



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Final Analysis

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132nd General Assembly
(As Passed by the General Assembly)

Sens. Eklund, Hackett, Yuko, Brown, Oelslager, Schiavoni, Hite, Beagle, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hoagland, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson

Reps. Huffman, Antonio, Barnes, Butler, Ginter, T. Johnson, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Romanchuk, Sykes, West, Anielski, Blessing, Brenner, Brown, Clyde, Craig, Dever, Galonski, Holmes, Landis, LaTourette, Leland, Ramos, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Slaby, Strahorn, Young

Effective date: June 29, 2018

ACT SUMMARY

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

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The act designates September 25 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.² 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

* This version updates the effective date.

¹ R.C. 5.257.

² National Ataxia Foundation, *What is Ataxia?*, <https://ataxia.org/what-is-ataxia/>.

National Ataxia Foundation. The aim of the declaration is to raise awareness and understanding of ataxia.³

HISTORY

| ACTION | DATE |
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| Introduced | 05-02-17 |
| Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Medicaid | 10-18-17 |
| Passed Senate (32-0) | 10-18-17 |
| Reported, H. Health | 12-07-17 |
| Passed House (93-0) | 03-21-18 |

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³ National Ataxia Foundation, *International Ataxia Awareness Day*, <https://ataxia.org/international-ataxia-awareness-day/>.

