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**A BILL**

To amend section 4503.571 of the Revised Code to 1  
permit a person to apply for a Purple Heart 2  
license plate that includes the International 3  
Symbol of Access. 4

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.571 of the Revised Code be 5  
amended to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 4503.571.** (A)(1) Any person who has been awarded the 7  
purple heart may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for 8  
the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor 9  
vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle when the registrar 10  
determines that producing a purple heart motorcycle license 11  
plate is feasible, or other vehicle of a class approved by the 12  
registrar that the person owns or leases. The application shall 13  
be accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of the 14  
award as the registrar may require. The application may be 15  
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate 16  
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 17

If the applicant also is eligible for license plates 18  
imprinted with the international symbol of access under section 19  
4503.44 of the Revised Code, the applicant may apply to have the 20  
purple heart license plates that are issued to the applicant 21  
display the international symbol of access. The application 22  
shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of 23  
the disability and of the vehicle alterations as the registrar 24  
requires under section 4503.44 of the Revised Code. 25

(2) Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 26  
motor vehicle under this section and any required taxes, and 27  
upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of the 28  
award of the purple heart and, as applicable, the evidence 29  
required under section 4503.44 of the Revised Code, the 30  
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor 31  
vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a 32  
validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required 33  
by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 34

(3) In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 35  
inscribed on the license plates, the license plates shall be 36  
inscribed with the words "PURPLE HEART." When applicable, the 37  
license plates also shall display the international symbol of 38  
access. The license plates shall bear county identification 39  
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 40  
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 41

(B) The license plates and validation stickers shall be 42  
issued without the payment of any registration fee and service 43  
fee required by sections 4503.04, 4503.10, and 4503.102 of the 44  
Revised Code, and without the payment of any local motor vehicle 45  
license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code. The 46  
applicant shall comply with all other applicable laws relating 47

to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application is 48  
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate 49  
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the 50  
license plates and validation sticker shall be issued upon 51  
payment of seventy-five per cent of the additional fee 52  
prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 53

(C) No person who is not a recipient of the purple heart 54  
shall willfully and falsely represent that the person is a 55  
recipient of a purple heart for the purpose of obtaining license 56  
plates under this section. No person shall own a motor vehicle 57  
bearing license plates under this section unless the person is 58  
eligible to be issued those license plates. 59

**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.571 of the Revised 60  
Code is hereby repealed. 61