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**A BILL**

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 1  
4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 2  
4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 3  
4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4  
4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 5  
4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised 6  
Code to establish a program for the issuance of 7  
special license plates related to military 8  
service and awards. 9

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.29 of the Revised Code be 10  
enacted to read as follows: 11

**Sec. 4503.29.** (A) The director of veterans services in 12  
conjunction with the registrar of motor vehicles shall develop 13  
and maintain a program to establish and issue nonstandard 14  
license plates recognizing military service and military honors 15  
pertaining to valor and service. 16

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt 17  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for 18  
purposes of establishing the program under this section. The 19  
director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible 20  
after the effective date of this section, but not later than 21  
nine months after that effective date. The rules shall do all of 22  
the following: 23

(1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 24  
military service; 25

(2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 26  
military honors pertaining to valor and service; 27

(3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each 28  
nonstandard license plate issued under this section; 29

(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary 30  
documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant 31  
for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section; 32

(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and 33  
inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under 34  
this section; 35

(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, 36  
markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate 37  
established under this section; 38

(7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under 39  
this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards; 40

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that 41  
are necessary for the implementation and administration of this 42  
section. 43

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 44

shall provide for the establishment of the military nonstandard 45  
license plates created under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 46  
4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 47  
4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 48  
4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 49  
4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code as those sections 50  
existed prior to the effective date of this section. 51

(D) (1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications 52  
for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by 53  
rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the 54  
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 55  
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 56  
vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class 57  
approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with 58  
a request for a special reserved license plate under section 59  
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 60

(2) Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 61  
motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and 62  
fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the 63  
registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon 64  
presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar 65  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 66  
registration and a set of license plates and a validation 67  
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 68  
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 69

(3) The license plates shall display county identification 70  
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 71  
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 72

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 73  
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 74

**Section 2.** That sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 75  
4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 76  
4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 77  
4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 78  
4503.731 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 79

**Section 3.** Until such time as the rules adopted under 80  
section 4503.29 of the Revised Code as enacted by this act are 81  
effective, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall continue to 82  
issue the military nonstandard license plates required to be 83  
issued under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 84  
4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 85  
4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 86  
4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of 87  
the Revised Code as those sections existed prior to their repeal 88  
by this act. Thereafter those nonstandard license plates shall 89  
be issued in accordance with rules as required under division 90  
(C) of section 4503.29 of the Revised Code. 91

**Section 4.** As soon as rules adopted under section 4503.29 92  
of the Revised Code as enacted by this act are effective, the 93  
Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall establish, in accordance with 94  
those rules, the "Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal" license 95  
plate. 96