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**A BILL**

To enact sections 317.241 and 317.242 of the Revised Code to authorize a county recorder or county veterans service office, with the approval of the board of county commissioners, to issue Ohio veterans identification cards.

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

**Section 1.** That sections 317.241 and 317.242 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 317.241.** (A) The board of county commissioners may by resolution allow the county recorder or county veterans service office to issue Ohio veterans identification cards to individuals who have met the following requirements:

(1) Presented the individual's armed forces discharge record for recording in the record of discharges in the office of the county recorder; 12  
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(2) Provided, while appearing in person at a county recorder's office or county veterans service office, two forms of current and valid identification, at least one of which bears a photograph of the individual; 15  
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(3) Paid a fee, if a fee has been established by the county. 19  
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A board of county commissioners may, by resolution, authorize a county recorder or county veterans service office to collect a fee from individuals requesting a veterans identification card. The fee may not exceed two dollars. 21  
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If a county veterans service office maintains access to the state and federal military service verification system, the county veterans service office or county recorder, by consulting the county veterans service office, shall confirm before issuing a veterans identification card that the individual's armed forces discharge record exists in the system's database and does not indicate the individual was dishonorably discharged. 25  
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(B) A county recorder or county veterans service office who has in operation, before the effective date of this section, a program to issue veterans identification cards may continue to issue veterans identification cards without a resolution of the board of county commissioners, if the county recorder or county veterans service office conforms the program, as necessary, so that it otherwise is in compliance with this section. 32  
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(C) An Ohio veterans identification card expires ten years after the date of issuance. A veteran whose identification card has expired may apply to a county recorder or county veterans service office for the issuance of a new identification card, and a veteran whose current card has been lost or damaged may 39  
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apply to a county recorder or county veterans service office for 44  
a replacement identification card, by meeting the requirements 45  
described in this section. 46

(D) The following documents are valid forms of 47  
identification for the purposes of this section: 48

(1) An original or a certified birth certificate; 49

(2) An identification card issued by the United States 50  
department of veterans affairs; 51

(3) A United States military identification card; 52

(4) A social security card; 53

(5) A license or permit to carry a concealed weapon issued 54  
by this state or any other state; 55

(6) A motor vehicle operator's license issued by this 56  
state or any other state that bears a photograph of the 57  
licensee; 58

(7) An identification card issued by this state or any 59  
other state that bears a photograph of the individual 60  
identified; 61

(8) A valid passport that bears a photograph of the 62  
individual to whom the passport was issued; 63

(9) A United States armed forces discharge record. 64

(E) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited 65  
into the county treasury to the credit of the county general 66  
fund. 67

(F) (1) An Ohio veterans identification card shall conform 68  
to the material and design standards established by the Ohio 69  
recorders association in consultation with the county 70  
commissioners' association of Ohio and Ohio state association of 71  
county veterans service officers. All issuing entities shall 72

follow the design standards established pursuant to Sec. 73  
317.242. 74

(2) An applicant for an Ohio veterans identification card 75  
shall be photographed in color at the time the application for 76  
the card is made. A county recorder or county veterans service 77  
office that issues identification cards shall provide the 78  
necessary equipment to take a color photograph of an applicant 79  
for an Ohio veterans identification card. Photographic records 80  
of a county recorder's office or county veterans service office 81  
that are obtained under this section are the property of the 82  
county recorder's office or county veterans service office. 83

(G) All application materials, including applications, 84  
photographs, documents, or other information submitted with an 85  
application or obtained by a county recorder or county veterans 86  
service office are not public records under section 149.43 of 87  
the Revised Code. The county recorder or county veterans service 88  
office may only release application materials as follows: 89

(1) To a state, local, or federal governmental agency for 90  
criminal justice purposes or to a court for any purpose arising 91  
in the court; 92

(2) To the department of veterans services, but only if 93  
the veteran gives prior signed written approval; 94

(3) To a county veterans service commission, but only if 95  
the veteran gives prior signed written approval. 96

A governmental agency, a court, the department of veterans 97  
services, or a county veterans service commission to which 98  
application materials have been released shall maintain the 99  
confidentiality of those materials. 100

(H) A county recorder or county veterans service office 101  
may contract with any other political subdivision of the state 102  
for Ohio veterans identification card production services. 103

(I) A county recorder or county veterans service office 104  
may accept donations, in the form of supplies and equipment, to 105  
be used in the production of Ohio veterans identification cards. 106

**Sec. 317.242.** The Ohio recorders association, in 107  
consultation with the county commissioners' association of Ohio 108  
and Ohio state association of county veteran service officers, 109  
shall establish material and design standards for Ohio veterans 110  
identification cards that may be issued by county recorders or 111  
county veterans service offices. 112

The material and design standards shall require that an 113  
Ohio identification card include the name of this state, a 114  
distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, a color 115  
photograph of the cardholder, the cardholder's name and 116  
residence address, the cardholder's branch of service, dates of 117  
service, and date of discharge, the name of the issuing county, 118  
the indexing number that has been assigned to the veteran's 119  
record of discharge, and the date of the card's issuance and 120  
expiration. 121

An Ohio veterans identification card shall not display the 122  
cardholder's social security number unless federal law requires 123  
the cardholder's social security number to be displayed on a 124  
veterans identification card. 125

**Section 2.** Not later than six months after the effective 126  
date of this act, the Ohio Recorders Association, in 127  
consultation with the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio 128  
and the Ohio State Association of County Veteran Service 129  
Officers, shall establish initial material and design standards 130  
for Ohio veterans identification cards, as required by section 131  
317.242 of the Revised Code. 132