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To amend section 4503.53 of the Revised Code to 1  
establish a veteran's license plate available to 2  
active duty and honorably discharged persons who, 3  
while serving in the armed forces of the United 4  
States, served in Afghanistan during Operation 5  
Enduring Freedom or in Iraq during Operation Iraqi 6  
Freedom. 7

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.53 of the Revised Code be 8  
amended to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 4503.53.** Any person who served in the armed forces of 10  
the United States in Afghanistan during operation enduring 11  
freedom, in Iraq during operation Iraqi freedom, in Saudi Arabia 12  
or Kuwait during ~~Operation Desert Storm~~ operation desert storm or 13  
~~Operation Desert Shield~~ operation desert shield, in Panama during 14  
the invasion, in Grenada during the invasion, in Lebanon during 15  
the invasion, during the Vietnam conflict, during the Korean 16  
conflict, during World War II, or during World War I, and who is 17  
on active duty or is an honorably discharged veteran may apply to 18  
the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any 19  
passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, 20

or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar the person 21  
owns or leases. The application shall be accompanied by such 22  
written evidence of the applicant's service as the registrar 23  
requires by rule. In the case of an honorably discharged veteran, 24  
the written evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's 25  
DD-214 form or an equivalent document. 26

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor 27  
vehicle under this section, presentation of satisfactory evidence 28  
of military service in Afghanistan during operation enduring 29  
freedom, in Iraq during operation Iraqi freedom, in Saudi Arabia 30  
or Kuwait during ~~Operation Desert Storm~~ operation desert storm or 31  
~~Operation Desert Shield~~ operation desert shield, in Panama during 32  
the invasion, in Grenada during the invasion, in Lebanon during 33  
the invasion, during the Vietnam conflict, during the Korean 34  
conflict, during World War II, or during World War I, and payment 35  
of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of 36  
the Revised Code and any applicable local tax levied under Chapter 37  
4504. of the Revised Code, the registrar shall issue to the 38  
applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of 39  
license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker 40  
alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. In 41  
accordance with rules adopted by the registrar, each license plate 42  
shall be inscribed with identifying letters or numerals and the 43  
word "VETERAN"; in addition, each license plate shall be inscribed 44  
with a design and words indicating service in Afghanistan, Iraq, 45  
Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Panama, Grenada, or Lebanon, or during the 46  
Vietnam conflict, the Korean conflict, World War II, or World War 47  
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**Section 2.** That existing section 4503.53 of the Revised Code 49  
is hereby repealed. 50