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**A BILL**

To amend section 4503.434 of the Revised Code to 1  
create the "Army Distinguished Service Cross," 2  
the "Navy Cross," the "Air Force Cross," and the 3  
"Coast Guard Cross" license plates. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.434 of the Revised Code be 5  
amended to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 4503.434.** (A) Any person who has been awarded the 7  
distinguished flying cross, the army distinguished service 8  
cross, the navy cross, the air force cross, or the coast guard 9  
cross may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the 10  
registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, 11  
recreational vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases 12  
of a class approved by the registrar. The application shall be 13  
accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of the award 14  
as the registrar shall require by rule. The application may be 15  
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate 16  
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 17

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, and upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of the ~~distinguished flying cross~~ applicable award, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on the license plates, the license plates shall contain an illustration of the ~~distinguished flying cross~~ appropriate award and be inscribed with the words "DFC Medal Recipient," "Army Distinguished Service Cross Medal Recipient," "Navy Cross Medal Recipient," "Air Force Cross Medal Recipient," or "Coast Guard Cross Medal Recipient." The license plates shall display county identification stickers that identify the county of registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code.

The license plates and a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax required by section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

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

(C) No person who is not a recipient of the distinguished flying cross, the army distinguished service cross, the navy

cross, the air force cross, or the coast guard cross shall 48  
purposefully represent that the person is a recipient of the 49  
~~distinguished flying cross award~~ for the purpose of obtaining 50  
license plates under this section. No person shall permit a 51  
motor vehicle owned or leased by such person to bear license 52  
plates issued under this section unless the person is eligible 53  
to be issued such license plates. 54

**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.434 of the Revised 55  
Code is hereby repealed. 56