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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 18  
after June 29, 2018, but not later than nine months after June 19  
29, 2018. The rules shall do all of the following: 20

(1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 21  
military service; 22

(2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 23  
military honors pertaining to valor and service; 24

(3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each 25  
nonstandard license plate issued under this section; 26

(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary 27  
documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant 28  
for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section. The 29  
rules shall allow an applicant to present a veterans 30  
identification card issued in accordance with section 317.241 of 31  
the Revised Code in lieu of a copy of the applicant's DD-214 or 32  
an equivalent document. An applicant may be required to present 33  
additional evidence if the veterans identification card does not 34  
show all of the information needed for issuance of the specific 35  
nonstandard license plate requested by the applicant. 36

(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and 37  
inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under 38  
this section; 39

(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, 40  
markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate 41  
established under this section; 42

(7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under 43  
this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards; 44

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that 45

are necessary for the implementation and administration of this section. 46  
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(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 June 29, 2018. 48  
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(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. 56  
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(2) (a) Except as provided in division (D) (2) (b) of this section, 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. 65  
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(b) Any disabled veteran who qualifies to apply to the 75

registrar for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 76  
4503.41 of the Revised Code without the payment of any 77  
registration taxes or fees, may apply instead for registration 78  
of the motor vehicle under this section. The disabled veteran 79  
applying for registration under this section is not required to 80  
pay any registration taxes or fees as required by sections 81  
4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the 82  
Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 83  
4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under section 84  
4503.19 of the Revised Code for up to two motor vehicles, 85  
including any motor vehicle registered under section 4503.41 of 86  
the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an application for 87  
registration of the motor vehicle and presentation of any 88  
documentation the registrar may require by rule, the registrar 89  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 90  
registration and a set of license plates authorized under this 91  
section and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 92  
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 93

(3) The license plates shall display county identification 94  
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 95  
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 96

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 97  
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 98

**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.29 of the Revised 99  
Code is hereby repealed. 100