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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Rest areas

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### Repeal date for towing exemption

- Fixes a technical error in the transportation budget act (H.B. 26) in which a section pertaining to size and weight exemptions for towing vehicles was erroneously scheduled for repeal one year after its effective date, when it should have been scheduled for repeal two years after that date.

### Ohio Maritime Assistance Program (VETOED)

- Would have created the Ohio Maritime Assistance Program, which would have been administered by ODOT.
- Would have permitted certain municipal corporations and port authorities to apply to ODOT for grants to construct or improve marine cargo terminals and other maritime structures located on the shores of Lake Erie, a Lake Erie tributary, or the Ohio River.
- Would have required the grant recipient to provide a match not to exceed \$1 for each \$1 in state grant funding received for the proposed project.

### Rest areas

(R.C. 5515.07)

The act prohibits the Department of Transportation (ODOT) from closing any rest area that is located along a scenic byway. There are presently 27 scenic byways designated within Ohio.<sup>167</sup>

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<sup>167</sup> A map of Ohio's scenic byways is available at <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/OhioByways/Documents/OhioByways2018.pdf>.



## **Repeal date for towing exemption**

(Section 610.110 (amends Section 812.50 of H.B. 26 of the 132nd G.A.))

The act fixes a technical error in the transportation budget act of the 132nd G.A. (H.B. 26). In that act, a provision pertaining to size and weight exemptions for towing vehicles was erroneously scheduled for repeal on June 30, 2018, when it should have been scheduled for repeal on June 30, 2019.<sup>168</sup> For more information regarding that provision, see pages 25-26 of the final analysis for H.B. 26, at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=7230&format=pdf>.

## **Ohio Maritime Assistance Program (VETOED)**

(R.C. 5501.91; Sections 411.10 and 411.13)

The act would have created the Ohio Maritime Assistance Program, which would have been administered by ODOT. The Program would have permitted certain municipal corporations and port authorities to apply to ODOT for grants to construct or improve marine cargo terminals and other maritime structures located on the shores of Lake Erie, a Lake Erie tributary, or the Ohio River. The Program would have included specified eligibility criteria, particularly focused on the likely success of the proposed project, and would have required a grant recipient to provide matching amounts equivalent to \$1 for each \$1 received from ODOT. The act would have appropriated \$2.0 million in FYs 2018 and 2019 for the Program via the Ohio Maritime Assistance Fund, which the act would have created.

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<sup>168</sup> Section 755.30 of H.B. 26 of the 132nd G.A.

