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To enact section 5113.01 of the Revised Code to establish the Disabled Veterans Assistance Program.

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

Section 1. That section 5113.01 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 5113.01. (A) As used in this section, "permanently and totally disabled veteran" means a "disabled veteran" as defined in section 323.151 of the Revised Code.

(B) The disabled veteran assistance program is established in the department of veterans services. Under the program a permanently and totally disabled veteran, or the surviving spouse of a qualifying veteran, is eligible to receive assistance. The permanently and totally disabled veteran shall have been a resident of the state upon enlistment or commission in the United States armed forces, including reserve components thereof, or the national guard, or have been a resident of the state for not less than five years immediately preceding an application for assistance. A surviving spouse shall have been a resident of this state for not less than five years immediately

preceding an application for assistance.

(C) The director of veterans services shall certify applications for the disabled veteran assistance program and maintain a list of recipients under the program. No application for assistance under this section shall be approved unless accompanied by a letter or other written confirmation from the United States department of veterans affairs showing that the veteran has been determined to be a permanently and totally disabled veteran and, for a surviving spouse, that the surviving spouse received dependency and indemnity compensation under 38 U.S.C. 1311 during the preceding year.

(D) The director shall adopt rules establishing all of the following:

(1) Forms and procedures by which individuals may apply for assistance under this section;

(2) Criteria for reviewing, evaluating, and approving or denying assistance applications;

(3) A perpetual monthly assistance stipend of one hundred dollars for each approved disabled veteran and a perpetual monthly assistance stipend of seventy dollars for each approved surviving spouse;

(4) The process for appealing a denial of assistance decision.