

Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration

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- Registered 1,888 motor vehicle collision repair facilities in FY 2004
- Enacted budget of \$325,047 for FY 2006
- Planned consolidation in the Department of Commerce in FY 2007

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Board (CRB) registers all motor vehicle collision repair operators who perform five or more collision repairs in a 12-month period. The Board's mission is to protect the public and to create a level playing field for all collision repair facilities by ensuring that all facilities are in compliance with state and federal taxation, employment, and environmental laws. The Board has registered approximately 2,000 of Ohio's known independent collision repair facilities since operational inception, and continues to make efforts to register all independent collision repair facilities through mailings, presentations, newspaper and trade magazine articles, and onsite appearances. Yet, some facilities fail to comply with legal requirements and remain unregistered.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
3	\$325,047	\$0	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2005.

Registration

The Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Board handles the administrative work for roughly 2,000 motor vehicle collision repair shop registrations. The Board renews its registrations annually with estimated revenue of \$338,672 versus \$294,187 in expenditures in FY 2005, resulting in a net gain of \$44,485 to the 5H9 Fund in that span. The Board's enacted budget appropriates a total of \$325,047 for FY 2006, but does not make an appropriation for FY 2007, as the Board is slated for consolidation within the Department of Commerce.

Board Consolidation

The enacted budget recommended that 20 independent occupational licensing boards be absorbed into the departments of Health, Commerce, and Public Safety. As such, the enacted budget does not appropriate funding in FY 2007 for the boards and commissions included in the consolidation proposal. The specifics of the consolidation plan will be addressed during FY 2006 by a task force consisting of the agencies acquiring the boards, the Department of Administrative Services, the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), and three individuals selected by the boards included in the consolidation proposal. According to the plan, current staff will be retained through FY 2006 and a hiring freeze and early retirement incentives will be offered to regulatory board staff. These incentives should result in staff reductions. Effective July 1, 2006, all remaining regulatory board staff will be transferred to the relevant agency. Board and commission members for each agency will be retained and continue to serve in the manner in which they were appointed.

Unregistered Repair Shops

The Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Board's priority for the biennium continues to be increasing field contact and enforcement efforts. While the Board cannot be certain of the amount of unregistered collision repair facilities, the Board estimates that there are approximately 1,200 noncompliant shops in the state of Ohio. Due to significant changes and vacancies in the Board's staff in the previous few years, the Board has been trying to catch up on registering shops and decreasing the agency's backlog. The Board states that an additional investigator would increase enforcement activities and increase revenues attained through the fees and fines of previously unregistered or delinquent shops. However, the enacted budget did not include the resources for such an addition.

Vetoed Provisions

The Governor did not veto any provisions affecting the Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Board.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Board of Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

Program Series 1

Operating Expenses

Purpose: To license and regulate facilities that perform collision repairs.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Board as well as the enacted budget's funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Services Fund				
5H9	865-609	Operating Expenses	\$325,047	\$0
Total Funding: Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Board			\$325,047	\$0

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4775. of the Revised Code, the Ohio Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Board registers all motor vehicle collision repair shops in Ohio that repair more than five motor vehicles per year. The Board was created by Am. Sub. H.B. 143 of the 122nd General Assembly.

Funding Sources: 5H9 – Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Fund; revenue from \$150 licensing fee, and late payment penalties is used to cover the Board's expenses

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The Motor Vehicle Collision Repair Registration Board received funding of \$325,047 in FY 2006 and \$0 in FY 2007, as the Board is slated for consolidation within the Department of Commerce. The enacted funding for the biennium should allow the Board to maintain FY 2005 service levels.