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Summary

- Extends the period of validity, from four years to eight years, of a nondriver identification card issued to any veteran and any mobility impaired person.
- Exempts any veteran and any unemployed mobility impaired person from paying nondriver identification card fees.

Detailed Analysis

Nondriver identification cards

Background

Generally, any Ohio resident (or temporary resident) who does not hold a driver's license from any state may apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a deputy registrar for a nondriver identification card. This card establishes the bearer's identity by displaying a color photograph and information similar to that found on a driver's license.¹

Veterans and mobility impaired individuals

The bill establishes an eight-year period of validity for a nondriver identification card issued to an Ohio resident who is either a veteran or who is mobility impaired.² That is, the card expires on the cardholder's birthday *eight* years after the date it is issued. This extended expiration date is the same as the extended expiration date for an Ohio resident who is

¹ R.C. 4507.50 and 4507.52; 4507.51, not in the bill.

² "Mobility impaired person" means any person who has a physiological defect or deficiency that makes the person unable to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair, or any other form of support, or that limits the person's functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or perform any related function. It includes a person with a neurological or psychological disability that limits mobility, a person with a seizure disorder, and a person who is diagnosed with autism. R.C. 955.011(B)(1), not in the bill.

permanently or irreversibly disabled.³ While certain veterans and mobility impaired residents may be eligible for the identification cards with the extended expiration date under current law, the bill expressly expands the parameters of these cards to all veterans and all mobility impaired residents.⁴ The bill retains a four-year period of validity for all other residents.

Additionally, the bill permits *any* veteran and any *unemployed* mobility impaired person to apply for the identification card without paying the statutory fees, which currently total \$8.50.⁵ Under current law, a disabled veteran with a service-connected disability or a person who is unemployed and who is permanently or irreversibly disabled may apply for the identification card without paying the statutory fees.⁶

Finally, the bill requires the Registrar to do all of the following:

1. Adopt rules governing the documentation necessary to certify that the individual is a veteran, is mobility impaired, or unemployed; and
2. Issue a reminder notice to a cardholder who is a veteran or is mobility impaired, at the cardholder's last known address, six months before the identification card is scheduled to expire.⁷

History

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³ As established by Am. Sub. H.B. 300 from the 132nd General Assembly, effective April 8, 2019.

⁴ R.C. 4507.52(A)(8)(b).

⁵ R.C. 4507.50(B) and (C). Under current law, the \$8.50 is comprised of: \$3.50 for the card, \$3.50 for the deputy registrar transaction fee, and \$1.50 for lamination.

⁶ R.C. 4507.50(B) and (C) and 4507.52(B)(4)(b) and (c).

⁷ R.C. 4507.50(C) and 4507.52(A)(8)(b).