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**A BILL**

To enact sections 317.241 and 5902.05 of the 1  
Revised Code to authorize county recorders to 2  
issue Ohio veterans identification cards. 3

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

**Section 1.** That sections 317.241 and 5902.05 of the 4  
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 317.241.** (A) The county recorder may issue an Ohio 6  
veterans identification card to an individual who has met the 7  
following requirements: 8

(1) Presented the individual's armed forces discharge 9  
record for recording in the record of discharges in the office 10  
of the county recorder; 11

(2) Provided, while appearing in person at a county 12  
recorder's office, two forms of current and valid 13  
identification, at least one of which bears a photograph of the 14  
individual; 15

(3) Paid a fee not to exceed two dollars. 16

An Ohio veterans identification card expires ten years 17  
after the date of issuance. A veteran whose identification card 18  
has expired may apply to a county recorder for the issuance of a 19  
new identification card, and a veteran whose current card has 20  
been lost or damaged, may apply to a county recorder for a 21  
replacement identification card, by meeting the requirements 22  
described in this section. 23

(B) The following documents are valid forms of 24  
identification for the purposes of this section: 25

(1) An original or a certified birth certificate. 26

(2) An identification card issued by the United States 27  
department of veterans affairs. 28

(3) A United States military identification card. 29

(4) A social security card. 30

(5) A license or permit to carry a concealed weapon issued 31  
by this state or any other state. 32

(6) A motor vehicle operator's license issued by this 33  
state or any other state that bears a photograph of the 34  
licensee. 35

(7) An identification card issued by this state or any 36  
other state that bears a photograph of the individual 37  
identified. 38

(8) A valid passport that bears a photograph of the 39  
individual to whom the passport was issued. 40

(9) A United States armed forces discharge record. 41

(C) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited 42  
into the county treasury to the credit of the county recorder's 43

technology fund established under section 317.321 of the Revised 44  
Code. If no such fund exists, the fee shall be deposited into 45  
the county general fund. 46

(D) (1) An Ohio veterans identification card shall conform 47  
to the material and design standards established by the director 48  
of veterans services. 49

(2) An applicant for an Ohio veterans identification card 50  
shall be photographed in color at the time the application for 51  
the card is made. A county recorder that issues identification 52  
cards shall provide the necessary equipment to take a color 53  
photograph of an applicant for an Ohio veterans identification 54  
card. Photographic records of a county recorder's office that 55  
are obtained under this section are the property of the county 56  
recorder's office. 57

(E) All application materials, including applications, 58  
photographs, documents, or other information submitted with an 59  
application or obtained by a county recorder are not public 60  
records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code. The county 61  
recorder may only release application materials as follows: 62

(1) To a state, local, or federal governmental agency for 63  
criminal justice purposes or to a court for any purpose arising 64  
in the court. 65

(2) To the department of veterans services, but only if 66  
the veteran gives prior signed written approval. 67

(3) To a county veterans service commission, but only if 68  
the veteran gives prior signed written approval. 69

A governmental agency, a court, the department of veterans 70  
services, or a county veterans service commission to which 71  
application materials have been released shall maintain the 72

confidentiality of those materials. 73

(F) A county recorder may contract with any other 74  
political subdivision of the state for Ohio veterans 75  
identification card production services. 76

(G) A county recorder may accept donations, in the form of 77  
supplies and equipment, to be used in the production of Ohio 78  
veterans identification cards. 79

**Sec. 5902.05.** The director of veterans services, in 80  
consultation with the Ohio recorders association, shall 81  
establish material and design standards for Ohio veterans 82  
identification cards that may be issued by county recorders. The 83  
material and design standards shall be prescribed in rules 84  
adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 85

The rules shall require that an Ohio identification card 86  
include the name of this state, a distinguishing number assigned 87  
to the cardholder, a color photograph of the cardholder, the 88  
cardholder's name and residence address, the cardholder's branch 89  
of service, dates of service, and date of discharge, the name of 90  
the issuing county, the indexing number that has been assigned 91  
to the veteran's record of discharge, and the date of the card's 92  
issuance and expiration. 93

An Ohio veterans identification card shall not display the 94  
cardholder's social security number unless federal law requires 95  
the cardholder's social security number to be displayed on a 96  
veterans identification card. 97

**Section 2.** Not later than six months after the effective 98  
date of this act, the Director of Veterans Services, in 99  
consultation with the Ohio Recorders Association, shall 100  
establish initial material and design standards for Ohio 101

veterans identification cards, as required by section 5902.05 of 102  
the Revised Code. The initial material and design standards 103  
shall be prescribed in rules adopted under Chapter 119. of the 104  
Revised Code. 105