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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4507.50 and 4507.52 of the  
Revised Code to allow any veteran and any  
unemployed mobility impaired person to obtain a  
free identification card that is valid for eight  
years.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4507.50 and 4507.52 of the  
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 4507.50.** (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles or a  
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person  
when all of the following apply:

(a) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an  
application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the  
Revised Code and payment of the applicable fees.

(b) The person is a resident or a temporary resident of  
this state.

(c) The person is not licensed as an operator of a motor  
vehicle in this state or another licensing jurisdiction.

(d) The person does not hold an identification card from another jurisdiction. 18  
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(2) (a) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar may issue a temporary identification card when all of the following apply: 20  
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(i) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the Revised Code and payment of the applicable fees. 23  
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(ii) The person is a resident or temporary resident of this state. 26  
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(iii) The person's Ohio driver's or commercial driver's license has been suspended or canceled. 28  
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(iv) The person does not hold an identification card from another jurisdiction. 30  
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(b) The temporary identification card shall be identical to an identification card, except that it shall be printed on its face with a statement that the card is valid during the effective dates of the suspension or cancellation of the cardholder's license, or until the birthday of the cardholder in the fourth year after the date on which it is issued, whichever is shorter. 32  
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(c) The cardholder shall surrender the temporary identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar before the cardholder's driver's or commercial driver's license is restored or reissued. 39  
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(B) (1) Except as provided in division (C) or (D) of this section, an applicant shall pay the following fees prior to issuance of an identification card or a temporary identification 43  
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card: 46

(a) A fee of three dollars and fifty cents if the card 47  
will expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the 48  
date of issuance or a fee of six dollars if the card will expire 49  
on the applicant's birthday eight years after the date of 50  
issuance; 51

(b) A fee equal to the amount established under section 52  
4503.038 of the Revised Code if the card will expire on the 53  
applicant's birthday four years after the date of issuance or 54  
twice that amount if the card will expire on the applicant's 55  
birthday eight years after the date of issuance; 56

(c) A fee of one dollar and fifty cents if the card will 57  
expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the date of 58  
issuance or three dollars if the card will expire on the 59  
applicant's birthday eight years after the date of issuance, for 60  
the authentication of the documents required for processing an 61  
identification card or temporary identification card. A deputy 62  
registrar that authenticates the required documents shall retain 63  
the entire amount of the fee. 64

(2) The fees collected for issuing an identification card 65  
under this section, except for any fees allowed to the deputy 66  
registrar, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit 67  
of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 68  
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 69

(C) ~~A disabled~~ Any ~~veteran who has a service connected~~ 70  
~~disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans'~~ 71  
~~administration~~ may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar 72  
for the issuance to that veteran of an identification card or a 73  
temporary identification card under this section without payment 74

of any fee prescribed in division (B) of this section. 75

~~An application made under this division shall be 76  
accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability as the 77  
registrar may require by rule. 78~~

(D) A nonveteran resident who is eligible for an 79  
identification card with an expiration date that is in 80  
accordance with division (A) (8) (b) of section 4507.52 of the 81  
Revised Code and who is currently unemployed may apply to the 82  
registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance of an 83  
identification card under this section without payment of any 84  
fee as prescribed in division (B) of this section. 85

An application made under division (D) of this section 86  
shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence of disability 87  
and unemployment as the registrar may require by rule. 88

**Sec. 4507.52.** (A) (1) Each identification card issued by 89  
the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 90  
display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and 91  
shall display the following inscription: 92

"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD 93

This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a 94  
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of 95  
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card, 96  
who currently is not licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the 97  
state of Ohio." 98

(2) The identification card shall display substantially 99  
the same information as contained in the application and as 100  
described in division (A) (1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised 101  
Code, but shall not display the cardholder's social security 102  
number unless the cardholder specifically requests that the 103

cardholder's social security number be displayed on the card. If 104  
federal law requires the cardholder's social security number to 105  
be displayed on the identification card, the social security 106  
number shall be displayed on the card notwithstanding this 107  
section. 108

(3) The identification card also shall display the color 109  
photograph of the cardholder. 110

(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of 111  
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 112  
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 113  
sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder 114  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 115  
has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall 116  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 117  
cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 118

(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 119  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 120  
is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of 121  
the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's 122  
DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall 123  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 124  
cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed 125  
forces of the United States. 126

(6) The card shall be designed as to prevent its 127  
reproduction or alteration without ready detection. 128

