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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4507.50, 4507.51, 4507.52, 1  
5120.59, and 5139.511 and to enact section 2  
5145.1611 of the Revised Code to provide inmates 3  
with state identification cards and 4  
documentation upon their release relating to 5  
work experience, education, and trade skills. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 4507.50, 4507.51, 4507.52, 7  
5120.59, and 5139.511 be amended and section 5145.1611 of the 8  
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 4507.50.** (A) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles or a 10  
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 11  
when all of the following apply: 12

(a) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an 13  
application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the 14  
Revised Code and, if the person is under seventeen years of age, 15  
payment of the applicable fees. 16

(b) The person is a resident or a temporary resident of 17  
this state. 18

(c) The person is not licensed as an operator of a motor vehicle in this state or another licensing jurisdiction. 19 20

(d) The person does not hold an identification card from another jurisdiction. 21 22

(2) (a) The registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar may issue a temporary identification card when all of the following apply: 23 24 25

(i) The registrar or deputy registrar receives an application completed in accordance with section 4507.51 of the Revised Code and payment of the applicable fees. 26 27 28

(ii) The person is a resident or temporary resident of this state. 29 30

(iii) The person's Ohio driver's or commercial driver's license has been suspended or canceled. 31 32

(iv) The person does not hold an identification card from another jurisdiction. 33 34

(b) The temporary identification card shall be identical to an identification card, except that it shall be printed on its face with a statement that the card is valid for a temporary period. The temporary period shall be in accordance with the expiration dates specified in section 4507.501 of the Revised Code. 35 36 37 38 39 40

(c) The cardholder shall surrender the temporary identification card to the registrar or any deputy registrar before the cardholder's driver's or commercial driver's license is restored or reissued. 41 42 43 44

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, an applicant who is under seventeen years of age shall pay the 45 46

following fees prior to issuance of an identification card or a 47  
temporary identification card: 48

(a) A fee of three dollars and fifty cents if the card 49  
will expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the 50  
date of issuance or a fee of six dollars if the card will expire 51  
on the applicant's birthday eight years after the date of 52  
issuance; 53

(b) A fee equal to the amount established under section 54  
4503.038 of the Revised Code if the card will expire on the 55  
applicant's birthday four years after the date of issuance or 56  
twice that amount if the card will expire on the applicant's 57  
birthday eight years after the date of issuance; 58

(c) A fee of one dollar and fifty cents if the card will 59  
expire on the applicant's birthday four years after the date of 60  
issuance or three dollars if the card will expire on the 61  
applicant's birthday eight years after the date of issuance, for 62  
the authentication of the documents required for processing an 63  
identification card or temporary identification card. A deputy 64  
registrar that authenticates the required documents shall retain 65  
the entire amount of the fee. 66

(2) The fees collected for issuing an identification card 67  
under this section, except for any fees allowed to the deputy 68  
registrar, shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit 69  
of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 70  
4501.06 of the Revised Code. 71

(C) A person seventeen years of age or older may apply to 72  
the registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance to that 73  
person of an identification card or a temporary identification 74  
card under this section without payment of any fee prescribed in 75

division (B) of this section. 76

(D) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly disabled 77  
and who is under seventeen years of age may apply to the 78  
registrar or a deputy registrar for the issuance of an 79  
identification card under this section without payment of any 80  
fee as prescribed in division (B) of this section. ~~As a resident~~ 81  
who is in the custody of the department of rehabilitation and 82  
correction or the department of youth services and who is under 83  
seventeen years of age may apply to the registrar for the 84  
issuance of an identification card under this section without 85  
payment of any fee as prescribed in division (B) of this 86  
section. 87

As used in this section, "permanently or irreversibly 88  
disabled" means a condition of disability from which there is no 89  
present indication of recovery. 90

An application made under division (D) of this section 91  
shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence ~~of disability~~ 92  
as the registrar may require by rule. 93

(E) (1) The department of rehabilitation and correction 94  
shall submit an application for an identification card or 95  
temporary identification card, as applicable, to the registrar 96  
on behalf of an individual who is a prisoner at a state 97  
correctional institution and who has completed that application 98  
in accordance with section 5120.59 of the Revised Code. 99

