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A BILL

To amend section 4503.29 of the Revised Code to
allow an applicant for a military license plate
to present to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, as
evidence of an honorable discharge, a county-
issued veterans identification card in lieu of a
DD-214 form issued by the United States
Department of Defense.

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

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

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

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

director and registrar shall adopt the rules as soon as possible 18
after June 29, 2018, but not later than nine months after June 19
29, 2018. The rules shall do all of the following: 20

(1) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 21
military service; 22

(2) Establish nonstandard license plates recognizing 23
military honors pertaining to valor and service; 24

(3) Establish eligibility criteria that apply to each 25
nonstandard license plate issued under this section; 26

(4) Establish requirements governing any necessary 27
documentary evidence required to be presented by an applicant 28
for a nonstandard license plate issued under this section~~7~~. The 29
rules shall allow an applicant to present a veterans 30
identification card issued in accordance with section 317.241 of 31
the Revised Code in lieu of a copy of the applicant's DD-214 or 32
an equivalent document. An applicant may be required to present 33
additional evidence if the veterans identification card does not 34
show all of the information needed for issuance of the specific 35
nonstandard license plate requested by the applicant. 36

(5) Establish guidelines for the designs, markings, and 37
inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate established under 38
this section; 39

(6) Establish procedures for altering the designs, 40
markings, or inscriptions on a nonstandard license plate 41
established under this section; 42

(7) Prohibit nonstandard license plates established under 43
this section from recognizing achievement awards or unit awards; 44

(8) Establish any other procedures or requirements that 45

are necessary for the implementation and administration of this 46
section. 47

(C) The rules adopted under division (B) of this section 48
shall provide for the establishment of the military nonstandard 49
license plates created under sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 50
4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.436, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 51
4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 52
4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.581, 53
4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code as those sections 54
existed prior to June 29, 2018. 55

(D) (1) Any person who meets the applicable qualifications 56
for the issuance of a nonstandard license plate established by 57
rule adopted under division (B) of this section may apply to the 58
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 59
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational 60
vehicle, or other vehicle the person owns or leases of a class 61
approved by the registrar. The application may be combined with 62
a request for a special reserved license plate under section 63
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 64

(2) (a) Except as provided in division (D) (2) (b) of this 65
section, upon receipt of an application for registration of a 66
motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and 67
fees, compliance with all applicable laws relating to the 68
registration of a motor vehicle, and, if necessary, upon 69
presentation of the required documentary evidence, the registrar 70
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 71
registration and a set of license plates and a validation 72
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 73
4503.191 of the Revised Code. 74

(b) Any disabled veteran who qualifies to apply to the 75

registrar for the registration of a motor vehicle under section 76
4503.41 of the Revised Code without the payment of any 77
registration taxes or fees, may apply instead for registration 78
of the motor vehicle under this section. The disabled veteran 79
applying for registration under this section is not required to 80
pay any registration taxes or fees as required by sections 81
4503.038, 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.103 of the 82
Revised Code, any local motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 83
4504. of the Revised Code, or any fee charged under section 84
4503.19 of the Revised Code for up to two motor vehicles, 85
including any motor vehicle registered under section 4503.41 of 86
the Revised Code. Upon receipt of an application for 87
registration of the motor vehicle and presentation of any 88
documentation the registrar may require by rule, the registrar 89
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle 90
registration and a set of license plates authorized under this 91
section and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 92
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 93

(3) The license plates shall display county identification 94
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 95
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 96

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 97
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 98

Section 2. That existing section 4503.29 of the Revised 99
Code is hereby repealed. 100