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**A BILL**

To amend section 4503.29 of the Revised Code to 1  
allow veterans of World War II to obtain World 2  
War II license plates without paying motor 3  
vehicle registration taxes and fees. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.29 of the Revised Code be 5  
amended to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 4503.29.** (A) The director of veterans services in 7  
conjunction with the registrar of motor vehicles shall develop 8  
and maintain a program to establish and issue nonstandard 9  
license plates recognizing military service and military honors 10  
pertaining to valor and service. 11

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt 12  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for 13  
purposes of establishing the program under this section. The 14  
director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible 15  
after June 29, 2018, but not later than nine months after June 16  
29, 2018. The rules shall do all of the following: 17

(1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military service;	18 19
(2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military honors pertaining to valor and service;	20 21
(3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each nonstandard license plate issued under this section;	22 23
(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section;	24 25 26
(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under this section;	27 28 29
(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under this section;	30 31 32
(7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards;	33 34
(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that are necessary for the implementation and administration of this section.	35 36 37
(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.	38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

(D) (1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications 46  
for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by 47  
rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the 48  
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 49  
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 50  
vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class 51  
approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with 52  
a request for a special reserved license plate under section 53  
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 54

(2) (a) Except as provided in ~~division~~divisions (D) (2) (b) 55  
and (c) of this section, upon receipt of an application for 56  
registration of a motor vehicle under this section and the 57  
required taxes and fees, compliance with all applicable laws 58  
relating to the registration of a motor vehicle, and, if 59  
necessary, upon presentation of the required documentary 60  
evidence, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 61  
appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license 62  
plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 63  
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 64

(b) Any disabled veteran who qualifies to apply to the 65  
registrar for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 66  
4503.41 of the Revised Code without the payment of any 67  
registration taxes or fees, may apply instead for registration 68  
of the motor vehicle under this section. The disabled veteran 69  
applying for registration under this section is not required to 70  
pay any registration taxes or fees as required by sections 71  
4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the 72  
Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 73  
4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under section 74  
4503.19 of the Revised Code for up to two motor vehicles, 75  
including any motor vehicle registered under section 4503.41 of 76

the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an application for 77  
registration of the motor vehicle and presentation of any 78  
documentation the registrar may require by rule, the registrar 79  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 80  
registration and a set of license plates authorized under this 81  
section and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 82  
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 83

(c) A veteran applying for registration to either obtain 84  
or renew "World War II" nonstandard license plates is not 85  
required to pay any registration taxes or fees as required by 86  
sections 4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of 87  
the Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under 88  
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under 89  
section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an 90  
application for registration of the motor vehicle and 91  
presentation of any documentation the registrar may require by 92  
rule, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate 93  
motor vehicle registration and a set of "World War II" license 94  
plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 95  
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 96

(3) The license plates shall display county identification 97  
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 98  
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 99

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 100  
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 101

**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.29 of the Revised 102  
Code is hereby repealed. 103