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**A B I L L**

To enact sections 4503.548 and 4503.549 of the 1  
Revised Code to create the Vietnam Combat Infantry 2  
and Combat Medic license plates. 3

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4503.548 and 4503.549 of the Revised 4  
Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 4503.548.** (A) Any person who served in the armed forces 6  
of the United States during the Vietnam conflict and was awarded 7  
the combat infantryman badge may apply to the registrar of motor 8  
vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial 9  
motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class 10  
approved by the registrar that the person owns or leases. The 11  
application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in 12  
support of the award as the registrar may require. The application 13  
may be combined with a request for a special reserved license 14  
plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 15

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor 16  
vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, and 17  
upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of service 18

during the Vietnam conflict and the award of the combat 19  
infantryman badge, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the 20  
appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates 21  
and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when 22  
required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 23

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 24  
on license plates, the license plates shall be inscribed with the 25  
words "combat infantry" and bear a reproduction of the combat 26  
infantryman badge above the word "Vietnam." The license plates 27  
shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county 28  
of registration by name or number. 29

The license plates and a validation sticker or, when 30  
applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon 31  
payment of the regular license tax required by section 4503.04 of 32  
the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license tax 33  
levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of any 34  
applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 35  
of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other applicable laws 36  
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 37

(B) No person who did not serve during the Vietnam conflict 38  
or is not a recipient of the combat infantryman badge shall 39  
willfully and falsely represent that the person had such service 40  
or is a recipient of the combat infantryman badge for the purpose 41  
of obtaining license plates under this section. No person shall 42  
own a motor vehicle bearing license plates issued under this 43  
section unless the person is eligible to be issued those license 44  
plates. 45

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 46  
apply to license plates issued under this section. 47

**Sec. 4503.549.** (A) Any person who served in the armed forces 48  
of the United States during the Vietnam conflict and was awarded 49

the combat medical badge may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar that the person owns or leases. The application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of the award as the registrar may require. The application may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code.

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, and upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of service during the Vietnam conflict and the award of the combat medical badge, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, the license plates shall be inscribed with the medical words "combat medic" and bear a reproduction of the combat medical badge above the word "Vietnam." The license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

The license plates and a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon payment of the regular license tax required by section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles.

(B) No person who did not serve during the Vietnam conflict or is not a recipient of the combat medical badge shall willfully

and falsely represent that the person had such service or is a 82  
recipient of the combat medical badge for the purpose of obtaining 83  
license plates under this section. No person shall own a motor 84  
vehicle bearing license plates issued under this section unless 85  
the person is eligible to be issued those license plates. 86

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 87  
apply to license plates issued under this section. 88