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BILL SUMMARY

- Exempts former prisoners from fees normally charged by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a deputy registrar for the issuance or lamination of identification cards under specified circumstances.
- Provides that fees not paid by former prisoners under the bill, for the issuance or lamination of identification cards are covered by the Financial Responsibility Compliance Fund.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Fee waiver for former prisoners who apply for identification cards

The bill, under certain circumstances, exempts former prisoners from fees normally charged by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a deputy registrar for the issuance or lamination of identification cards or temporary identification cards. The bill defines "former prisoner" as a person who: (1) has been convicted of a felony under Ohio law and was sentenced for that felony to a stated prison term or any other term of imprisonment served in a prison, and (2) has been released from imprisonment under that sentence. "Release from imprisonment" means release from a prison on any basis, including but not limited to judicial release, transitional control, post-release control, parole, and the expiration of the term of imprisonment. (R.C. 4507.50(C)(1).)

Existing law provides for the issuance of an identification card or temporary identification card by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles or a deputy registrar to a resident or temporary resident of Ohio who is not a licensed driver in Ohio or another licensing jurisdiction. The statute requires payment of a fee of \$3.50 for issuance of the card and authorizes a fee not exceeding \$1.50 for lamination of the card. The bill authorizes a former prisoner to apply to the Registrar or a deputy registrar for an identification card or temporary identification

card within 60 days after release without paying a fee, unless the application is made to a deputy registrar and the deputy registrar is serving in that capacity pursuant to a contract with the Registrar that was executed before the effective date of the bill and is in effect on the effective date of the bill. In that case, the former prisoner must pay the fee prescribed for issuance of the card and, if the card is laminated, the lamination fee. In every case, the former prisoner's application must be accompanied by documentary evidence of his or her release from imprisonment. (R.C. 4507.50(A), (C)(2), (C)(3), and (C)(4).)

Under the bill, the existing Financial Responsibility Compliance Fund is used to cover fees that are not paid to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the issuance of identification cards by former prisoners pursuant to the bill's fee-waiver provisions (R.C. 4509.101(E)).

HISTORY

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