(2) The department of youth services shall submit an 100  
application for an identification card or a temporary 101  
identification card, as applicable, to the registrar on behalf 102  
of an individual who is in the custody of the department at a 103  
juvenile correctional facility and who has completed that 104

application in accordance with section 5139.511 of the Revised 105  
Code. 106

(3) The registrar may establish a separate application and 107  
process by which the departments shall submit any applications 108  
to the registrar in accordance with this division and section 109  
4507.51 of the Revised Code. 110

**Sec. 4507.51.** (A) (1) Every application for an 111  
identification card or duplicate shall be made on ~~a~~ an approved 112  
form furnished ~~or in a manner specified by the registrar of~~ 113  
motor vehicles, and shall be signed by the applicant, and. 114  
The application also shall be signed by the applicant's parent or 115  
guardian, or by the department of rehabilitation and correction 116  
or the department of youth services, as applicable, if the 117  
applicant is under eighteen years of age, ~~and.~~ 118

Every application shall contain the following information 119  
~~pertaining to the applicant:~~ 120

(a) The applicant's name, date of birth, sex, general 121  
description including the applicant's height, weight, hair 122  
color, and eye color, address, country of citizenship, and 123  
social security number. ~~The application also shall include, for~~ 124

(b) If an applicant who has not already certified the 125  
applicant's willingness to make an anatomical gift under section 126  
2108.05 of the Revised Code, whether the applicant wishes to 127  
certify willingness to make such an anatomical gift and ~~shall~~ 128  
~~include~~ information about the requirements of sections 2108.01 129  
to 2108.29 of the Revised Code that apply to persons who are 130  
less than eighteen years of age. The statement regarding 131  
willingness to make such a donation shall be given no 132  
consideration in the decision of whether to issue an 133

identification card. ~~Each applicant applying in person at a~~ 134  
~~deputy registrar office shall be photographed at the time of~~ 135  
~~making application.~~ 136

~~(2) (a) The application also shall state whether (c)~~ 137  
Whether the applicant has executed a valid durable power of 138  
attorney for health care pursuant to sections 1337.11 to 1337.17 139  
of the Revised Code or has executed a declaration governing the 140  
use or continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 141  
sustaining treatment pursuant to sections 2133.01 to 2133.15 of 142  
the Revised Code and, if the applicant has executed either type 143  
of instrument, whether the applicant wishes the identification 144  
card issued to indicate that the applicant has executed the 145  
instrument. 146

~~(b) The application also shall state whether (d) Whether~~ 147  
the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the 148  
armed forces of the United States and, if the applicant is such, 149  
whether the applicant wishes the identification card issued to 150  
indicate that the applicant is a veteran, active duty, or 151  
reservist of the armed forces of the United States by a military 152  
designation on the identification card. 153

(2) Each applicant applying in person at a deputy 154  
registrar office shall be photographed at the time of making an 155  
application. 156

(3) The registrar or deputy registrar, in accordance with 157  
section 3503.11 of the Revised Code, shall register as an 158  
elector any person who applies for an identification card or 159  
duplicate if the applicant is eligible and wishes to be 160  
registered as an elector. The decision of an applicant whether 161  
to register as an elector shall be given no consideration in the 162  
decision of whether to issue the applicant an identification 163

card or duplicate. 164

(4) The application shall be accompanied by any necessary 165  
documents, as required by the registrar. The registrar or the 166  
deputy registrar may authenticate the submitted documents and 167  
verify the information in the application. 168

~~(B)(1) Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this~~ 169  
~~section or section 4507.061 of the Revised Code, the application~~ 170  
~~for an identification card or duplicate shall be filed in the~~ 171  
~~office of the registrar or deputy registrar. Each applicant~~ 172  
~~shall present documentary evidence as required by the registrar~~ 173  
~~of the applicant's age and identity, and the applicant shall~~ 174  
~~swear that all information given is true. An identification card~~ 175  
~~issued by the department of rehabilitation and correction under~~ 176  
~~section 5120.59 of the Revised Code or an identification card~~ 177  
~~issued by the department of youth services under section~~ 178  
~~5139.511 of the Revised Code shall be sufficient documentary~~ 179  
~~evidence under this division upon verification of the~~ 180  
~~applicant's social security number by the registrar or a deputy~~ 181  
~~registrar. Upon issuing an identification card under this~~ 182  
~~section for a person who has been issued an identification card~~ 183  
~~under section 5120.59 or section 5139.511 of the Revised Code,~~ 184  
~~the registrar or deputy registrar shall destroy the~~ 185  
~~identification card issued under section 5120.59 or section~~ 186  
~~5139.511 of the Revised Code.~~ 187

