

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

VETO MESSAGE

**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE VETO OF ITEM IN
AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 434**

November 25, 2025

Pursuant to Article II, Section 16, of the Ohio Constitution, which states that the Governor may disapprove any item in a bill making an appropriation of money, I hereby disapprove the following item contained in House Bill 434 and set forth below the reasons for so doing, as it is not in the public interest. The text I am disapproving is identified in this message by reference to the corresponding page and boxed text of the bill.

ITEM NUMBER 1

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On page 31, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 4513.60. (A)(1) The sheriff..." and ending with "...by use of a major credit card".

On page 32, delete the boxed text.

On page 33, delete the boxed text beginning with "may retrieve any personal items..." and ending with "...is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.".

On page 34, delete the boxed text beginning with "Upon Section 2930.11 of the Revised Code..." and ending with "...and storage under this section.".

On page 34, delete the following boxed text, "Upon".

On page 35, delete the boxed text beginning with "Sec. 4513.66. (A) If..." and ending with "...any investigation of the accident:".

On page 36, delete the boxed text.

On page 37, delete the boxed text beginning with "(1) "Public safety official" means..." and ending with "...section 2305.232 of the Revised Code.".

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Victim of Crime Vehicle Fees

This item would permit victims of crime to be charged a fee to reclaim their private vehicles after they've been seized as evidence by law enforcement as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. Ohio citizens who have been the victim of a crime should not be subject to fees in these situations. Permitting this practice would revictimize crime victims by allowing them to be charged hundreds to thousands of dollars for towing and storage fees before they can retrieve their own private property, which is contrary to Ohio's overall work to support crime victims. Potential federal and state constitutional issues also exist with this item.

The General Assembly is trying to resolve an issue where towing companies are not being compensated for their services. This is a real problem. This amendment, however, allows the burden of compensation to be placed on a crime victim. I am committed to working with the General Assembly on this issue, while also maintaining the rights of crime victims.

Therefore, the veto of this item is in the public interest.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto subscribed my name and
caused the Great Seal of the State of
Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this
25th day of November, Two
Thousand Twenty-Five.


Mike DeWine, Governor

This will acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this veto message of House Bill 434 that was disapproved in part by Governor Mike DeWine on November 25, 2025.

Name and Title of Officer

Date and Time of Receipt