(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one 129  
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 130  
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is 131  
twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification 132

card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 133  
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 134  
characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who 135  
is twenty-one years of age or older. 136

(8) (a) Except as provided in division (A) (8) (b) of this 137  
section, every identification card issued to a resident of this 138  
state shall expire, unless canceled or surrendered earlier, on 139  
the birthday of the cardholder in the fourth or the eighth year 140  
after the date on which it is issued, based on the period of 141  
renewal requested by the applicant. 142

(b) Upon request, the registrar or a deputy registrar 143  
shall issue an identification card to a resident of this state 144  
who is permanently or irreversibly disabled, a mobility impaired 145  
person, or a veteran that shall expire, unless canceled or 146  
surrendered earlier, on the birthday of the cardholder in the 147  
eighth year after the date on which it is issued. The registrar 148  
shall issue a reminder notice to a cardholder, at the last known 149  
address of the cardholder, six months before the identification 150  
card is scheduled to expire. The registrar shall adopt rules 151  
governing the documentation a cardholder shall submit to certify 152  
that the cardholder is permanently or irreversibly disabled, a 153  
mobility impaired person, or a veteran. 154

As used in this section, ~~"permanently:~~ 155

(i) "Permanently or irreversibly disabled" means a 156  
condition of disability from which there is no present 157  
indication of recovery. 158

(ii) "Mobility impaired person" has the same meaning as in 159  
section 955.011 of the Revised Code. 160

(c) Every identification card issued to a temporary 161

resident shall expire in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar and is nonrenewable, but may be replaced with a new identification card upon the applicant's compliance with all applicable requirements.

(9) A cardholder may renew the cardholder's identification card within ninety days prior to the day on which it expires by filing an application and paying the prescribed fee in accordance with section 4507.50 of the Revised Code.

(10) If a cardholder applies for a driver's or commercial driver's license in this state or another licensing jurisdiction, the cardholder shall surrender the cardholder's identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar before the license is issued.

(B)(1) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the person to whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by doing both of the following:

(a) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar;

(b) Filing an application and presenting documentary evidence under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code.

(2) A cardholder may apply to obtain a reprint of the cardholder's identification card through electronic means in accordance with section 4507.40 of the Revised Code.

(3) Any person who loses a card and, after obtaining a duplicate or reprint, finds the original, immediately shall surrender the original to the registrar or a deputy registrar.

(4) A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification card that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by

furnishing suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a 190  
deputy registrar and surrendering the cardholder's existing 191  
card. 192

(5) (a) When a cardholder applies for a duplicate or 193  
reprint or obtains a replacement identification card, the 194  
cardholder shall pay a fee of two dollars and fifty cents. A 195  
deputy registrar shall be allowed an additional fee equal to the 196  
amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code 197  
for issuing a duplicate or replacement identification card. 198

(b) ~~A disabled~~ Any veteran who is a cardholder ~~and has a~~ 199  
~~service-connected disability rated at one hundred per cent by~~ 200  
~~the veterans' administration~~ may apply to the registrar or a 201  
deputy registrar for the issuance of a duplicate or replacement 202  
identification card without payment of any fee prescribed in 203  
this section or may apply to the registrar for a reprint 204  
identification card without payment of any fee prescribed in 205  
this section. 206

(c) A nonveteran resident who is permanently or 207  
irreversibly disabled or a mobility impaired person and who is 208  
unemployed may apply to the registrar or a deputy registrar for 209  
the issuance of a duplicate or replacement identification card 210  
without payment of any fee prescribed in this section or may 211  
apply to the registrar for a reprint identification card without 212  
payment of any fee prescribed in this section. 213

(6) A duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification 214  
card expires on the same date as the card it replaces. 215

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining 216  
that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was 217  
altered. The registrar also shall cancel any card that is 218



surrendered to the registrar or to a deputy registrar after the 219  
holder has obtained a duplicate, reprint, replacement, or 220  
driver's or commercial driver's license. 221

(D) (1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions 222  
shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or 223  
privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification 224  
card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly 225  
operated or franchised transit system from using an 226  
identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or 227  
services of the system. 228

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or 229  
possess an identification card. 230

(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a 231  
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 232  
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 233  
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 234  
under twenty-one years of age that does not have the 235  
characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it 236  
from the identification card issued to persons who are twenty- 237  
one years of age or older. 238

(F) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is 239  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 240

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4507.50 and 4507.52 of 241  
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 242