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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL (AGO)**

- Authorizes a political subdivision to certify past due receivables to the Attorney General for collection.
- Authorizes the Attorney General to file a claim to recover unclaimed funds held by the state for an obligor in default of child support.
- Extends the period of time applicable to providing a reasonable number of repair attempts before a consumer has the option of a replacement vehicle or a refund under Ohio's Lemon Law under specified circumstances.
- Requires the manufacturer to arrange for the use of a vehicle for the consumer if an extension of time is necessary.

### **Attorney General Collection of Political Subdivision Debts**

(R.C. 131.02)

The act authorizes a political subdivision to certify a receivable to the Attorney General for collection when the receivable becomes 45 days past due if the Attorney General authorizes such certification. Formerly, only receivables of the state could be certified to the Attorney General for collection.

### **Application of unclaimed funds to claims certified to the Attorney General for collection**

(R.C. 131.024)

The act authorizes the Attorney General to request information from the Director of Commerce, not later than February 1 of each year, about persons who have been certified as owing an unpaid claim to the state. If the information results in identifying unclaimed funds held by the state for an obligor in default of child support, the attorney general may file a claim to recover the unclaimed funds. If the Director allows the claim, the Director must pay the claim directly to the Attorney General, even though the Attorney General is not the owner of the unclaimed funds.

The Director must provide the requested information by not later than March 1 of each year. The information provided includes the person's name, address, social security number, if the social security number is available, and any other identifying



information for any individual included in a request sent by the Attorney General who has unclaimed funds delivered or reported under the Unclaimed Funds Law.

The act authorizes the Attorney General, in consultation with the Director, to adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act to aid in implementing the provision.

The Attorney General has authority under continuing law to collect amounts owed to the state that have been certified to the Attorney General as being unpaid and overdue.

## **Lemon Law**

(R.C. 1345.73)

The act extends the period of time applicable to providing a reasonable number of repair attempts before a consumer has the option of a replacement vehicle or a refund under Ohio's Lemon Law to include any period of time during which the vehicle could not be reasonably repaired due to war, invasion, civil unrest, strike, fire, flood, or natural disaster. Additionally, if an extension of time is necessary, the act requires the manufacturer to arrange for the use of a vehicle for the consumer whose vehicle is out of service at no cost to the consumer. If the manufacturer utilizes or contracts with a motor vehicle dealer or other third party to provide the vehicle, the manufacturer must reimburse the motor vehicle dealer or other third party at a reasonable rate for the use of the vehicle.

