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January 2022 Quarterly Meeting of MOAA Ohio Council of Chapters Legislative Affairs Update

As most of you are aware, LCDR Bryan Beamer, USPHS, the OCC Legislative Affairs representative, was reassigned to a new position in Michigan. For the time being, I am filling the position for the OCC. LCDR Beamer was closely monitoring the progress of Ohio House Bill (HB) 29, which would allow a person who was discharged from the United States Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to obtain an Ohio veterans identification card.

Legislative action was completed in December as a bipartisan bill. It passed on December 8, 2021, with an effective date of March 23, 2022.

Part 1: MOAA Legislative Updates as of January 2022

National MOAA has 10 registered lobbyists who represent the association's positions with respect to federal legislation affecting uniformed servicemembers and their families. MOAA tries to keep its affiliates and members informed about the positions and voting records of elected officials, candidates for office, and coordinates national legislative efforts via various means of media.

- To see how your efforts during the 2021 Advocacy in Action program has progressed, go to <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/advocacy/advocacy-in-action-2021-how-your-work-has-made-a-difference/>.
- To see how MOAA has changed its "MOAA Take Action" category go to "Meet MOAA's New Legislative Action Center. <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/advocacy/meet-moaas-new-legislative-action-center/>.

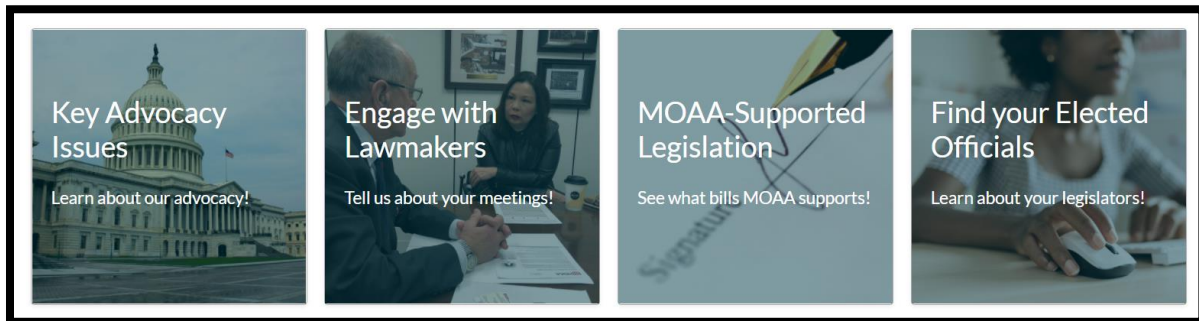
MOAA asks our members to take note of the changes at their [Legislative Action Center](#) and on the individual "Take Action" messages. The new system is designed to make it even easier to reach out to your lawmakers on these issues, as well as track what MOAA is engaging on in the halls of Congress. In working in the new system, you must re-register before you can provide your support to MOAA effort. Go to https://moaa.quorum.us/sign_in/.

MOAA has prepared a YouTube video that will lead you through the registration process.



In the new [Legislative Action Center](#), you will see four (4) categories:

- Key Advocacy Issues
- Engage with Lawmakers
- MOAA Supported Legislation
- Find your Elected Officials



Part 2: Update on the Status of DoD Legislative Issues for the as relates to States including the State of Ohio

The following is the status of the 2022 Department of Defense Key Personnel and Readiness Issues Supporting Service Members and Families primarily at the State level. This information can be found at: Military State Policy Source - Military OneSource, <https://statepolicy.militaryonesource.mil>. The Department of Defense (DoD) Point of contact is James Rickel, Defense-State-Liaison Office, Central Region Liaison. It should be noted that without the teaming efforts of Mr. Rickel and Mr. Rick Perales, then an Ohio State Legislator, and now Greene County Commissioner, that Ohio's position in support of DoD's personnel and readiness issues might not have been achieved at the level it is now. Commissioner Perales is very proud of what he and his colleagues, with the support of Jim Rickel, was able to accomplish during his eight years in the Ohio General Assembly. He states that during his tenure, and continuing today, there is still very strong legislature support relative to military, military families and veterans matters. Commissioner Perales has been out of the General

Assembly for approximately one year but keeps in touch with many of his former colleagues in both the House and Senate; especially regarding military matters.

Key Issue Tracker:

1. Enhanced Military Spouse Licensure Portability: Final Legislation 01/27/2020. Five (5) of eight (8) sub issues passed.
 2. Military Spouse Occupational Licensure Access: Final Legislation 03/24/2021
 3. Licensing Compacts: Final Legislation 04/27/2021. Five (5) of eight (8) sub issues passed.
 4. Purple Star Schools Program: Final legislation 04/25/2017
 5. Advance Enrollment: Final Legislation 04/17/2021
 6. Open Enrollment Flexibility: **No action**
 7. In-State tuition Continuity: Final Legislation 06/16/2020
 8. Child Abuse Identification and Reporting: Final Legislation 09/29/2021
 9. Concurrent Jurisdiction: **No Action**
- “Ask the Question” Campaign: Introduced in the Senate 08/03/2021 – SB213

Note: [Military OneSource](#) is part of the Department of Defense’s network of support for the Military Community.

Part 3: Latest Military Related Personnel Demographic Data for Ohio

9,448 active-duty service members

4,833 active-duty spouses

10,457 active-duty children

30,007 National Guard and Reserve members

15,973 National Guard and Reserve spouses

24,535 National Guard and Reserve children

Data Source: DMDC. December 30, 2010

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