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To amend section 4503.53 of the Revised Code to 1
allow a military veteran license plate to 2
include the names of multiple military 3
operations on one license plate. 4

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

Section 1. That section 4503.53 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 4503.53. (A) As used in this section, "recent 7
military operations" includes all of the following: 8

(1) The global war on terrorism; 9

(2) Afghanistan during operation enduring freedom; 10

(3) Iraq during operation Iraqi freedom; 11

(4) Saudi Arabia or Kuwait during operation desert storm 12
or operation desert shield; 13

(5) The Panama invasion; 14

(6) The Grenada invasion; 15

(7) The Lebanon invasion; 16

<u>(8) The Vietnam conflict;</u>	17
<u>(9) The Korean conflict;</u>	18
<u>(10) World War II;</u>	19
<u>(11) World War I.</u>	20
<u>(B)</u> Any person who served in the armed forces of the	21
United States during the global war on terrorism, in Afghanistan	22
during operation enduring freedom, in Iraq during operation	23
Iraqi freedom, in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait during operation desert	24
storm or operation desert shield, in Panama during the invasion,	25
in Grenada during the invasion, in Lebanon during the invasion,	26
during the Vietnam conflict, during the Korean conflict, during	27
World War II, or during World War I, <u>recent military operations</u>	28
and who is on active duty or is an honorably discharged veteran	29
may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the	30
registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle,	31
recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by	32
the registrar the person owns or leases. The application shall	33
be accompanied by such written evidence of the applicant's	34
service as the registrar requires by rule. In the case of an	35
honorably discharged veteran, the written evidence shall include	36
a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form or an equivalent document.	37
<u>(C)</u> Upon receipt of an application for registration of a	38
motor vehicle under this section, presentation of satisfactory	39
evidence of military service during the global war on terrorism,	40
in Afghanistan during operation enduring freedom, in Iraq during	41
operation Iraqi freedom, in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait during	42
operation desert storm or operation desert shield, in Panama	43
during the invasion, in Grenada during the invasion, in Lebanon	44
during the invasion, during the Vietnam conflict, during the	45

~~Korean conflict, during World War II, or during World War I,~~ 46
~~recent military operations,~~ and payment of the regular license 47
tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and 48
any applicable local tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the 49
Revised Code, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 50
appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license 51
plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 52
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. ~~In~~ 53
~~accordance with rules adopted by the registrar, each license~~ 54
~~plate shall be inscribed with identifying~~ 55

In addition to the letters or numerals ordinarily 56
inscribed on a license plate, and, in the case of an honorably 57
discharged veteran, the word "VETERAN"; ~~in addition,~~ each 58
license plate issued to an applicant under this section shall be 59
inscribed with a design and words indicating service during ~~the~~ 60
~~global war on terrorism, or in Afghanistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia,~~ 61
~~Kuwait, Panama, Grenada, or Lebanon, or during the Vietnam~~ 62
~~conflict, the Korean conflict, World War II, or World War I~~ 63
recent military operations that includes the name of the 64
operation or operations in which the applicant served. 65

(D) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 66
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 67

Section 2. That existing section 4503.53 of the Revised 68
Code is hereby repealed. 69

Section 3. Section 4503.53 of the Revised Code is 70
presented in this act as a composite of the section as amended 71
by both Am. Sub. H.B. 273 and Sub. S.B. 243 of the 127th General 72
Assembly. The General Assembly, applying the principle stated in 73
division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments 74
are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous 75

operation, finds that the composite is the resulting version of	76
the section in effect prior to the effective date of the section	77
as presented in this act.	78