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A BILL

To amend section 4503.533 and to enact sections 1
4503.536 and 4503.537 of the Revised Code to 2
create the "Vietnam Veteran" license plate for 3
United States Marine Corps veterans, to create 4
the "Combat Medical Badge" license plates for 5
United States Army veterans, and to authorize 6
the issuance of "Combat Action Medal" license 7
plates. 8

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

Section 1. That section 4503.533 be amended and sections 9
4503.536 and 4503.537 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 10
follows: 11

Sec. 4503.533. (A) Any person who has been awarded the 12
combat action ribbon, medal, or badge may apply to the registrar 13
of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, 14
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other 15
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar that the person 16
owns or leases. The application shall be accompanied by such 17
documentary evidence in support of the award as the registrar 18

may require. The application may be combined with a request for 19
a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 20
4503.42 of the Revised Code. 21

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor 22
vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, and 23
upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of the 24
award of the combat action ribbon, medal, or badge, the 25
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor 26
vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a 27
validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required 28
by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 29

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 30
inscribed on license plates, the license plates shall be 31
inscribed with the words "combat action ribbon," "combat action 32
medal," or "combat action badge" and bear a reproduction of the 33
combat action ribbon, medal, or badge. The license plates shall 34
bear county identification stickers that identify the county of 35
registration by name or number. 36

The license plates and a validation sticker or, when 37
applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon 38
payment of the regular license tax required by section 4503.04 39
of the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license 40
tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of 41
any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 42
4503.42 of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other 43
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 44

(B) No person who is not a recipient of the combat action 45
ribbon, medal, or badge shall willfully and falsely represent 46
that the person is a recipient of the combat action ribbon, 47
medal, or badge for the purpose of obtaining license plates 48

under this section. No person shall own a motor vehicle bearing license plates issued under this section unless the person is eligible to be issued those license plates.

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

Sec. 4503.536. (A) Any army veteran who has been awarded the combat medical badge may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, 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 upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of the award of the combat medical badge, 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 license plates, the license plates shall be inscribed with the words "combat medical badge" and bear a reproduction of the combat medical badge. The license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

The license plates and a validation sticker or, when 78
applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon 79
payment of the regular license tax required by section 4503.04 80
of the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license 81
tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of 82
any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 83
4503.42 of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other 84
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 85

(B) No person who is not a recipient of the combat medical 86
badge shall willfully and falsely represent that the person is a 87
recipient of the combat medical badge for the purpose of 88
obtaining license plates under this section. No person shall own 89
a motor vehicle bearing license plates issued under this section 90
unless the person is eligible to be issued those license plates. 91

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 92
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 93

Sec. 4503.537. (A) Any person who served in the United 94
States marine corps during the Vietnam conflict and who is on 95
active duty or is an honorably discharged veteran may apply to 96
the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 97
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 98
vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar 99
the person owns or leases. The application shall be accompanied 100
by such written evidence of the applicant's service as the 101
registrar requires by rule. In the case of an honorably 102
discharged veteran, the written evidence shall include a copy of 103
the applicant's DD-214 form or an equivalent document. 104

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor 105
vehicle under this section, presentation of satisfactory 106
evidence of service in the United States marine corps during the 107

Vietnam conflict, and payment of the regular license tax as 108
prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code and any 109
applicable local tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 110
Code, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate 111
motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a 112
validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required 113
by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. In accordance with 114
rules adopted by the registrar, each license plate issued under 115
this section shall be inscribed with identifying letters or 116
numerals and the words "VIETNAM VETERAN" and bear a reproduction 117
of the United State marine corps logo. 118

(B) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 119
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 120

Section 2. That existing section 4503.533 of the Revised 121
Code is hereby repealed. 122