All applications for an identification card or duplicate 188  
under this section shall be filed in duplicate, and if submitted 189  
to a deputy registrar, a copy shall be forwarded to the 190  
registrar. The registrar shall prescribe rules for the manner in 191  
which a deputy registrar is to file and maintain applications 192  
and other records. The registrar shall maintain a suitable, 193

indexed record of all applications denied and cards issued or 194  
canceled. 195

(2) The application for an identification card filed by 196  
either the department of rehabilitation and correction or the 197  
department of youth services on behalf of an individual in 198  
prison or in the department's custody shall be submitted through 199  
the process established by the registrar. The registrar shall 200  
establish the process for submission of such applications and 201  
the process for mailing the identification card to either the 202  
individual or the applicable department. 203

(C) In addition to any other information it contains, the 204  
form furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for an 205  
application for an identification card or duplicate shall inform 206  
applicants that the applicant must present a copy of the 207  
applicant's DD-214 or an equivalent document in order to qualify 208  
to have the card or duplicate indicate that the applicant is an 209  
honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United 210  
States based on a request made pursuant to division (A) (2) (b) of 211  
this section. 212

**Sec. 4507.52.** (A) (1) Each identification card issued by 213  
the registrar of motor vehicles or a deputy registrar shall 214  
display a distinguishing number assigned to the cardholder, and 215  
shall display the following inscription: 216

"STATE OF OHIO IDENTIFICATION CARD 217

This card is not valid for the purpose of operating a 218  
motor vehicle. It is provided solely for the purpose of 219  
establishing the identity of the bearer described on the card." 220

(2) The identification card shall display substantially 221  
the same information as contained in the application and as 222

described in division (A) (1) of section 4507.51 of the Revised 223  
Code, including, if the cardholder is a noncitizen of the United 224  
States, a notation designating that the cardholder is a 225  
noncitizen. The identification card shall not display the 226  
cardholder's social security number unless the cardholder 227  
specifically requests that the cardholder's social security 228  
number be displayed on the card. If federal law requires the 229  
cardholder's social security number to be displayed on the 230  
identification card, the social security number shall be 231  
displayed on the card notwithstanding this section. 232

(3) The identification card also shall display the 233  
photograph of the cardholder. 234

(4) If the cardholder has executed a durable power of 235  
attorney for health care or a declaration governing the use or 236  
continuation, or the withholding or withdrawal, of life- 237  
sustaining treatment and has specified that the cardholder 238  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 239  
has executed either type of instrument, the card also shall 240  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 241  
cardholder has executed either type of instrument. 242

(5) If the cardholder has specified that the cardholder 243  
wishes the identification card to indicate that the cardholder 244  
is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed forces of 245  
the United States and has presented a copy of the cardholder's 246  
DD-214 form or an equivalent document, the card also shall 247  
display any symbol chosen by the registrar to indicate that the 248  
cardholder is a veteran, active duty, or reservist of the armed 249  
forces of the United States. 250

(6) The card shall be designed as to prevent its 251  
reproduction or alteration without ready detection. 252

(7) The identification card for persons under twenty-one 253  
years of age shall have characteristics prescribed by the 254  
registrar distinguishing it from that issued to a person who is 255  
twenty-one years of age or older, except that an identification 256  
card issued to a person who applies no more than thirty days 257  
before the applicant's twenty-first birthday shall have the 258  
characteristics of an identification card issued to a person who 259  
is twenty-one years of age or older. 260

(8) Every identification card issued to a resident of this 261  
state shall display the expiration date of the card, in 262  
accordance with section 4507.501 of the Revised Code. 263

(9) Every identification card issued to a temporary 264  
resident shall expire in accordance with section 4507.501 of the 265  
Revised Code and rules adopted by the registrar and is limited 266  
term. Every limited term identification card and limited term 267  
temporary identification card shall contain the words "limited 268  
term" and shall have any additional characteristics prescribed 269  
by the registrar distinguishing it from an identification card 270  
issued to a resident. 271

