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A BILL

To amend section 4503.29 of the Revised Code to
allow an applicant for a military license plate
to present to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, as
evidence of an honorable discharge, a county-
issued veterans identification card in lieu of a
DD-214 form issued by the United States
Department of Defense.

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

Section 1. That section 4503.29 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

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

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for
purposes of establishing the program under this section. The
director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible

~~after the effective date of this section June 29, 2018,~~ but not 19
~~later than nine months after that effective date June 29, 2018.~~ 20
The rules shall do all of the following: 21

(1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 22
military service; 23

(2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 24
military honors pertaining to valor and service; 25

(3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each 26
nonstandard license plate issued under this section; 27

(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary 28
documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant 29
for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section~~+~~. Such 30
requirements shall include allowing an applicant to present a 31
veterans identification card issued in accordance with section 32
317.241 of the Revised Code in lieu of a copy of the applicant's 33
DD-214 or an equivalent document. An applicant may be required 34
to present additional evidence if the veterans identification 35
card does not show all of the information needed for issuance of 36
the specific nonstandard license plate requested by the 37
applicant. 38

(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and 39
inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under 40
this section; 41

(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, 42
markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate 43
established under this section; 44

(7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under 45
this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards; 46

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that 47
are necessary for the implementation and administration of this 48
section. 49

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 50
shall provide for the establishment of the military nonstandard 51
license plates created under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 52
4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 53
4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 54
4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 55
4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code as those sections 56
existed prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ June 29, 57
2018. 58

(D) (1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications 59
for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by 60
rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the 61
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 62
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 63
vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class 64
approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with 65
a request for a special reserved license plate under section 66
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 67

(2) Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 68
motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and 69
fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the 70
registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon 71
presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar 72
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 73
registration and a set of license plates and a validation 74
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 75
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 76

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

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

Section 2. That existing section 4503.29 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.