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To enact section 4503.549 of the Revised Code to 1
create the "Combat Action Ribbon" and "Combat 2
Action Badge" license plates. 3

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

Section 1. That section 4503.549 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4503.549. (A) Any person who has been awarded the combat 6
action ribbon or badge may apply to the registrar of motor 7
vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial 8
motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class 9
approved by the registrar that the person owns or leases. The 10
application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in 11
support of the award as the registrar may require. The application 12
may be combined with a request for a special reserved license 13
plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 14

Upon receipt of an application for registration of a motor 15
vehicle under this section and the required taxes and fees, and 16
upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of the award 17

of the combat action ribbon or badge, the registrar shall issue to 18
the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set 19
of license plates and a validation sticker, or a validation 20
sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised 21
Code. 22

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 23
on license plates, the license plates shall be inscribed with the 24
words "combat action ribbon" or "combat action badge" and bear a 25
reproduction of the combat action ribbon or badge. The license 26
plates shall bear county identification stickers that identify the 27
county of registration by name or number. 28

The license plates and a validation sticker or, when 29
applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be issued upon 30
payment of the regular license tax required by section 4503.04 of 31
the Revised Code, payment of any local motor vehicle license tax 32
levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, payment of any 33
applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 34
of the Revised Code, and compliance with all other applicable laws 35
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 36

(B)(1) No person who is not a recipient of the combat action 37
ribbon or badge shall knowingly and falsely represent that the 38
person is a recipient of the combat action ribbon or badge for the 39
purpose of obtaining license plates under this section. A person 40
who violates division (B)(1) of this section is guilty of 41
falsification under division (A)(3) of section 2921.13 of the 42
Revised Code. 43

(2) No person shall own a motor vehicle bearing license 44
plates issued under this section unless the person is eligible to 45
be issued those license plates. 46

(C) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 47
apply to license plates issued under this section. 48