

LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Ohio Senate Bill 287 has been introduced to help veteran service commissions better respond to the needs of veterans in their county more efficiently. Other county agencies have similar authority; as a County Commissioner, this seems to be a common-sense approach for the veterans in my county. Under the current law (ORC 301.27) governing county credit card use is to be used for travel, vehicle maintenance, food, and phone and internet expenses. There is one exception within the current law that refers to Ohio Public Children's Services, which allows the agency to use credit card for child assistance. My county Veterans Service Commission is seeking similar exceptions for two main reasons: assist in an emergency to provide items immediately and obtain items to help client re-enter the workforce quickly.

The Board of Veterans Service Commission will have oversite on who is authorized to use the card and will still have to approve the expenditures made with the card during their regular meetings. Additionally, the County Auditor's office will also be reviewing the charges placed on the bill.

This bill does not replace how the Veterans Service Commission conduct regular business, paying bills or issuing typical veterans financial assistance.

Sincerely.

David J. Móore Lorain County Commissioner