

AN ACT

To amend sections 4503.48, 4503.54, 4503.571, and 4503.59 and to enact section 4503.73 of the Revised Code to eliminate the additional \$10 fee that a person pays to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when first obtaining or renewing Ohio National Guard license plates, U.S. Armed Forces Reserves license plates, U.S. Armed Forces retiree or honorably discharged veteran license plates, Purple Heart license plates, and Pearl Harbor license plates; to allow a Purple Heart recipient to receive Purple Heart license plates for more than one vehicle owned by the recipient; to specify that certain special license plates may be obtained for motor homes rather than for all types of recreational vehicles; and to create the "Leader in Flight" license plate.

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

SECTION 1. That sections 4503.48, 4503.54, 4503.571, and 4503.59 be amended and section 4503.73 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4503.48. Any person who is a member of the Ohio national guard or the reserves of the armed forces of the United States 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 that the person owns or leases. The application shall be accompanied by such written evidence that the person is a member of the Ohio national guard or of the reserves as the registrar requires by rule.

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section; presentation of satisfactory evidence of membership in the Ohio national guard or the reserves; and payment of the regular license fees as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code; and any local

motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, ~~and 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 addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, the license plates shall be inscribed with identifying words or markings designed by the department of public safety. The license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

Sec. 4503.54. Any person who is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United States 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 that the applicant is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of the United States as the registrar shall require by rule.

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section, presentation of satisfactory evidence documenting that the applicant is a retired or honorably discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of the United States, and payment of the regular license fees as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code; and any local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, ~~and 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 addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed thereon, the license plates shall contain the appropriate inscription as follows: "U.S. ARMED FORCES RETIRED--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)" or "U.S. ARMED FORCES VETERAN--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)." Depending upon the format of the inscription, the registrar shall determine whether or not the inscription contains the dash. The license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

Sec. 4503.571. Any person who has been awarded the purple heart may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of ~~one~~ any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, ~~recreational vehicle~~ motor home, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar that the person owns or leases. The application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of the award as the registrar may require. The

application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code.

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, and presentation of the required supporting evidence of the award of the purple heart, 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 thereon, the license plates shall be inscribed with the words "PURPLE HEART." The license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

The license plates and validation stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular license fee 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 an additional fee of ten dollars,~~ and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the license plates and validation sticker shall be issued upon payment of the fees and taxes referred to in this section and the additional fee prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. ~~The additional fee of ten dollars 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.~~

No person who is not a recipient of the purple heart shall willfully and falsely represent that the person is a recipient of a purple heart for the purpose of obtaining license plates under this section. No person shall own a motor vehicle bearing license plates under this section unless the person is eligible to be issued such license plates.

Sec. 4503.59. The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, ~~recreational vehicle~~ motor home, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles who is certified by the Pearl Harbor survivors association as having survived the attack on Pearl Harbor may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of Pearl Harbor license plates. The application for Pearl Harbor license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under

section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application, presentation by the applicant of documentation issued by the Pearl Harbor survivors association certifying that the applicant survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, and compliance by the applicant with this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of Pearl Harbor license plates with 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 thereon, Pearl Harbor license plates shall be inscribed with the words "Pearl Harbor" and a symbol or logo designed by the Pearl Harbor survivors association and approved by the registrar. Pearl Harbor license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

Pearl Harbor license plates and validation stickers shall be issued upon payment of the regular license fee 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 an additional fee of ten dollars,~~ and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for Pearl Harbor license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the license plates and validation sticker shall be issued upon payment of the fees and taxes contained in this section and the additional fee prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. ~~The additional fee of ten dollars shall be for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of Pearl Harbor license plates, 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.~~

Sec. 4503.73. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of "the leader in flight" license plates. The application for "the leader in flight" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "the leader in flight" license plates with 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 thereon, "the leader in flight" license plates shall be inscribed with the words "the leader in flight" and illustrations of a space shuttle in a vertical position and the Wright "B" airplane. "The leader in flight" license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

(B) "The leader in flight" license plates and validation sticker shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, a fee of ten dollars for the purpose of compensating the bureau of motor vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of "the leader in flight" license plates, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for "the leader in flight" license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the license plate and validation sticker shall be issued upon payment of the fees and taxes referred to or established in this division and the additional fee prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code.

(C) The registrar shall deposit the additional fee of ten dollars specified in division (B) of this section that the applicant for registration voluntarily pays for the purpose of compensating the bureau for the additional services required in the issuing of the applicant's "the leader in flight" license plates in the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 4501.25 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 4503.48, 4503.54, 4503.571, and 4503.59 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

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Governor.

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