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Primary Sponsor: Rep. Galonski

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SUMMARY

- Requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to accept a county issued veterans identification card in lieu of an applicant's DD-214 as documentary evidence of service from a person who applies for a military license plate.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Military license plates

The bill requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to accept a county issued veterans identification card, from a person applying for a military license plate, as documentary evidence of service. Under continuing law, the Director of Veterans Services and the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must: (1) maintain a program to issue nonstandard license plates recognizing military service and military honors pertaining to valor and service, and (2) jointly adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act¹ for the program, including a rule to establish requirements governing any necessary documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant for a nonstandard license plate.

The bill specifically requires that the rules adopted, with respect to documentary evidence required to be presented, must allow an applicant to present a county issued veterans identification card in lieu of a copy of the applicant's DD-214 or equivalent document. (The DD-214 is the standard armed forces discharge record issued by the United States Department of Defense). Under the bill, the rule also must specify that an applicant may be required to present additional evidence if the veteran's identification card does not show all of the

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the legislative history is incomplete.

¹ Chapter 119 of the Revised Code.

information needed for issuance of the specific nonstandard license plate requested by the applicant.²

Continuing law authorizes a board of county commissioners to authorize a county recorder or county veterans service office to issue Ohio veterans identification cards to qualifying individuals. Presentation of an individual's armed forces discharge record is one of the requirements for obtaining the county issued veterans identification card.³

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	03-16-21
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² R.C. 4503.29(B)(4).

³ R.C. 317.241, not in the bill.