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A BILL

To amend section 4503.571 of the Revised Code to 1
permit a person to apply for a Purple Heart 2
license plate that includes the International 3
Symbol of Access. 4

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

Section 1. That section 4503.571 of the Revised Code be 5
amended to read as follows: 6

Sec. 4503.571. (A) (1) Any person who has been awarded the 7
purple heart may apply to the registrar of motor vehicles for 8
the registration of any passenger car, noncommercial motor 9
vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle when the registrar 10
determines that producing a purple heart motorcycle license 11
plate is feasible, or other vehicle of a class approved by the 12
registrar that the person owns or leases. The application shall 13
be accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of the 14
award as the registrar may require. The application may be 15
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate 16
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 17

If the applicant also is eligible for license plates 18
imprinted with the international symbol of access under section 19
4503.44 of the Revised Code, the applicant may apply to have the 20
purple heart license plates that are issued to the applicant 21
display the international symbol of access. The application 22
shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in support of 23
the disability and of the vehicle alterations as the registrar 24
requires under section 4503.44 of the Revised Code. 25

(2) Upon receipt of an application for registration of a 26
motor vehicle under this section and any required taxes, and 27
upon presentation of the required supporting evidence of the 28
award of the purple heart and, as applicable, the evidence 29
required under section 4503.44 of the Revised Code, the 30
registrar shall issue to the applicant the appropriate motor 31
vehicle registration and a set of license plates and a 32
validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required 33
by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 34

(3) In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 35
inscribed on the license plates, the license plates shall be 36
inscribed with the words "PURPLE HEART." When applicable, the 37
license plates also shall display the international symbol of 38
access. The license plates shall bear county identification 39
stickers that identify the county of registration as required 40
under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 41

(B) The license plates and validation stickers shall be 42
issued without the payment of any registration fee and service 43
fee required by sections 4503.04, 4503.10, and 4503.102 of the 44
Revised Code, and without the payment of any local motor vehicle 45
license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code. The 46
applicant shall comply with all other applicable laws relating 47

to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application is 48
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate 49
under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, the 50
license plates and validation sticker shall be issued upon 51
payment of seventy-five per cent of the additional fee 52
prescribed under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. 53

(C) No person who is not a recipient of the purple heart 54
shall willfully and falsely represent that the person is a 55
recipient of a purple heart for the purpose of obtaining license 56
plates under this section. No person shall own a motor vehicle 57
bearing license plates under this section unless the person is 58
eligible to be issued those license plates. 59

Section 2. That existing section 4503.571 of the Revised 60
Code is hereby repealed. 61