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A BILL

To amend sections 4507.50 and 4507.52 of the
Revised Code to allow any veteran and any
unemployed mobility impaired person to obtain a
free identification card that is valid for eight
years.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4507.50 and 4507.52 of the
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4507.50. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles or a
deputy registrar, upon receipt of an application filed in
compliance with section 4507.51 of the Revised Code by any
person who is a resident or a temporary resident of this state
and, except as otherwise provided in this section, is not
licensed as an operator of a motor vehicle in this state or
another licensing jurisdiction, and, except as provided in
division (B) or (C) of this section, upon receipt of a fee of
three dollars and fifty cents, shall issue an identification
card to that person.

Any person who is a resident or temporary resident of this
state whose Ohio driver's or commercial driver's license has

been suspended or canceled, upon application in compliance with 20
section 4507.51 of the Revised Code and, except as provided in 21
division (B) or (C) of this section, payment of a fee of three 22
dollars and fifty cents, may be issued a temporary 23
identification card. The temporary identification card shall be 24
identical to an identification card, except that it shall be 25
printed on its face with a statement that the card is valid 26
during the effective dates of the suspension or cancellation of 27
the cardholder's license, or until the birthday of the 28
cardholder in the fourth year after the date on which it is 29
issued, whichever is shorter. The cardholder shall surrender the 30
identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar 31
before the cardholder's driver's or commercial driver's license 32
is restored or reissued. 33

Except as provided in division (B) or (C) of this section, 34
the deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to the amount 35
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each 36
identification card issued under this section. The fee allowed 37
to the deputy registrar shall be in addition to the fee for 38
issuing an identification card. 39

Neither the registrar nor any deputy registrar shall 40
charge a fee in excess of one dollar and fifty cents for 41
laminating an identification card or temporary identification 42
card. A deputy registrar laminating such a card shall retain the 43
entire amount of the fee charged for lamination, less the actual 44
cost to the registrar of the laminating materials used for that 45
lamination, as specified in the contract executed by the bureau 46
for the laminating materials and laminating equipment. The 47
deputy registrar shall forward the amount of the cost of the 48
laminating materials to the registrar for deposit as provided in 49
this section. 50

The fee collected for issuing an identification card under 51
this section, except the fee allowed to the deputy registrar, 52
shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the 53
public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 4501.06 54
of the Revised Code. 55

(B) ~~A disabled~~ Any veteran ~~who has a service connected~~ 56
~~disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans'~~ 57
~~administration~~ may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar 58
for the issuance to that veteran of an identification card or a 59
temporary identification card under this section without payment 60
of any fee prescribed in division (A) of this section, including 61
any lamination fee. 62

~~An application made under division (B) of this section~~ 63
~~shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability~~ 64
~~as the registrar may require by rule.~~ 65

(C) A nonveteran resident who is eligible for an 66
identification card with an expiration date that is in 67
accordance with division (A) (8) (b) of section 4507.52 of the 68
Revised Code and who is currently unemployed may apply to the 69
registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance of an 70
identification card under this section without payment of any 71
fee as prescribed in division (A) of this section, including any 72
lamination fee. 73

An application made under division (C) of this section 74
shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability 75
and unemployment as the registrar may require by rule. 76

Sec. 4507.52. (A) (1) Each identification card issued by 77
the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 78
display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and 79

shall display the following inscription: 80

"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD 81

This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a 82
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of 83
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card, 84
who currently is not licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the 85
state of Ohio." 86

(2) The identification card shall display substantially 87
the same information as contained in the application and as 88
described in division (A) (1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised 89
Code, but shall not display the cardholder's social security 90
number unless the cardholder specifically requests that the 91
cardholder's social security number be displayed on the card. If 92
federal law requires the cardholder's social security number to 93
be displayed on the identification card, the social security 94
number shall be displayed on the card notwithstanding this 95
section. 96

(3) The identification card also shall display the color 97
photograph of the cardholder. 98

(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of 99
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 100
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 101
sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder 102
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 103
has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall 104
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 105
cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 106

(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 107
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 108

is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of 109
the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's 110
DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall 111
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 112
cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed 113
forces of the United States. 114

(6) The card shall be sealed in transparent plastic or 115
similar material and shall be so designed as to prevent its 116
reproduction or alteration without ready detection. 117

(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one 118
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 119
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is 120
twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification 121
card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 122
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 123
characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who 124
is twenty-one years of age or older. 125

