



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Ramos, K. Smith, Perales, Antonio, Brown, Kent, Butler

BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes that a veteran, who relocates to a county following a disaster or an emergency, is exempt from a three-month residency requirement and is immediately eligible to apply for financial assistance from a county veterans service commission.
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CONTENT AND OPERATION

County veterans service commission financial assistance

The bill establishes that certain veterans are immediately eligible for financial assistance from a county veterans service commission. Under continuing law, a veteran, an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or the spouse, surviving spouse, dependent parent, minor child, or ward of a veteran or active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces, may apply for financial assistance from a county veterans service commission. The bill exempts, from the minimum three-month residency requirement, applicants who relocated to the county following an emergency or a disaster. Under current law, the applicant must be a bona fide resident of the county for at least three months.¹

Under the bill, an applicant who executes an affidavit affirming that the applicant has relocated to the county from another Ohio county, another state, or a U.S. territory following an emergency or a disaster, is eligible to apply for financial

¹ R.C. 5901.08(A).

assistance immediately upon establishing residency in the county of application.² Under the bill, "disaster" and "emergency" are defined as follows:

"Disaster" means any natural catastrophe or fire, flood, or explosion, regardless of the cause, that causes damage of sufficient magnitude that the Governor or the U. S. President, through a public declaration, orders state or federal assistance to alleviate damage, loss, hardship, or suffering that results from the occurrence.

"Emergency" means any occasion or instance for which the Governor or the U.S. President publicly declares an emergency and orders state or federal assistance to save lives and protect property, the public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-03-18

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² R.C. 5901.08(B).

³ R.C. 4123.511(O), not in the bill.