(10) Every enhanced identification card shall have any 272  
additional characteristics established by the rules adopted 273  
under section 4507.021 of the Revised Code. 274

(B) (1) If a card is lost, destroyed, or mutilated, the 275  
person to whom the card was issued may obtain a duplicate by 276  
doing both of the following: 277

(a) Furnishing suitable proof of the loss, destruction, or 278  
mutilation to the registrar or a deputy registrar; 279

(b) Filing an application and presenting documentary 280  
evidence under section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 281

(2) A cardholder may apply to obtain a reprint of the 282  
cardholder's identification card through electronic means in 283  
accordance with section 4507.40 of the Revised Code. 284

(3) A cardholder may obtain a replacement identification 285  
card that reflects any change of the cardholder's name by 286  
furnishing suitable proof of the change to the registrar or a 287  
deputy registrar. 288

(4) Except as provided in division (B) (5) or (6) of this 289  
section, when a cardholder applies for a duplicate, reprint, or 290  
replacement identification card, the cardholder shall pay the 291  
following fees: 292

(a) Two dollars and fifty cents; 293

(b) A deputy registrar or service fee equal to the amount 294  
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code. 295

(5) The following cardholders may apply for a duplicate, 296  
reprint, or replacement identification card without payment of 297  
any fee prescribed in division (B) (4) of this section: 298

(a) A disabled veteran who has a service-connected 299  
disability rated at one hundred per cent by the veterans' 300  
administration; 301

(b) A resident who is permanently or irreversibly 302  
disabled; 303

(c) A resident who is in the custody of the department of 304  
rehabilitation and correction or the department of youth 305  
services. 306

(6) A cardholder who is seventeen years of age or older 307  
may apply for a replacement identification card without payment 308  
of any fee prescribed in division (B) (4) of this section. 309

(7) A duplicate, reprint, or replacement identification 310  
card expires on the same date as the card it replaces. 311

(C) The registrar shall cancel any card upon determining 312  
that the card was obtained unlawfully, issued in error, or was 313  
altered. 314

(D) (1) No agent of the state or its political subdivisions 315  
shall condition the granting of any benefit, service, right, or 316  
privilege upon the possession by any person of an identification 317  
card. Nothing in this section shall preclude any publicly 318  
operated or franchised transit system from using an 319  
identification card for the purpose of granting benefits or 320  
services of the system. 321

(2) No person shall be required to apply for, carry, or 322  
possess an identification card. 323

(E) Except in regard to an identification card issued to a 324  
person who applies no more than thirty days before the 325  
applicant's twenty-first birthday, neither the registrar nor any 326  
deputy registrar shall issue an identification card to a person 327  
under twenty-one years of age that does not have the 328  
characteristics prescribed by the registrar distinguishing it 329  
from the identification card issued to persons who are twenty- 330  
one years of age or older. 331

(F) The registrar shall ensure that identification cards 332  
issued in accordance with the federal "Real ID Act," 49 U.S.C. 333  
30301, et seq., comply with the regulations specified in 6 334  
C.F.R. part 37. 335

(G) Whoever violates division (E) of this section is 336  
guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 337

**Sec. 5120.59.** ~~Before~~ (A) Within nine months prior to the 338

~~release of a prisoner is released~~ from a state correctional 339  
institution, the department of rehabilitation and correction 340  
shall attempt to verify the prisoner's ~~identification and social~~ 341  
~~security number. If the department is not able to verify the~~ 342  
~~prisoner's identification and social security number, if the~~ 343  
~~prisoner has no other documentary evidence required by the~~ 344  
~~registrar of motor vehicles for the issuance of an~~ 345  
~~identification card under section 4507.50 of the Revised Code,~~ 346  
~~and if the department determines that the prisoner is legally~~ 347  
~~living in the United States, the department shall issue to the~~ 348  
~~prisoner upon the prisoner's release an identification card that~~ 349  
~~the prisoner may present to the registrar or a deputy registrar~~ 350  
~~of motor vehicles~~ age and identity in order to satisfy the 351  
requirements of section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 352

(B) The department shall provide each prisoner who does 353  
not have a current valid and unexpired state issued 354  
identification card or driver's license with the application 355  
described in section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. The department 356  
shall submit any completed application, along with a color 357  
photograph of the prisoner and documentary evidence of the 358  
prisoner's age and identity, to the registrar of motor vehicles 359  
in accordance with the process established by the registrar 360  
under sections 4507.50 and 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 361

