



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 475**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

Rep. West

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Prohibits a person riding on a skateboard from attaching the skateboard or himself or herself to a moving vehicle.
  - Prohibits the operator of a moving vehicle from knowingly permitting a person riding on a skateboard from attaching the skateboard or himself or herself to the vehicle.
  - Specifies that the act be called the "Dallas Swogger Act."
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Skateboards**

The bill prohibits a person riding on a skateboard from attaching the skateboard or himself or herself to a moving vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley. Additionally, the bill prohibits the operator of a moving vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley from knowingly permitting a person riding on a skateboard from attaching the skateboard or himself or herself to the vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley. Current law applies the same prohibition to individuals riding bicycles, coasters, roller skates, sleds, or toy vehicles.

#### **Penalty**

The bill specifies that whoever violates the prohibition is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one additional predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, the offender is guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor. If within one year of the

offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more predicate motor vehicle offenses, the offender is guilty of a third degree misdemeanor.

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## COMMENT

Dallas Swogger was a 16-year old boy from Canton, Ohio who died on October 3, 2017 from injuries sustained while he was holding onto a vehicle while skateboarding.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	01-23-18

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