



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 657**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Rezabek and Celebrezze

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Exempts wireless service providers and resellers from the Ohio Consumers' Counsel operating assessment.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Ohio Consumers' Counsel's operating assessment**

The bill exempts a wireless service provider and a reseller from being subject to the Ohio Consumers' Counsel's (OCC) operating assessment. That assessment, under continuing law, is equal to the OCC appropriation in each fiscal year apportioned among and assessed against public utilities in Ohio. The bill creates the exemption by removing wireless service providers and resellers from the definition of public utility for purposes of the assessment to the extent they provide wireless service.<sup>1</sup>

Continuing law defines "wireless service" as federally licensed commercial mobile service as defined by federal law and further defined as commercial mobile radio service by the federal rules, and includes service provided by any wireless, two-way communications device, including a radio-telephone communications line used in cellular telephone service or personal communications service, a network radio access line, or any functional or competitive equivalent of such a radio-telephone communications or network radio access line. "Wireless service provider" means a facilities-based provider of wireless service to one or more end users in Ohio. "Reseller" means a nonfacilities-based provider of wireless service that provides wireless service under its own name to one or more end users in Ohio using the network of a wireless service provider.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4911.18 and 4927.03.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 128.01, not in the bill.

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced

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