
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

- Clarifies that the moratorium prohibiting induction of a person into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame may be waived by the Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee if the person is over 70 years of age.
- Permits any person who is a U.S. armed forces veteran, upon presentation of a driver's license or state identification card that indicates that the person is such a veteran to board and travel on any mode of public transportation without payment of any fee, fare, or charge.

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

(R.C. 5904.01)

The bill clarifies that the moratorium, which prohibits induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame of certain public officials and employees until two years after the official or employee has vacated the government position, may be waived by the Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee. The moratorium may be waived only if the person is over age 70, and may be waived whether or not the person currently holds the position or has vacated the position. Under continuing law, the moratorium applies to the following persons: state elected officials, members of the General Assembly, members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation, members of the Veterans Hall of Fame Executive Committee, members of the Governor's staff, members of the Veterans Hall of Fame staff, members of any county veterans service commission, and the Director of Veterans Services.

Free public transportation for certain veterans

(R.C. 5902.10)

Under the bill, a veteran of the U.S. armed forces who has a service-connected disability rated at 100% by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, upon presentation of the veteran's commercial driver's license, driver's license, or state identification card that indicates that the person is such a veteran, may board and travel on any mode of public transportation without payment of any fee, fare, or charge.

For purposes of this provision, "public transportation" means 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.

