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**A BILL**

To enact section 4503.581 of the Revised Code to 1  
create the "Women Veterans" license plate. 2

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

**Section 1.** That section 4503.581 of the Revised Code be 3  
enacted to read as follows: 4

**Sec. 4503.581.** (A) As used in this section, "vehicle" 5  
includes a passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, 6  
recreational vehicle, or other vehicle of a class approved by 7  
the registrar of motor vehicles. 8

(B) Any woman who is a retired or honorably discharged 9  
veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the United States 10  
may apply to the registrar for the registration of any vehicle 11  
the woman owns or leases and the issuance of "Women Veterans" 12  
license plates. An applicant shall include with an application 13  
such written evidence that the registrar shall require by rule 14  
documenting that the applicant is a retired or honorably 15  
discharged veteran of any branch of the armed forces of the 16  
United States. The application may be combined with a request 17

for a special reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 18  
4503.42 of the Revised Code. 19

(C) The registrar shall issue to an applicant the 20  
appropriate motor vehicle registration and a set of "Women 21  
Veterans" license plates and a validation sticker, or a 22  
validation sticker alone when required by section 4503.191 of 23  
the Revised Code, upon the occurrence of all of the following: 24

(1) Receipt by the registrar of an application for 25  
registration of a motor vehicle under this section; 26

(2) Presentation to the registrar of satisfactory evidence 27  
documenting that the applicant is a retired or honorably 28  
discharged veteran of a branch of the armed forces of the United 29  
States; 30

(3) Payment of the regular license fee as prescribed in 31  
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any local motor vehicle 32  
license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and 33  
any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 34  
4503.42 of the Revised Code; and 35

(4) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to 36  
the registration of motor vehicles. 37

(D) In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 38  
inscribed thereon, "Women Veterans" license plates shall contain 39  
the words "Women Veterans." The license plates also shall 40  
contain one of the following inscriptions, as appropriate: "U.S. 41  
ARMED FORCES RETIRED--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)" or "U.S. ARMED FORCES 42  
VETERAN--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)." Depending upon the format of the 43  
inscription, the registrar shall determine whether or not the 44  
inscription contains the dash. The license plates shall bear 45  
county identification stickers that identify the county of 46

registration by name or number. 47

(E) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do 48  
not apply to license plates issued under this section. 49

(F) (1) No person who is not a woman and is not a retired 50  
or honorably discharged veteran of any branch of the armed 51  
forces of the United States shall willfully and falsely 52  
represent that the person is such a veteran for the purpose of 53  
obtaining license plates under this section. No person shall 54  
permit a motor vehicle owned or leased by the person to bear 55  
license plates issued under this section unless the person is 56  
eligible to be issued such license plates. 57

(2) Whoever violates division (F) (1) of this section is 58  
guilty of falsification. 59