(8) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (8) (b) of this 126
section, every identification card issued to a resident of this 127
state shall expire, unless canceled or surrendered earlier, on 128
the birthday of the cardholder in the fourth year after the date 129
on which it is issued. 130

(b) The registrar or a deputy registrar shall issue an 131
identification card to a resident of this state who is 132
permanently or irreversibly disabled, a mobility impaired 133
person, or a veteran that shall expire, unless canceled or 134
surrendered earlier, on the birthday of the cardholder in the 135
eighth year after the date on which it is issued. The registrar 136
shall issue a reminder notice to a cardholder, at the last known 137
address of the cardholder, six months before the identification 138

card is scheduled to expire. The registrar shall adopt rules 139
governing the documentation a cardholder shall submit to certify 140
that the cardholder is permanently or irreversibly disabled, a 141
mobility impaired person, or a veteran. 142

As used in this section, ~~"permanently~~ : 143

(i) "Permanently or irreversibly disabled" means a 144
condition of disability from which there is no present 145
indication of recovery. 146

(ii) "Mobility impaired person" has the same meaning as in 147
section 955.011 of the Revised Code. 148

(c) Every identification card issued to a temporary 149
resident shall expire in accordance with rules adopted by the 150
registrar and is nonrenewable, but may be replaced with a new 151
identification card upon the applicant's compliance with all 152
applicable requirements. 153

(9) A cardholder may renew the cardholder's identification 154
card within ninety days prior to the day on which it expires by 155
filing an application and paying the prescribed fee in 156
accordance with section 4507.50 of the Revised Code. 157

(10) If a cardholder applies for a driver's or commercial 158
driver's license in this state or another licensing 159
jurisdiction, the cardholder shall surrender the cardholder's 160
identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar 161
before the license is issued. 162

(B) (1) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the 163
person to whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by 164
doing both of the following: 165

(a) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or 166

mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar; 167

(b) Filing an application and presenting documentary 168
evidence under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 169

(2) Any person who loses a card and, after obtaining a 170
duplicate, finds the original, immediately shall surrender the 171
original to the registrar or a deputy registrar. 172

(3) A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification 173
card that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by 174
furnishing suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a 175
deputy registrar and surrendering the cardholder's existing 176
card. 177

(4) (a) When a cardholder applies for a duplicate or 178
obtains a replacement identification card, the cardholder shall 179
pay a fee of two dollars and fifty cents. A deputy registrar 180
shall be allowed an additional fee equal to the amount 181
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for 182
issuing a duplicate or replacement identification card. 183

(b) ~~A disabled~~ Any veteran who is a cardholder ~~and has a~~ 184
~~service-connected disability rated at one hundred per cent by~~ 185
~~the veterans' administration~~ may apply to the registrar or a 186
deputy registrar for the issuance of a duplicate or replacement 187
identification card without payment of any fee prescribed in 188
this section, and without payment of any lamination fee if the 189
~~disabled~~ veteran would not be required to pay a lamination fee 190
in connection with the issuance of an identification card or 191
temporary identification card as provided in division (B) of 192
section 4507.50 of the Revised Code. 193

(c) A nonveteran resident who is permanently or 194
irreversibly disabled or a mobility impaired person and who is 195

unemployed may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for 196
the issuance of a duplicate or replacement identification card 197
without payment of any fee prescribed in this section, and 198
without payment of any lamination fee, if the resident would not 199
be required to pay any fee in connection with the issuance of an 200
identification card as provided in division (C) of section 201
4507.50 of the Revised Code. 202

(5) A duplicate or replacement identification card expires 203
on the same date as the card it replaces. 204

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining 205
that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was 206
altered. The registrar also shall cancel any card that is 207
surrendered to the registrar or to a deputy registrar after the 208
holder has obtained a duplicate, replacement, or driver's or 209
commercial driver's license. 210

(D) (1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions 211
shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or 212
privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification 213
card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly 214
operated or franchised transit system from using an 215
identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or 216
services of the system. 217

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or 218
possess an identification card. 219

(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a 220
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 221
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 222
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 223
under twenty-one years of age that does not have the 224

characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it 225
from the identification card issued to persons who are twenty- 226
one years of age or older. 227

(F) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is 228
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 229

Section 2. That existing sections 4507.50 and 4507.52 of 230
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 231