions;
		 The unpaid portion of a rewards card when the card is partially loaded by the cardholder with the remaining portion funded as a reward or incentive.
	No provision. (R.C. 169.01(B)(2)(f).)	Defines "cardholder" as the holder of a rewards card, regardless of whether the rewards card is represented by a card or by electronic record. $(R.C.\ 169.01(B)(2)(f).)$

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