

0207-26 Legislative Concern**Sponsor: Hon. George Tolth**

The Office of the Controller, in coordination with the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, the Navajo Office of Vital Records and Identification, and the Budget and Finance Committee, shall design and develop a Navajo Nation Veterans Identification Card to be issued at no cost to all verified Navajo Nation veterans and surviving spouses of Navajo Nation veterans. The identification card shall serve as a verified credential for accessing Navajo Nation veterans' benefits, programs, and services and shall streamline eligibility verification by eliminating the repeated submission of discharge records, Certificates of Indian Blood, photo identification, marital records, and other documentation already verified by the Navajo Nation. The implementation plan shall address card design and security features, eligibility and verification requirements, protection of personally identifiable information, any necessary amendments to policies or plans of operation, estimated production and administrative costs with an identified permissible funding source, and a phased implementation schedule, and the Office of the Controller and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall present the proposed Veterans Identification Card and implementation plan to the Navajo Nation Council prior to the next regular session of the Navajo Nation Council.