



Ohio Judicial Conference

The Voice of Ohio Judges

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Mr. Jess Mosser
Policy Counsel, Supreme Court of Ohio
Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure
65 South Front Street, 7th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Proposed Amendment to Multi-count Uniform Traffic Ticket

Dear Mr. Mosser:

The Traffic Law and Procedure Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference respectfully submits the following request for consideration by the Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

In 2018, the General Assembly passed, and Governor Kasich signed into law, House Bill 95, which creates an additional fine if a person commits a moving violation while “distracted” and the distracted conduct contributed to the commission of the violation. This is similar to the existing penalty enhancement for committing traffic violations in a construction zone. The Multi-count Uniform Traffic Ticket contains a box for law enforcement to indicate whether a violation occurred in a construction zone. In light of the passage of H.B. 95, the Judicial Conference would respectfully request that the Ticket be amended similarly to include a space where law enforcement can indicate that a moving violation was committed as a result of driving while distracted. Such an amendment would provide clarity in officers’ intent when filling out a ticket, and will allow for a more uniform application of the penalty enhancement across the state.

Thank you very much for considering this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Josh Williams, OJC Deputy Legislative Counsel, at Joshua.Williams@sc.ohio.gov or (614) 387-9767.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director