



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### S.B. 170

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Specifies that any nondriver identification card that is issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to a person who is 80 years old or older must be issued for free and must have no expiration date.
- Contains a drafting error that modifies the fee for a replacement or duplicate nondriver identification card.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Nondriver identification cards

The bill modifies the law governing the issuance of a nondriver identification card to a person who is 80 years old or older. 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>

Under the bill, a person who is 80 years old or older is not required to pay any fee for the issuance of an identification card.<sup>3</sup> Under current law, a new or renewal identification card costs \$8.50 (consisting of a \$3.50 base fee, a \$3.50 deputy registrar fee,

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4507.50(A).

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

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4507.50(B)(2) and 4507.52(B)(3).

and a \$1.50 laminating fee).<sup>4</sup> A duplicate or replacement card under current law costs \$7.50 (consisting of a \$2.50 base fee, a \$3.50 deputy registrar fee, and a \$1.50 laminating fee).<sup>5</sup> Due to a drafting error, the bill changes the base fee for a duplicate or replacement card to \$3.50 and eliminates the deputy registrar fee.<sup>6</sup>

The bill also specifies that an identification card that is issued to a person who is 80 years old or older must not have an expiration date (see **COMMENT**).<sup>7</sup> Under current law, an identification card expires on the birthday of the cardholder in the fourth year after the date on which it is issued.<sup>8</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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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	05-21-15

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 4507.50(A).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 4507.50(A) and 4507.52(B)(2).

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 4507.52(B)(2).

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 4507.52(A) and (B)(4).

<sup>8</sup> R.C. 4507.52(B)(4).

