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SUMMARY

- Makes numerous memorial designations.
- Modifies two existing memorial highways.
- Creates 15 new specialty license plates.
- Modifies four existing specialty license plates.

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DETAILED ANALYSIS

Memorial designations

The act designates the following highways, bridges, an overpass, and an interchange. It authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the designated locations indicating their names.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
"First Lieutenant Gerald B. Greendyke Memorial Highway" ¹	The northbound and southbound lanes of State Route (SR) 49, between the northernmost intersection of that route with Heritage Road and Arcanum Bears Mill Road, in Darke County.	First Lieutenant Gerald B. Greendyke was killed in action on February 3, 1968, in Vietnam, while serving with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.
"Lance Corporal Michael C. Spaulding, USMC, Memorial Highway" ²	The portion of I-76, between the East Avenue exit and the interchange with I-277, within Akron.	Lance Corporal Michael C. Spaulding was killed on October 23, 1983, in Beirut, Lebanon, while serving on a peacekeeping mission during the Lebanese Civil War. A truck laden with explosives struck the compound of the Multinational Force at Beirut International Airport, penetrated the Battalion Landing Team Headquarters, and detonated, killing Lance Corporal Spaulding and 240 other U.S. military personnel.
"Army PFC Noah C. Porter Memorial Highway" ³	The eastbound and westbound lanes of SR 665, between Borrer Road and Young Road, in Franklin County.	PFC Noah C. Porter died on July 5, 2021, in a motor vehicle accident in Tennessee while driving back to his Army base in Georgia.
"Ohio State Highway Patrol MCEI Kimra Skelton Memorial Highway" ⁴	The northbound and southbound lanes of I-75, between SR 41 and U.S. Route (USR) 36, in Miami County.	Kimra J. Skelton was a Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector (MCEI) for the Piqua District of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. On November 27, 2019, while working on duty at a traffic crash in Troy, she was parked in a crossover when she was struck and killed by a vehicle.

¹ R.C. 5534.153.

² R.C. 5534.161.

³ R.C. 5534.181.

⁴ R.C. 5534.417.

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"Sheriff Gene Fischer Memorial Highway" ⁵	The portion of USR 35, running in a westerly and easterly direction, between USR 42 and USR 68, in Greene County.	Sheriff Gene Fisher served as a Xenia police officer for 20 years and as Greene County Sheriff beginning in 2003. Sheriff Fisher passed away on November 16, 2021, at age 65.
"Firefighter Tommy Rees Memorial Highway" ⁶	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 142, between I-70 and USR 40, in Madison County.	Firefighter Tommy Rees passed away unexpectedly in his sleep at the firehouse on December 28, 2021, while working a 24-hour shift. He had served as a firefighter for Jefferson Township Fire Department for over six years.
"Captain 'Smokey' Carl Edward Summers Memorial Highway" ⁷	The portion of SR 83, running in a northerly and southerly direction, between Kennard Road and USR 42, in Medina County.	Captain "Smokey" Carl Edward Summers was a captain with the Lodi Police Department who died on December 10, 1977, after being intentionally hit with a motor vehicle while investigating an auto theft.
"Sherriff Fredrick J. Abdalla Memorial Highway" ⁸	The portion of SR 7, running in a northerly and southerly direction through Stratton, in Jefferson County.	Sherriff Fredrick Abdalla served two years in the U.S. Army in Vietnam during the Vietnam War and earned numerous decorations for his military service. He passed away on February 21, 2022, having served over 37 years as the Jefferson County Sheriff.

⁵ R.C. 5534.421.

⁶ R.C. 5534.422.

⁷ R.C. 5534.434.

⁸ R.C. 5534.435.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
"Natural Resources Officer Jason Lagore Memorial Highway" ⁹	The portion of SR 73, running in an easterly and westerly direction through Caesar Creek State Park, in Warren County.	Officer Jason Lagore died in the line of duty on February 23, 2021, from a medical emergency while attempting to rescue two teenagers who fell through the ice at Rocky Fork State Park. Officer Lagore served 15 years with the Department of Natural Resources and led the first K-9 academy at the Department.
"Sheriff Sergeant William 'Bill' Morris Memorial Highway" ¹⁰	The portion of SR 55, running in an easterly and westerly direction, between SR 48 and the western border of Troy, in Miami County.	Sheriff Sergeant William "Bill" Morris was killed in the line of duty on November 22, 1972, after being shot while responding to a call involving two juveniles trying to steal a vehicle in Tipp City. Sergeant Morris served 22 years with the Miami County Sheriff's Office.
"Officer Dominic Francis Memorial Highway" ¹¹	The northbound and southbound lanes of I-75, between mile markers 143 and 139, in Allen and Hancock counties.	Officer Dominic Francis was killed in the line of duty on March 31, 2022, while attempting to stop a car during a high-speed chase on I-75. Officer Francis served 11 years with the Bluffton Police Department and 19 years total in law enforcement.
"Police Chief Cel Rivera Memorial Highway" ¹²	The portion of SR 57, running in a northerly and southerly direction, between East 31 st Street and East 36 th Street, in Lorain, Ohio.	Police Chief Cel Rivera passed away on June 22, 2022. Before his retirement in 2019, Chief Rivera served the Lorain Police Department for 49 years, 25 of those as chief.

