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A B I L L

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

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

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

Sec. 4503.549. (A) Any member of the immediate family of a person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably and not of willful misconduct as defined in 38 C.F.R. 3.1(n) as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, either active or reserve, the national guard under federal or state control, or the United States coast guard may apply to the

registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar that the family member owns or leases and for issuance of "military sacrifice" license plates for that motor vehicle. The application for "military sacrifice" license plates 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 the completed application and compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration, a set of "military sacrifice" license plates with 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 the license plates, "military sacrifice" license plates shall be inscribed with a distinctive emblem and the words "military sacrifice." "Military sacrifice" license plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number.

(B) "Military sacrifice" license plates and a validation sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon submission by the applicant of an application for registration of a motor vehicle under this section, payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, 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.

(C) No person who is not a member of the immediate family of a person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably and not of willful misconduct as defined in 38 C.F.R. 3.1(n) as a

member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, either active or reserve, the national guard under federal or state control, or the United States coast guard shall willfully and falsely represent that the person is such a family member for the purpose of obtaining license plates under this section.

(D) As used in this section, "member of the immediate family" of a person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably and not of willful misconduct as defined in 38 C.F.R. 3.1(n) as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, either active or reserve, the national guard under federal or state control, or the United States coast guard means all of the following:

(1) A spouse;

(2) A parent, stepparent, or other person who acted in loco parentis;

(3) A sibling, whether of the whole or half-blood, or by adoption;

(4) A child, including those by adoption, or a stepchild;

(5) A grandparent.