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**American Legion Department of Ohio  
Bill Status Report**

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Below you will find legislation introduced in the Ohio General Assembly pertaining to the four pillars of the American Legion: VA&R, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

## **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

**[HB 18](#)** DISABILITY PAYMENTS ([Vitale, N.](#), [Crawley, E.](#))

To exempt from the income tax disability severance payments received by honorably discharged veterans.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Passed in House (3/27/2019; 98-0)

**[HB 52](#)** VETERAN HEALTH CARE ([Holmes, G.](#), [Perales, R.](#))

To require certain entities to inform veterans about health care benefits available to all veterans.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Introduced and Referred in House (2/12/2019; [Armed Services & Veterans Affairs](#))

**[SB 87](#)** IDENTIFICATION CARDS ([Maharath, T.](#))

To allow any veteran and any unemployed mobility impaired person to obtain a free identification card that is valid for eight years.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in Senate [Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs](#) (3/26/2019; CONTINUED)

**[HB 45](#)** LICENSE PLATE ([Holmes, G.](#), [Lepore-Hagan, M.](#))

To permit a person to apply for a Purple Heart license plate that includes the International Symbol of Access

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Transportation & Public Safety](#) (2/26/2019; REPORTED)

**[HB 155](#)** WAR RELICS ([Schaffer, T.](#), [Rogers, J.](#))

To prohibit a war relic located on public property or cemetery association property from being



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sold, disturbed, or otherwise disposed of, except under certain circumstances, and to designate this act as the "Ohio Veterans' Heritage Protection Act."

[Text/Analysis](#)

Referred in House (3/26/2019; [Armed Services & Veterans Affairs](#))

**[SB 77](#)** DAY DESIGNATION ([Hoagland, F.](#), [Williams, S.](#))

To designate June 12 as "Women Veterans' Day."

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in Senate [Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs](#) (3/26/2019; CONTINUED)

## Veterans Employment and Education

**[HB 133](#)** OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES ([Perales, R.](#), [Weinstein, C.](#))

To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for active duty.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [State & Local Government](#) (4/3/2019)

**[HB 16](#)** COLLEGE TUITION ([Perales, R.](#))

To grant residency status for in-state college tuition to active military service members and their spouses and independents.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Higher Education](#) (4/2/2019--Canceled)

**[SB 7](#)** OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING ([Lehner, P.](#), [Hackett, B.](#))

Regarding temporary state occupational licenses for members of the military and their spouses.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Referred in House (4/2/2019; [Armed Services & Veterans Affairs](#))

**[SB 84](#)** MILITARY STATUS ([Maharath, T.](#))

To allow an individual enrolling a student to voluntarily state if student's parent or guardian is a member of the Armed Forces.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Referred in Senate (3/12/2019; [Education](#))



## National Security

### **HR 77** MILITARY CONSTRUCTION ([Weinstein, C.](#), [Perales, R.](#))

To urge that Ohio military construction projects receiving funding from the United States Department of Defense begin as originally scheduled to maintain national security and military readiness.

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Introduced and Referred in House (4/2/2019; [Armed Services & Veterans Affairs](#))

### **SB 52** CYBER SECURITY ([Gavarone, T.](#))

To create the civilian cyber security reserve forces, to make the Secretary of State a member of the Homeland Security Advisory Council, to require the Secretary of State to appoint a chief information security officer, to require the boards of elections to audit election results, and to make an appropriation.

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in Senate [Government Oversight & Reform](#) (4/2/2019; REPORTED (Set for Wednesday, April 3 floor vote))

## Law and Order

### **HB 17** HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ([Ginter, T.](#))

To allow an enhanced homestead exemption for surviving spouses of public safety personnel killed in the line of duty.

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Ways & Means](#) (2/19/2019; CONTINUED)

### **SB 35** HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ([Brenner, A.](#))

To allow an enhanced homestead exemption for surviving spouses of public safety personnel killed in the line of duty.

