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**A BILL**

To amend section 955.011 of the Revised Code to 1  
exempt certain disabled veterans from paying a 2  
dog registration fee when application is made to 3  
the county auditor that includes proof that the 4  
dog is an assistance dog. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 955.011 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 955.011.** (A) When an application is made for 8  
registration of an assistance dog and the owner can show proof 9  
by certificate or other means that the dog is an assistance dog, 10  
the owner of the dog shall be exempt from any fee for the 11  
registration. Registration for an assistance dog shall be 12  
permanent and not subject to annual renewal so long as the dog 13  
is an assistance dog. Certificates and tags stamped "Ohio 14  
Assistance Dog-Permanent Registration," with registration 15  
number, shall be issued upon registration of such a dog. Any 16  
certificate and tag stamped "Ohio Guide Dog-Permanent 17  
Registration" or "Ohio Hearing Dog-Permanent Registration," with 18

registration number, that was issued for a dog in accordance 19  
with this section as it existed prior to July 4, 1984, any 20  
certificate and tag stamped "Ohio Handicapped Assistance Dog- 21  
Permanent Registration," with registration number, that was 22  
issued for a dog in accordance with this section as it existed 23  
on and after July 5, 1984, but prior to November 26, 2004, and 24  
any certificate and tag stamped "Ohio Service Dog-Permanent 25  
Registration," with registration number, that was issued for a 26  
dog in accordance with this section as it existed on and after 27  
November 26, 2004, but prior to June 30, 2006, shall remain in 28  
effect as valid proof of the registration of the dog on and 29  
after November 26, 2004. Duplicate certificates and tags for a 30  
dog registered in accordance with this section, upon proper 31  
proof of loss, shall be issued and no fee required. Each 32  
duplicate certificate and tag that is issued shall be stamped 33  
"Ohio Assistance Dog-Permanent Registration." 34

(B) As used in this section and in sections 955.16 and 35  
955.43 of the Revised Code: 36

(1) "Mobility impaired person" means any person of the 37  
following: 38

(a) A person, regardless of age, who is subject to a 39  
physiological defect or deficiency regardless of its cause, 40  
nature, or extent that renders the person unable to move about 41  
without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair, or any other form of 42  
support, or that limits the person's functional ability to 43  
ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or perform any related 44  
function. ~~"Mobility impaired person" includes a ;~~ 45

(b) A person with a neurological or psychological 46  
disability that limits the person's functional ability to 47  
ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or perform any related 48

function. <del>"Mobility impaired person" also includes a;</del>	49
<u>(c) A person with a seizure disorder and a;</u>	50
<u>(d) A person who is diagnosed with autism; and</u>	51
<u>(e) A person who is a veteran of the armed forces of the</u>	52
<u>United States, including reserve components thereof, or of the</u>	53
<u>national guard, who has been discharged or released from active</u>	54
<u>duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions, and who has</u>	55
<u>been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic</u>	56
<u>brain injury, or any other service-related disability.</u>	57
(2) "Blind" means either of the following:	58
(a) Vision twenty/two hundred or less in the better eye	59
with proper correction;	60
(b) Field defect in the better eye with proper correction	61
that contracts the peripheral field so that the diameter of the	62
visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.	63
(3) "Assistance dog" means a guide dog, hearing dog, or	64
service dog that has been trained by a nonprofit special agency.	65
(4) "Guide dog" means a dog that has been trained or is in	66
training to assist a blind person.	67
(5) "Hearing dog" means a dog that has been trained or is	68
in training to assist a deaf or hearing-impaired person.	69
(6) "Service dog" means a dog that has been trained or is	70
in training to assist a mobility impaired person.	71
<b>Section 2.</b> That existing section 955.011 of the Revised	72
Code is hereby repealed.	73