



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Creates the "Military Sacrifice" license plate and permits any member of the immediate family of a person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably as a member of any branch of the United States armed forces, either active or reserve, the National Guard under federal or state control, or the United States Coast Guard, to be issued the license plate.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

"Military Sacrifice" license plate

Under the bill, any member of the immediate family of a person who died outside a combat zone while serving honorably as a member of any branch of the United States armed forces, 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. The application for "Military Sacrifice" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate provided in current law. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with the bill's requirements, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "Military Sacrifice" license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by current law.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, "Military Sacrifice" license plates must be inscribed with a distinctive emblem and the

words "Military Sacrifice." "Military Sacrifice" license plates must bear county identification stickers that identifies the county of registration by name or number.¹

"Military Sacrifice" license plates and validation stickers are issued upon payment of the regular license tax prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, and the applicant's compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration. If the application for "Military Sacrifice" license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate provided in current law, the applicant must also pay the applicable additional special reserved license plate fee.²

The bill prohibits any person who does not qualify for "Military Sacrifice" license plates from willfully and falsely representing that the person is such a family member for the purpose of obtaining license plates under the bill.³ For purposes of the bill, "member of the immediate family" means all of the following:

- (A) A spouse;
- (B) A parent, stepparent, or other person who acted in loco parentis;
- (C) A sibling, whether of the whole or half-blood, or by adoption;
- (D) A child, including those by adoption, or a stepchild;
- (E) A grandparent.⁴

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 4503.549(A).

² R.C. 4503.549(B).

³ R.C. 4503.549(C).

⁴ R.C. 4503.549(D)(1) to (5).