**Sec. 5139.511.** ~~Before~~ (A) Within nine months prior to the 362  
release of a youth is released from a secure facility under the 363  
control of the department of youth services, the department of 364  
youth services shall attempt to verify the youth's 365  
~~identification and social security number. If the department is~~ 366  
~~able to verify the youth's identity with a verified birth~~ 367  
~~certificate and social security number, the department shall~~ 368  
~~issue an identification card that the youth may present to the~~ 369

~~registrar or deputy registrar of motor vehicles. If the~~ 370  
~~department is not able to verify the youth's identity with both~~ 371  
~~a verified birth certificate and social security number, the~~ 372  
~~youth shall not receive an identification card under this~~ 373  
~~section~~age and identity in order to satisfy the requirements of 374  
section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. 375

(B) The department shall provide each youth who does not 376  
have a current valid and unexpired state issued identification 377  
card or driver's license with the application described in 378  
section 4507.51 of the Revised Code. The department shall submit 379  
any completed application, along with a color photograph of the 380  
youth and documentary evidence of the youth's age and identity, 381  
to the registrar of motor vehicles in accordance with the 382  
process established by the registrar under sections 4507.50 and 383  
4507.51 of the Revised Code. 384

**Sec. 5145.1611.** (A) The department of rehabilitation and 385  
correction shall provide every inmate who is released from a 386  
term of imprisonment for a felony offense and whose intended 387  
residence is within this state with the documentation listed in 388  
division (B) of this section to assist the inmate in obtaining 389  
post-release employment and, except as provided in division (C) 390  
of this section, shall assist each inmate in creating a resume 391  
and conducting a practice job interview. 392

(B) For purposes of assisting an inmate in obtaining post- 393  
release employment, the department of rehabilitation and 394  
correction shall provide each inmate with the following 395  
documentation upon the inmate's release from custody: 396

(1) A copy of the vocational training record of the 397  
inmate, if applicable; 398

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| <u>(2) A copy of the work record of the inmate, if</u>                  | 399 |
| <u>applicable;</u>                                                      | 400 |
| <u>(3) A certified copy of the birth certificate of the</u>             | 401 |
| <u>inmate, if obtainable;</u>                                           | 402 |
| <u>(4) A social security card or a replacement social</u>               | 403 |
| <u>security card of the inmate, if the inmate has a social security</u> | 404 |
| <u>number;</u>                                                          | 405 |
| <u>(5) An identification card or temporary identification</u>           | 406 |
| <u>card issued by the registrar of motor vehicles under section</u>     | 407 |
| <u>4507.50 of the Revised Code, as applicable;</u>                      | 408 |
| <u>(6) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, a</u>        | 409 |
| <u>resume that includes any trade learned by the inmate and the</u>     | 410 |
| <u>proficiency at that trade by the inmate;</u>                         | 411 |
| <u>(7) Except as provided in division (C) of this section,</u>          | 412 |
| <u>documentation that the inmate has completed a practice job</u>       | 413 |
| <u>interview;</u>                                                       | 414 |
| <u>(8) A notification to the inmate if the inmate is eligible</u>       | 415 |
| <u>to apply for a license from a state entity charged with</u>          | 416 |
| <u>oversight of an occupational license or certification.</u>           | 417 |
| <u>(C) The following categories of inmates are not required</u>         | 418 |
| <u>to complete resumes or practice job interviews prior to release</u>  | 419 |
| <u>from incarceration:</u>                                              | 420 |
| <u>(1) Inmates sixty-five years of age or older;</u>                    | 421 |
| <u>(2) Inmates granted judicial release under division (N) of</u>       | 422 |
| <u>section 2929.20 of the Revised Code or released as if on parole</u>  | 423 |
| <u>under section 2967.05 of the Revised Code;</u>                       | 424 |
| <u>(3) Inmates released to the custody of another</u>                   | 425 |

jurisdiction; 426

(4) Inmates that the department of rehabilitation and 427  
correction determines would be physically or mentally unable to 428  
return to the workforce upon release from incarceration. 429

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4507.50, 4507.51, 430  
4507.52, 5120.59, and 5139.511 of the Revised Code are hereby 431  
repealed. 432