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A BILL

To amend section 317.241 of the Revised Code to 1
allow a person who was discharged from the 2
United States Public Health Service or the 3
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 4
to obtain an Ohio veterans identification card. 5

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

Section 1. That section 317.241 of the Revised Code be 6
amended to read as follows: 7

Sec. 317.241. (A) The board of county commissioners may by 8
resolution allow the county recorder or county veterans service 9
office to issue Ohio veterans identification cards to 10
individuals who have met the following requirements: 11

(1) Presented the individual's armed forces discharge 12
record for recording in the record of discharges in the office 13
of the county recorder; 14

(2) Provided, while appearing in person at a county 15
recorder's office or county veterans service office, two forms 16
of current and valid identification, at least one of which bears 17
a photograph of the individual; 18

(3) Paid a fee, if a fee has been established by the county. 19
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A board of county commissioners may, by resolution, 21
authorize a county recorder or county veterans service office to 22
collect a fee from individuals requesting a veterans 23
identification card. The fee may not exceed two dollars. 24

If a county veterans service office maintains access to 25
the state and federal military service verification system, the 26
county veterans service office or county recorder, by consulting 27
the county veterans service office, shall confirm before issuing 28
a veterans identification card that the individual's armed 29
forces discharge record exists in the system's database and does 30
not indicate the individual was dishonorably discharged. 31

(B) A county recorder or county veterans service office 32
who has in operation, before ~~the effective date of this section~~ 33
September 8, 2016, a program to issue veterans identification 34
cards may continue to issue veterans identification cards 35
without a resolution of the board of county commissioners, if 36
the county recorder or county veterans service office conforms 37
the program, as necessary, so that it otherwise is in compliance 38
with this section. 39

(C) An Ohio veterans identification card expires ten years 40
after the date of issuance. A veteran whose identification card 41
has expired may apply to a county recorder or county veterans 42
service office for the issuance of a new identification card, 43
and a veteran whose current card has been lost or damaged may 44
apply to a county recorder or county veterans service office for 45
a replacement identification card, by meeting the requirements 46
described in this section. 47

(D) The following documents are valid forms of	48
identification for the purposes of this section:	49
(1) An original or a certified birth certificate;	50
(2) An identification card issued by the United States	51
department of veterans affairs;	52
(3) A United States military identification card;	53
(4) A social security card;	54
(5) A license or permit to carry a concealed weapon issued	55
by this state or any other state;	56
(6) A motor vehicle operator's license issued by this	57
state or any other state that bears a photograph of the	58
licensee;	59
(7) An identification card issued by this state or any	60
other state that bears a photograph of the individual	61
identified;	62
(8) A valid passport that bears a photograph of the	63
individual to whom the passport was issued;	64
(9) A United States armed forces discharge record.	65
(E) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited	66
into the county treasury to the credit of the county general	67
fund.	68
(F) (1) An Ohio veterans identification card shall conform	69
to the material and design standards established by the Ohio	70
recorders association in consultation with the county	71
commissioners' association of Ohio and Ohio state association of	72
county veterans service officers. All issuing entities shall	73
follow the design standards established pursuant to Sec. <u>section</u>	74

317.242 <u>of the Revised Code.</u>	75
(2) An applicant for an Ohio veterans identification card shall be photographed in color at the time the application for the card is made. A county recorder or county veterans service office that issues identification cards shall provide the necessary equipment to take a color photograph of an applicant for an Ohio veterans identification card. Photographic records of a county recorder's office or county veterans service office that are obtained under this section are the property of the county recorder's office or county veterans service office.	76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84
(G) All application materials, including applications, photographs, documents, or other information submitted with an application or obtained by a county recorder or county veterans service office are not public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The county recorder or county veterans service office may only release application materials as follows:	85 86 87 88 89 90
(1) To a state, local, or federal governmental agency for criminal justice purposes or to a court for any purpose arising in the court;	91 92 93
(2) To the department of veterans services, but only if the veteran gives prior signed written approval;	94 95
(3) To a county veterans service commission, but only if the veteran gives prior signed written approval.	96 97
A governmental agency, a court, the department of veterans services, or a county veterans service commission to which application materials have been released shall maintain the confidentiality of those materials.	98 99 100 101
(H) A county recorder or county veterans service office may contract with any other political subdivision of the state	102 103

for Ohio veterans identification card production services. 104

(I) A county recorder or county veterans service office 105
may accept donations, in the form of supplies and equipment, to 106
be used in the production of Ohio veterans identification cards. 107

(J) For purposes of this section, "armed forces" includes 108
the United States public health service and the national oceanic 109
and atmospheric administration. 110

Section 2. That existing section 317.241 of the Revised 111
Code is hereby repealed. 112