

# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

**Bill Analysis** 

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## Sub. H.B. 300

#### 132nd General Assembly (As Reported by H. State and Local Government)

Reps. Barnes, Hambley, Boyd

## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes a 15-year period of validity for a nondriver identification card issued to an Ohio resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled.
- Exempts cardholders who are permanently or irreversibly disabled and who are also unemployed from the identification card fees.

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

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> R.C. 4507.52(A)(8)(a) and (B)(5).

#### Expiration date for a resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled

The bill establishes a 15-year period of validity for a nondriver identification card issued to an Ohio resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled. Thus, the bill requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue the card with an expiration date on the birthday of the cardholder 15 years after the date on which is it issued. For purposes of issuing the identification cards, an Ohio resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled has a condition of disability from which there is no present indication of recovery. The Registrar also is required to issue a reminder notice to a cardholder, at that cardholder's last known address, six months before the identification card is scheduled to expire.<sup>4</sup>

The bill also permits a cardholder who is permanently or irreversibly disabled and who is unemployed to apply to the Registrar or Deputy Registrar for the identification card without paying the statutory fees.<sup>5</sup> The statutory fees for a nondriver identification card are currently \$8.50 (\$3.50 for the card, \$3.50 for the deputy registrar transaction fee, and \$1.50 lamination fee).<sup>6</sup> Current law permits a disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability to obtain an identification card without paying the statutory fees.<sup>7</sup>

The bill requires the Registrar to adopt rules governing the documentation a cardholder must submit in order to certify that the cardholder is permanently or irreversibly disabled. The bill also authorizes the Registrar to adopt rules governing the documentation a cardholder must submit in order to certify that the cardholder is unemployed.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 4507.52(A)(8)(b).	
<sup>5</sup> R.C. 4507.50(C).	
<sup>6</sup> R.C. 4507.50(A).	
<sup>7</sup> R.C. 4507.50(B).	
<sup>8</sup> R.C. 4507.50(C) and 4507.52(A)(8)(b).	