⁹ R.C. 5534.436.

¹⁰ R.C. 5534.437.

¹¹ R.C. 5534.438.

¹² R.C. 5534.439.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
"Deputy Sheriff Matthew Yates Memorial Highway" ¹³	The eastbound and westbound lanes of USR 40, between Tuttle Road and SR 54, in Clark County.	Deputy Sheriff Matthew Yates was shot and killed in the line of duty on July 24, 2022, while responding to a report of gunfire. Deputy Yates served with the Clark County Sheriff's Office for 15 years.
"Patrolman David L. Cole Memorial Highway" ¹⁴	The northbound and southbound lanes of I-71, between Martin Luther King Drive and Eden Park Drive, in Hamilton County.	Patrolman David L. Cole was shot and killed in the line of duty on July 17, 1974, after responding to a call about a burglary of a local business. He served five years with the Cincinnati Police Department.
"Patrolman Paul L. McManis Memorial Highway" ¹⁵	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 269, between Potter Road and Parker Road, in Erie County.	Patrolman Paul L. McManis was killed in an automobile accident on September 28, 1941, while responding to a different traffic accident on State Route 269 in Erie County. Patrolman McManis had served with the Ohio State Highway Patrol for five months.
"Patrolman Leroy S. Bedell Memorial Highway" ¹⁶	The eastbound and westbound lanes of SR 113, between SR 4 and SR 99, in Erie and Huron counties.	Patrolman Leroy S. Bedell was killed in a motorcycle accident on August 20, 1935, when a dog lunged at his motorcycle, causing him to lose control as he attempted to avoid striking it. Patrolman Bedell had served with the Ohio State Highway Patrol for almost two years and previously served with the Huron County Sheriff's Office.

¹³ R.C. 5534.483.

¹⁴ R.C. 5534.484.

¹⁵ R.C. 5534.495.

¹⁶ R.C. 5534.496.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
"Captain Charles R. Miner Memorial Bridge" ¹⁷	The bridge spanning SR 11 that is part of SR 164 and that is located in Fairfield Township, in Columbiana County.	Charles R. Miner joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1957 and was selected to serve in the 8 th and 1 Marine Barracks in Washington D.C., where he performed ceremonial duties and protection for then President Dwight D. Eisenhower. After separating from the Marine Corps in 1959, he joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol and eventually became a Captain. After retiring from the Highway Patrol, he continued his career in public service as the Mahoning County Manager for the Ohio Department of Transportation.
"World War II Veterans Memorial Highway" ¹⁸	The eastbound and westbound lanes of SR 84, between State Road and Blake Road, in Ashtabula County.	
"Gunnery Sergeant James W. Speedy Memorial Interchange" ¹⁹	The interchange of I-77 and I-70, in Guernsey County.	Gunnery Sergeant James W. Speedy was one of four U.S. Marines killed when their Osprey aircraft accidentally crashed on March 18, 2022, during a NATO training exercise in Norway.

¹⁷ R.C. 5534.498.

¹⁸ R.C. 5534.513.

¹⁹ R.C. 5534.515.

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"State Representative Andy Thompson Memorial Highway" ²⁰	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 821, between SR 60 and County Road (CR) 375, in Washington County.	Andy Thompson was a Republican member of the Ohio House of Representatives for the 95 th District, which includes Carroll, Harrison, and Noble counties, and portions of Washington and Belmont counties. He died unexpectedly on May 13, 2020.
"Robert E. Turney Memorial Highway" ²¹	The portion of USR 36, between CR 62 and CR 416, in Tuscarawas County.	Robert E. Turney served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was awarded the Silver Star for his actions during the North Africa campaign in 1943, where he remained with a wounded soldier, even though remaining resulted in both being captured. Remarkably, they were released after a few days. After returning home after the war, he worked for the Ohio Department of Transportation from 1945 to 1978, and passed away on October 15, 1989.
"Specialist Ronald Gene Johnson Memorial Overpass" ²²	The overpass spanning USR 250 that is part of Johnson Drive and that is located in Uhrichsville, in Tuscarawas County.	Specialist Ronald Gene Johnson was killed in action on February 9, 1968, in Quang Nam, South Vietnam, during the Vietnam War. Specialist Johnson was directing his squad in its assault of an enemy bunker when he was mortally wounded by sniper fire. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device for his actions on that day.

