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SUMMARY

- Allows certain surviving spouses of a Purple Heart recipient to retain or obtain the "Purple Heart" license plate.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

"Purple Heart" license plate

The bill allows the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient to retain or obtain the "Purple Heart" license plate if the spouse has not remarried and if the deceased recipient was issued or was eligible for the "Purple Heart" license plate. Currently, the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient cannot apply to obtain or retain the license plate. Under current law, when the ownership of a motor vehicle is transferred after the owner's death, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must replace the "Purple Heart" license plate with a non-Purple Heart license plate.[1]

Under the bill, in order to retain or obtain the "Purple Heart" license plate, a surviving spouse must apply to the Registrar. The surviving spouse must include with the application documentary evidence of the deceased person's Purple Heart award and any other evidence the Registrar requires. The surviving spouse may retain or obtain the license plate upon payment of the required regular registration taxes and fees and compliance with all applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.[2]

[1] R.C. 4503.571(C).

[2] R.C. 4503.571(D).

HISTORY

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