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**A BILL**

To enact section 4503.549 of the Revised Code to 1  
create "Military Sacrifice" license plates. 2

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.549 of the Revised Code be 3  
enacted to read as follows: 4

**Sec. 4503.549.** (A) Any member of the immediate family of a 5  
person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably as a 6  
member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, 7  
either active or reserve, the national guard under federal or 8  
state control, or the United States coast guard may apply to the 9  
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger 10  
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of 11  
a class approved by the registrar that the family member owns or 12  
leases and for issuance of "military sacrifice" license plates for 13  
that motor vehicle. The application for "military sacrifice" 14  
license plates may be combined with a request for a special 15  
reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 16  
Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 17  
compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall 18

issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, a set 19  
of "military sacrifice" license plates with a validation sticker, 20  
or a validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 21  
the Revised Code. 22

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 23  
on the license plates, "military sacrifice" license plates shall 24  
be inscribed with a distinctive emblem and the words "military 25  
sacrifice." "Military sacrifice" license plates shall bear county 26  
identification stickers that identify the county of registration 27  
by name or number. 28

(B) "Military sacrifice" license plates and a validation 29  
sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be 30  
issued upon submission by the applicant of an application for 31  
registration of a motor vehicle under this section, payment of the 32  
regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the 33  
Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under 34  
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and any applicable additional 35  
fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, 36  
and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the 37  
registration of motor vehicles. 38

(C) No person who is not a member of the immediate family of 39  
a person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably as 40  
a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, 41  
either active or reserve, the national guard under federal or 42  
state control, or the United States coast guard shall willfully 43  
and falsely represent that the person is such a family member for 44  
the purpose of obtaining license plates under this section. 45

(D) As used in this section, "member of the immediate family" 46  
of a person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably 47  
as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United 48  
States, either active or reserve, the national guard under federal 49  
or state control, or the United States coast guard means all of 50

<u>the following:</u>	51
<u>(1) A spouse;</u>	52
<u>(2) A parent, stepparent, or other person who acted in loco</u> <u>parentis;</u>	53 54
<u>(3) A sibling, whether of the whole or half-blood, or by</u> <u>adoption;</u>	55 56
<u>(4) A child, including those by adoption, or a stepchild;</u>	57
<u>(5) A grandparent.</u>	58