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**A BILL**

To amend section 4503.29 of the Revised Code to 1  
allow an applicant for a military license plate 2  
to present a county-issued veterans 3  
identification card as evidence of an honorable 4  
discharge. 5

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.29 of the Revised Code be 6  
amended to read as follows: 7

**Sec. 4503.29.** (A) The director of veterans services in 8  
conjunction with the registrar of motor vehicles shall develop 9  
and maintain a program to establish and issue nonstandard 10  
license plates recognizing military service and military honors 11  
pertaining to valor and service. 12

(B) The director and the registrar shall jointly adopt 13  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code for 14  
purposes of establishing the program under this section. The 15  
director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible 16

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

(1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing military service;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that are necessary for the implementation and administration of this

section. 45

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 46  
shall provide for the establishment of the military nonstandard 47  
license plates created under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 48  
4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 49  
4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 50  
4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 51  
4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code as those sections 52  
existed prior to June 29, 2018. 53

(D) (1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications 54  
for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by 55  
rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the 56  
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 57  
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 58  
vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class 59  
approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with 60  
a request for a special reserved license plate under section 61  
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 62

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (D) (2) (b) of this 63  
section, upon receipt of an application for registration of a 64  
motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and 65  
fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the 66  
registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon 67  
presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar 68  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 69  
registration and a set of license plates and a validation 70  
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 71  
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 72

(b) Any disabled veteran who qualifies to apply to the 73  
registrar for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 74

4503.41 of the Revised Code without the payment of any 75  
registration taxes or fees, may apply instead for registration 76  
of the motor vehicle under this section. The disabled veteran 77  
applying for registration under this section is not required to 78  
pay any registration taxes or fees as required by sections 79  
4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the 80  
Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 81  
4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under section 82  
4503.19 of the Revised Code for up to two motor vehicles, 83  
including any motor vehicle registered under section 4503.41 of 84  
the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an application for 85  
registration of the motor vehicle and presentation of any 86  
documentation the registrar may require by rule, the registrar 87  
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 88  
registration and a set of license plates authorized under this 89  
section and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 90  
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 91

(3) The license plates shall display county identification 92  
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 93  
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 94

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 95  
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 96

**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.29 of the Revised 97  
Code is hereby repealed. 98