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in Senate [Ways & Means](#) (2/20/2019; CONTINUED)



## Americanism

### **HB 32** OHIO FLAG TREATMENT ([Stein, D.](#))

To create a suggested ceremonial procedure for retiring an Ohio state flag.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [State & Local Government](#) (3/6/2019; REPORTED (No testimony))

### **HB 42** STATE SEAL ([Perales, R.](#))

To add a representation of the Wright Brothers' first piloted airplane to the Coat of Arms and Great Seal of the State of Ohio.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [State & Local Government](#) (3/27/2019; REPORTED (No testimony))

### **HB 35** LICENSE PLATE ([Kick, D.](#))

To authorize the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland instead of the Great River Council to receive the proceeds of the contribution for the Girl Scouts license plate.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Transportation & Public Safety](#) (3/12/2019; REPORTED)

## Charitable Law

### **HB 73** BINGO FEES ([Cera, J.](#))

To make changes to instant bingo fees and licensing requirements for charitable organizations.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [State & Local Government](#) (4/3/2019)

### **SB 111** SPORTS WAGERING ([Eklund, J.](#), [O'Brien, S.](#))

To permit the Ohio Casino Control Commission to regulate sports wagering and to levy a tax on businesses that provide sports wagering.

[Text/Analysis](#)

Introduced in Senate (3/14/2019)



## Road Naming

### **HB 25** ROAD NAMING ([Rogers, J.](#), [Callender, J.](#))

To designate a portion of State Route 2 in Lake County as the "Patrolman Mathew Mazany Memorial Highway."

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Transportation & Public Safety](#) (2/26/2019; REPORTED (No testimony))

### **HB 26** BRIDGE NAMING ([Rogers, J.](#))

To designate the bridge spanning the Grand River that is part of Fairport Road in Lake County as the "Col. Donald Blakeslee Memorial Bridge."

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Transportation & Public Safety](#) (2/26/2019; REPORTED (No testimony))

### **HB 28** ROAD NAMING ([Kent, B.](#), [Miller, A.](#))

To designate a portion of Interstate Route 71 in Franklin County as the "James H. Hough Memorial Highway."

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Transportation & Public Safety](#) (2/26/2019; REPORTED)

### **HB 31** ROAD NAMING ([Stein, D.](#))

To designate a portion of State Route 99 in Huron County as the "Lance Corporal James Sprowl Memorial Highway."

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Transportation & Public Safety](#) (2/26/2019; REPORTED (No testimony))

### **HB 53** ROAD NAMING ([Cera, J.](#))

To designate a portion of State Route 152 in Jefferson County as the "PFC George Dennis McClelland Memorial Highway."

#### [Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Transportation & Public Safety](#) (2/26/2019; REPORTED)



## Road Naming

### **HB 64** ROAD NAMING ([Arndt, S.](#))

To designate a portion of State Route 53 in Ottawa County as the "Catawba Island Township Veterans Memorial Highway."

[Text/Analysis](#)

Committee Hearing in House [Transportation & Public Safety](#) (2/26/2019; REPORTED)

### **SB 41** ROAD NAMING ([Wilson, S.](#))

To designate a portion of State Route 63 in Warren County as the "SFC John E. Conger, Jr. Memorial Highway."

[Text/Analysis](#)

Referred in Senate (2/19/2019; [Transportation, Commerce & Workforce](#))

### **SB 106** ROAD NAMING ([Coley, B.](#), [Wilson, S.](#))

To designate a portion of State Route 122 in Butler and Warren Counties as the "SFC Charles E. Carpenter Memorial Highway."

[Text/Analysis](#)

Referred in Senate (3/21/2019; [Transportation, Commerce & Workforce](#))

If you have any questions, please contact me at [ferguson@ohiolegion.com](mailto:ferguson@ohiolegion.com).

Respectfully,

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