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**Senator Patton**

**Cosponsors: Senators Manning, Hughes, Eklund, Thomas**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 5902.10 of the Revised Code to  
require the Director of Veterans Services, upon  
application by a person who is a veteran or  
active duty member of any branch of the armed  
forces of the United States, to issue to the  
person a military transportation card that  
entitles the person to travel on any type of  
public transportation without charge.

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

**Section 1.** That section 5902.10 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

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**Sec. 5902.10. (A) As used in this section:**

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(1) "Public transportation" means publicly owned or  
operated transportation by bus, rail, or other conveyance, that  
provides to the public transit or paratransit service on a  
regular and continuing basis within the state, including demand-  
responsive transportation.

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(2) "Veteran" means either of the following:

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(a) A person who served in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty and was discharged from the service under honorable conditions, and who either served on active duty for reasons other than training or, while serving on active duty for training, incurred a disability recognized by the department of veterans affairs or department of defense as service-connected;

(b) A person who served in the United States merchant marine, who either served on active duty for reasons other than training or, while serving on active duty for training, incurred a disability recognized by the department of veterans affairs or department of defense as service-connected, and to whom either of the following applies:

(i) The person has an honorable report of separation from the active duty military service, form DD214 or DD215;

(ii) The person served in the United States merchant marine between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946.

(B) The director of veterans services shall issue a military transportation card to a person if both of the following apply:

(1) The person submits a written application indicating that the person is a veteran or an active duty member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States; and

(2) The person submits to the director such documentary evidence that the director prescribes by rule that is sufficient to prove to the director that the person is a veteran or an active duty member of a branch of the armed forces of the United States.

The military transportation card entitles the person, upon

presentation, to board any mode of public transportation and 47  
travel on the public transportation without payment of any fee, 48  
fare, or charge of any kind. The director shall issue a military 49  
transportation card at no cost to the person to whom it is 50  
issued. 51

(C) A military transportation card issued to a person who 52  
is a veteran does not expire. A military transportation card 53  
issued to a person who is an active duty member of a branch of 54  
the armed forces of the United States expires on the date the 55  
person is scheduled to cease to be such a member as shown in the 56  
documentary evidence the person submits to the director at the 57  
time of application. 58

(D) The director, under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, 59  
shall adopt such rules as the director determines are necessary 60  
to implement this section. 61