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**A BILL**

To amend section 307.6910, to enact section 1  
4503.29, and to repeal sections 4503.431, 2  
4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 3  
4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4  
4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 5  
4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 4503.59, 6  
and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a 7  
program for the issuance of special license 8  
plates related to military service and awards 9  
and to modify the law that governs the nonprofit 10  
corporation organized to operate the Veterans 11  
Memorial and Museum in Columbus. 12

**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 42  
remaining appointments, ~~not to exceed ten, the majority of whom~~ 43  
~~shall be veterans of the armed forces of the United States.~~ 44

(D) The bylaws of the new nonprofit corporation shall 45  
provide for a national veterans advisory committee to consist of 46  
veterans and family members of veterans. Appointments to the 47  
national veterans advisory committee shall be made in accordance 48  
with the bylaws of the nonprofit corporation. 49

(E) All meetings and records of the new nonprofit 50  
corporation shall be conducted and maintained in accordance with 51  
the sunshine laws of this state, including, but not limited to, 52  
sections 121.22 and 149.43 of the Revised Code. 53

~~(E)~~ (F) The board of county commissioners of Franklin 54  
county may lease the site described in division (B) of this 55  
section together with any adjacent property, without engaging in 56  
competitive bidding, to an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the 57  
construction, development, and operation of the veterans 58  
memorial and museum. A board of county commissioners may 59  
appropriate funds to either the nonprofit corporation 60  
established as provided in this section or the nonprofit 61  
corporation with which the county has leased the property for 62  
permanent improvements and operating expenses of the veterans 63  
memorial and museum. 64

**Sec. 4503.29.** (A) The director of veterans services in 65  
conjunction with the registrar of motor vehicles shall develop 66  
and maintain a program to establish and issue nonstandard 67  
license plates recognizing military service and military honors 68  
pertaining to valor and service. 69

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt 70

rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for 71  
purposes of establishing the program under this section. The 72  
director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible 73  
after the effective date of this section, but not later than 74  
nine months after that effective date. The rules shall do all of 75  
the following: 76

(1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 77  
military service; 78

(2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 79  
military honors pertaining to valor and service; 80

(3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each 81  
nonstandard license plate issued under this section; 82

(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary 83  
documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant 84  
for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section; 85

(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and 86  
inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under 87  
this section; 88

(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, 89  
markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate 90  
established under this section; 91

(7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under 92  
this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards; 93

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that 94  
are necessary for the implementation and administration of this 95  
section. 96

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 97  
shall provide for the establishment of the military nonstandard 98

license plates created under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 99  
4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 100  
4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 101  
4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 102  
4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code as those sections 103  
existed prior to the effective date of this section. 104

(D) (1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications 105  
for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by 106  
rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the 107  
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 108  
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 109  
vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class 110  
approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with 111  
a request for a special reserved license plate under section 112  
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 113

(2) Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 114  
motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and 115  
fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the 116  
registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon 117  
presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar 118  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 119  
registration and a set of license plates and a validation 120  
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 121  
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 122

(3) The license plates shall display county identification 123  
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 124  
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 125

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 126  
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 127

**Section 2.** That existing section 307.6910 and sections 128  
4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 129  
4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 130  
4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 131  
4503.548, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code 132  
are hereby repealed. 133

**Section 3.** Until such time as the rules adopted under 134  
section 4503.29 of the Revised Code as enacted by this act are 135  
effective, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall continue to 136  
issue the military nonstandard license plates required to be 137  
issued under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 138  
4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 139  
4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 140  
4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of 141  
the Revised Code as those sections existed prior to their repeal 142  
by this act. Thereafter those nonstandard license plates shall 143  
be issued in accordance with rules as required under division 144  
(C) of section 4503.29 of the Revised Code. 145

**Section 4.** As soon as rules adopted under section 4503.29 146  
of the Revised Code as enacted by this act are effective, the 147  
Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall establish, in accordance with 148  
those rules, the "Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal," the "Army 149  
Distinguished Service Cross," the "Navy Cross," the "Air Force 150  
Cross," and the "Coast Guard Cross" license plates. 151