²⁰ R.C. 5534.518.

²¹ R.C. 5534.54.

²² R.C. 5534.608.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
<p>“Cpl. Fred B. McGee Memorial Highway; Korean War Hero; Silver Star Recipient”²³</p>	<p>The portion of SR 151, running in an easterly and westerly direction, between CR 18 and SR 152, in Jefferson County.</p>	<p>Cpl. Fred B. McGee served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. During the Battle of Hill 528, he and his squad leader were both seriously wounded. Despite his own injuries, when the second in command was unable to take over, Cpl. McGee took command and worked to evacuate his fellow wounded and killed soldiers, even after the order to withdraw. He received numerous awards and accolades, including the Silver Star, and passed away on January 3, 2020.</p>
<p>“Captain David ‘Hank’ Spellacy Memorial Highway”²⁴</p>	<p>The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 315, between Bethel Road and SR 161, in Franklin County.</p>	<p>Captain David “Hank” Spellacy, a U.S. Marine, was killed in action on February 25, 1991, when a surface-to-air missile shot down his plane while serving in Operation Desert Storm.</p>
<p>“Veterans Legacy Highway”²⁵</p>	<p>The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 44, between USR 322 and SR 87, in Geauga County.</p>	
<p>“PFC Jerry D. Leak Memorial Highway”²⁶</p>	<p>The portion of SR 123, between mile markers 15 to 16, in Lebanon, in Warren County.</p>	<p>PFC Jerry D. Leak was killed in action on February 28, 1968, in Vietnam while serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.</p>

²³ R.C. 5534.611.

²⁴ R.C. 5534.613.

²⁵ R.C. 5534.641.

²⁶ R.C. 5534.643.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
"Murray Ebner, Holocaust Survivor and Korean War Veteran, Memorial Highway" ²⁷	The northbound and southbound lanes of I-270, between Hamilton Road and Morse Road, in Franklin County.	During World War II, Murray Ebner survived four years of enslavement in four sub-camps of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration and Extermination Camp, including a death march out of the Camp. After immigrating to the U.S., he was drafted into the U.S. Army for the Korean War, where he served for two years in Germany protecting the Germans from the Soviets. He passed away on November 8, 2015.
"LCpl. Timothy Michael Bell, Jr. Memorial Highway" ²⁸	The northbound and southbound lanes of USR 42, between Fields Ertel Road and West Chester Road, in Butler County.	LCpl. Timothy Michael Bell, Jr. was killed in action on August 3, 2005, while serving in the U.S. Marines and conducting combat operations south of Hadithah, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
"Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge" ²⁹	The bridge spanning Mud Run that is part of SR 304 and that is located in Hubbard, in Trumbull County.	The Purple Heart medal is presented to military service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the U.S. military. It originated from the Badge of Military Merit, created by President George Washington in 1782, and was revived with its modern-day look and name by Army General Douglas MacArthur in 1932.

²⁷ R.C. 5534.702.

²⁸ R.C. 5534.704.

²⁹ R.C. 5534.821.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
"U.S. Navy Corpsman Maxton Sowiak Memorial Highway" ³⁰	The eastbound and westbound lanes of SR 113, between McIntyre Road and Twin Oaks Drive, in Erie County.	While supporting Operation Allies Refuge on August 26, 2021, U.S. Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Sowiak was killed during an attack at the Abbey Gate of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan.
"SPC Christian M. Neff Memorial Highway" ³¹	The northbound and southbound lanes of I-75, between East 4 th Street and National Road, in Allen and Auglaize counties.	SPC Christian M. Neff was killed in action on September 19, 2009, while serving with the U.S. Army in Baghdad, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
"Putnam County Veterans Memorial Highway" ³²	The eastbound and westbound lanes of USR 224, in Putnam County.	
"Corporal Dustin A. Derga Memorial Highway" ³³	The eastbound and westbound lanes of I-70, in Fairfield County.	Marine Corporal Dustin A. Derga was killed in action on May 8, 2005, by enemy small-arms fire while conducting combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
"SSG Garren Ray Goudy Memorial Highway" ³⁴	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 7, between the northern border of Powhatan Point, Ohio and Pipe Creek Road, in Belmont County.	Staff Sergeant Garren Ray Goudy was killed in action on November 22, 1968, while serving in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Silver Star with four oak leaf clusters.

³⁰ R.C. 5534.831.

³¹ R.C. 5534.832.

³² R.C. 5534.836.

³³ R.C. 5534.839.

