



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 349**

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue a nondriver identification card that does not have an expiration date to all of the following:
  - An Ohio resident who is a disabled veteran;
  - An Ohio resident who received an honorable discharge from the U.S. armed forces and who is mobility impaired; and
  - An Ohio resident who received an honorable discharge from the U.S. armed forces and who is blind.

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Nondriver identification cards**

#### **Background**

Under current law, any resident or temporary resident of Ohio who does not hold a driver's license issued by any state may apply for an identification card issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a deputy registrar.<sup>1</sup> Such an identification card is provided for the purpose of establishing the identity of the bearer, and includes a color photograph and information similar to that found on a driver's license.<sup>2</sup> An

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4507.50(A), not in the bill.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4507.51(A), not in the bill, and 4507.52(A).

identification card expires on the birthday of the cardholder in the fourth year after the date on which it is issued.<sup>3</sup>

### **Expiration date for nondriver identification cards for certain veterans**

The bill requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue a nondriver identification card without an expiration date (see **COMMENT**) to all of the following:

(1) An Ohio resident who is a disabled veteran – a disabled veteran is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces or the national guard, who has been discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions, and who has received a total disability rating;<sup>4</sup>

(2) An Ohio resident who received an honorable discharge from the U.S. armed forces who is mobility impaired – a person is mobility impaired if the person is subject to a physiological defect or deficiency that, regardless of its cause, nature, or extent, renders 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, including a person with a neurological or psychological disability that limits the person's functional abilities, a person with a seizure disorder, or a person who is diagnosed with autism;<sup>5</sup> or

(3) An Ohio resident who received an honorable discharge from the U.S. armed forces and who is blind - a person is blind when the person has 20/200 vision or less in the better eye with proper correction or a field defect in the better eye with proper correction that contracts the peripheral field so that the diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20°.<sup>6</sup>

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## **COMMENT**

R.C. 3501.01(AA)(4) defines "photo identification" for purposes of the Elections Law. Under that division, a photo identification document is required to include an expiration date that has not passed. In light of this requirement, it appears that a nondriver identification card issued without an expiration date in accordance with the bill could not be used for voting purposes.

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4507.52(A)(1) and (B).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 323.151(F), not in the bill, and 4507.52(A) and (B).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 955.011(B)(1), not in the bill, and 4507.52(A) and (B).

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 955.011(B)(2), not in the bill, and 4507.52(A) and (B).



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## HISTORY

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