

AN ACT

To amend section 307.6910, to enact section 4503.29, and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards and to modify the law that governs the nonprofit corporation organized to operate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus.

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

SECTION 1. That section 307.6910 be amended and section 4503.29 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 307.6910. (A) A new nonprofit corporation shall be organized under the laws of this state for the purpose of operating a veterans memorial and museum to be located within the city of Columbus at the site described in division (B) of this section.

(B) The site of the veterans memorial and museum, shall be constructed on the following parcel of real property owned in fee simple by the board of county commissioners of Franklin county:

That property located at 300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, generally lying north of Broad Street, south of the right-of-way line of Norfolk and Southern Railway, west of the Scioto River and its floodwall, and east of the east line of Belle Street if the same extended north of Broad Street to the railroad right-of-way.

(C) The bylaws of the new nonprofit corporation shall provide for the board of directors to consist of a minimum of fifteen members. The appointments to the board of directors shall be made in accordance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the nonprofit corporation. All appointments to the board of directors shall satisfy any qualifications set forth in the nonprofit corporation's bylaws. ~~A majority of the members of the board of directors appointed by each appointing entity shall be veterans of the armed forces of the United States.~~ The appointments to the board of directors shall be made as follows:

(1) The board of county commissioners of Franklin county shall appoint five members.

(2) The articles of incorporation shall provide for the remaining appointments, ~~not to exceed ten, the majority of whom shall be veterans of the armed forces of the United States.~~

(D) The bylaws of the new nonprofit corporation shall provide for a national veterans advisory committee to consist of veterans and family members of veterans. Appointments to the national veterans advisory committee shall be made in accordance with the bylaws of the nonprofit

corporation.

(E) All meetings and records of the new nonprofit corporation shall be conducted and maintained in accordance with the sunshine laws of this state, including, but not limited to, sections 121.22 and 149.43 of the Revised Code.

(E)-(F) The board of county commissioners of Franklin county may lease the site described in division (B) of this section together with any adjacent property, without engaging in competitive bidding, to an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the construction, development, and operation of the veterans memorial and museum. A board of county commissioners may appropriate funds to either the nonprofit corporation established as provided in this section or the nonprofit corporation with which the county has leased the property for permanent improvements and operating expenses of the veterans memorial and museum.

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, but not later than nine months after that effective date. The rules shall do all of the following:

- (1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military service;
- (2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military honors pertaining to valor and service;
- (3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each nonstandard license plate issued under this section;
- (4) Establish requirements governing any necessary documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section;
- (5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under this section;
- (6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under this section;
- (7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards;
- (8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that are necessary for the implementation and administration of this section.

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

(D)(1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class approved by the registrar.

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.

(2) Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon presentation of the required documentary evidence, 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.

(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 307.6910 and sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Until such time as the rules adopted under section 4503.29 of the Revised Code as enacted by this act are effective, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall continue to issue the military nonstandard license plates required to be issued under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code as those sections existed prior to their repeal by this act. Thereafter those nonstandard license plates shall be issued in accordance with rules as required under division (C) of section 4503.29 of the Revised Code.

SECTION 4. As soon as rules adopted under section 4503.29 of the Revised Code as enacted by this act are effective, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall establish, in accordance with those rules, the "Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal," the "Army Distinguished Service Cross," the "Navy Cross," the "Air Force Cross," and the "Coast Guard Cross" license plates.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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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