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**A BILL**

To amend section 955.011 of the Revised Code to  
exempt certain disabled veterans from paying a  
dog registration fee when application is made to  
the county auditor that includes proof that the  
dog is an assistance dog.

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

**Section 1.** That section 955.011 of the Revised Code be  
amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 955.011.** (A) When an application is made for  
registration of an assistance dog and the owner can show proof  
by certificate or other means that the dog is an assistance dog,  
the owner of the dog shall be exempt from any fee for the  
registration. Registration for an assistance dog shall be  
permanent and not subject to annual renewal so long as the dog

is an assistance dog. Certificates and tags stamped "Ohio Assistance Dog-Permanent Registration," with registration number, shall be issued upon registration of such a dog. Any certificate and tag stamped "Ohio Guide Dog-Permanent Registration" or "Ohio Hearing Dog-Permanent Registration," with registration number, that was issued for a dog in accordance with this section as it existed prior to July 4, 1984, any certificate and tag stamped "Ohio Handicapped Assistance Dog-Permanent Registration," with registration number, that was issued for a dog in accordance with this section as it existed on and after July 5, 1984, but prior to November 26, 2004, and any certificate and tag stamped "Ohio Service Dog-Permanent Registration," with registration number, that was issued for a dog in accordance with this section as it existed on and after November 26, 2004, but prior to June 30, 2006, shall remain in effect as valid proof of the registration of the dog on and after November 26, 2004. Duplicate certificates and tags for a dog registered in accordance with this section, upon proper proof of loss, shall be issued and no fee required. Each duplicate certificate and tag that is issued shall be stamped "Ohio Assistance Dog-Permanent Registration."

(B) As used in this section and in sections 955.16 and 955.43 of the Revised Code:

(1) "Mobility impaired person" means any person of the following:

(a) A person, regardless of age, who is subject to a physiological defect or deficiency regardless of its cause, nature, or extent that renders the person unable to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair, or any other form of support, or that limits the person's functional ability to

ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or perform any related 44  
function. ~~"Mobility impaired person" includes a ;~~ 45

(b) A person with a neurological or psychological 46  
disability that limits the person's functional ability to 47  
ambulate, climb, descend, sit, rise, or perform any related 48  
function. ~~"Mobility impaired person" also includes a ;~~ 49

(c) A person with a seizure disorder and a ; 50

(d) A person who is diagnosed with autism; and 51

(e) A person who is a veteran of the armed forces of the 52  
United States, including reserve components thereof, or of the 53  
national guard, who has been discharged or released from active 54  
duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions, and who has 55  
been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic 56  
brain injury, or any other service-related disability. 57

(2) "Blind" means either of the following: 58

(a) Vision twenty/two hundred or less in the better eye 59  
with proper correction; 60

(b) Field defect in the better eye with proper correction 61  
that contracts the peripheral field so that the diameter of the 62  
visual field subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees. 63

(3) "Assistance dog" means a guide dog, hearing dog, or 64  
service dog that has been trained by a nonprofit special agency. 65

(4) "Guide dog" means a dog that has been trained or is in 66  
training to assist a blind person. 67

(5) "Hearing dog" means a dog that has been trained or is 68  
in training to assist a deaf or hearing-impaired person. 69

(6) "Service dog" means a dog that has been trained or is 70

in training to assist a mobility impaired person. 71

**Section 2.** That existing section 955.011 of the Revised 72  
Code is hereby repealed. 73