



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the issuance of a military transportation card, upon application, to any veteran or active duty member.
- Entitles the recipient of a military transportation card to travel on any type of public transportation without charge.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Military transportation card

The bill provides for a military transportation card to be issued by the Director of Veterans Services to eligible veterans and active duty personnel. The Director is authorized to adopt rules under the Administrative Procedure Act the Director determines are necessary to implement the bill's authority.¹ The military transportation card entitles the cardholder, upon presentation, to board any mode of public transportation and travel without payment of any fee, fare, or charge of any kind. A veteran's military transportation card has no expiration date; an active duty member's military transportation card expires on the date the member is scheduled to cease being a member as documented by evidence submitted to the Director at the time of application.

The Director of Veterans Services is required to issue a military transportation card to a person who is a veteran or active duty member of any branch of the armed

¹ The Administrative Procedure Act, R.C. 119.03, requires an agency to give notice of its intention to adopt a rule, to conduct a public hearing on the proposed rule, and to inform persons who may be affected by the rule of its adoption. R.C. 119.03 is not in the bill.

forces of the United States and who submits to the Director such documentary evidence as the Director prescribes by rule that is sufficient to prove either status. The Director must issue a military transportation card at no cost to the person to whom it is issued.

"Public transportation" is defined by the bill as publicly owned or operated transportation by bus, rail, or other conveyance, that provides to the public, transit or paratransit service on a regular and continuing basis within Ohio, including demand-responsive transportation.

"Veteran" is defined by the bill as either:

(1) A person who served in the armed forces of the United States on active military duty and was discharged from the service under honorable conditions, and who either served on active duty for reasons other than training or, while serving on active duty for training, incurred a disability recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense as service-connected.

(2) A person who served in the United States Merchant Marine who either served on active duty for reasons other than training or, while serving on active duty for training, incurred a disability recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense as service-connected, and has an honorable report of separation from active duty military service, form DD214 or DD215, or served in the United States Merchant Marine between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946.

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