

AN ACT

To amend section 4503.53 of the Revised Code to eliminate the additional \$10 fee that a person pays to compensate the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for additional services when issuing special license plates to those who served in certain combat zones and when renewing the registration of a motor vehicle bearing such license plates.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

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

Sec. 4503.53. Any person who served in the armed forces of the United States in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield, in Panama during the invasion, in Grenada during the invasion, in Lebanon during the invasion, during the Vietnam conflict, during the Korean conflict, during World War II, or during World War I, and who is on active duty or is an honorably discharged veteran may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar the person owns or leases. The application shall be accompanied by such written evidence of the applicant's service as the registrar requires by rule. In the case of an honorably discharged veteran, the written evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form or an equivalent document.

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section, presentation of satisfactory evidence of military service in Saudi Arabia or Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield, in Panama during the invasion, in Grenada during the invasion, in Lebanon during the invasion, during the Vietnam conflict, during the Korean conflict, during World War II, or during World War I, and payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any applicable local tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, ~~and payment of an additional fee of ten dollars,~~ 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 accordance with rules adopted by the registrar, each license plate shall be inscribed with identifying letters or numerals and the word "VETERAN"; in addition, each license plate shall be inscribed with a design and words indicating service in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Panama, Grenada, or Lebanon, or during the Vietnam conflict, the Korean conflict, World War II, or World War I. ~~The additional fee of ten dollars charged under this section shall be for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of license plates under this section and shall be transmitted by the registrar to the treasurer of state for deposit into the state treasury to the credit of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created by section 4501.25 of the Revised Code.~~

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SECTION 2. That existing section 4503.53 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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