³⁴ R.C. 5534.842.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
"Williams County Veterans Memorial Highway" ³⁵	The eastbound and westbound lanes of SR 107, between SR 49 and SR 15, in Williams County.	
"PFC Edward O'Dell Mullins, Jr. Memorial Bridge" ³⁶	The bridge spanning the Todd Fork that is part of USR 22 and that is located in Morrow, in Warren County.	PFC Edward O'Dell Mullins, Jr. was the last American combat fatality during World War II. While serving, he was shot by a Japanese sniper during a surprise attack on August 14, 1945. He had earlier received a Bronze Star for his actions in July 1945 when he helped to eliminate two Japanese machine gun positions. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.
"Sgt. Cameron H. Thomas Memorial Way" ³⁷	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 48, between Stroop Road and David Road, in Montgomery County.	Sgt. Cameron H. Thomas was killed in action on April 27, 2017, in Afghanistan, as a result of small-arms fire during combat operations as part of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.
"Sgt. Kevin J. Lannon Memorial Way" ³⁸	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 48, between David Road and Rahn Road, in Montgomery County.	Sgt. Kevin J. Lannon was killed in action on October 25, 1983, in Grenada, during Operation Urgent Fury, which was conducted to protect American citizens living in the country.

³⁵ R.C. 5534.843.

³⁶ R.C. 5534.844.

³⁷ R.C. 5534.845(A)(1).

³⁸ R.C. 5534.845(A)(2).

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"Byers Brothers Memorial Highway" ³⁹	The portion of SR 800, running in a northerly and southerly direction, between SR 148 and Mann Ridge Road, in Belmont County.	There are five Byers Brothers (Roland, Kenneth, Robert, Bill, and Donald), four of whom served in the U.S. military during either WWII or the Cold War period.
"Teresa Miller-Martin 9/11 Memorial Highway" ⁴⁰	The portion of SR 19, running in a northerly and southerly direction, between Link Road and I-90, in Sandusky County.	Teresa Miller-Martin was a civilian employee with the U.S. Army who was killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.
"Wayne County Gold Star Family Memorial Highway" ⁴¹	The portion of SR 226, running in a northerly and southerly direction, between SR 514 and where SR 226 passes Triway High School, in Wayne County.	Gold Star Families are the families of those who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. armed forces. The term originated during World War I when families displayed small banners with a blue star for every immediate family member serving in the military. The blue star was replaced with a gold star if that family member died or was killed in action while serving.
"Officer Wayne A. Leon Memorial Highway" ⁴²	The eastbound and westbound lanes of Lorain Avenue, between West 65 th Street and West 30 th Street, within Cleveland.	Officer Wayne A. Leon was shot and killed in the line of duty on June 25, 2000, after he stopped to question a man who was suspected of being involved in a shooting that occurred the previous day. He served with the Cleveland Police Department for six years.

³⁹ R.C. 5534.846.

⁴⁰ R.C. 5534.889.

⁴¹ R.C. 5534.902.

⁴² R.C. 5534.917.

Designated Name	Designated Location	Biographical Information
"PFC Dale Marker Memorial Highway" ⁴³	The portion of SR 571, running in a northwesterly and southeasterly direction, between Burkholder Road and Gettysburg-Pittsburg Road, in Darke County.	PFC Dale Marker was a member of the U.S. Army serving in World War II. He enlisted on March 6, 1943, as a light machine gunner in Company L of the 15 th Infantry Regiment of the 3 rd Infantry Division where he fought in four campaigns. Twice wounded in combat and awarded numerous military awards for his service (including the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action, Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in ground combat, and Purple Heart Medal with one bronze cluster), he was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor on May 3, 2013.
"Jesse Owens Memorial Highway" ⁴⁴	The northbound and southbound lanes of SR 315, between the Broad Street exit and the King Avenue exit, in Franklin County.	Jesse Owens was a star track athlete from the Ohio State University who competed in the Olympics in 1936, winning four gold medals.

Changes to existing memorial highways

The act renames the existing "Melvin E. Newlin Memorial Highway" to the "PFC Melvin E. Newlin, Medal of Honor Recipient, Memorial Highway" in order to reflect PFC Newlin's rank and special status as a Medal of Honor Recipient. PFC Newlin was a machine gunner for the U.S. Marines Corp during the Vietnam War. On July 4, 1967, he repelled communist Viet Cong forces at an outpost in Nong Son, allowing time for his fellow Marines to organize and defeat a surprise enemy attack, which led to a Marine victory. PFC Newlin was mortally wounded during the assault and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his selfless courage and unwavering devotion to duty. The portion of State Route 7, between the Columbiana/Jefferson counties' border through Wellsville, Ohio to the western boundary of East Liverpool, Ohio is designated in his honor.⁴⁵

⁴³ R.C. 5534.918.

⁴⁴ R.C. 5534.962.

⁴⁵ R.C. 5533.34.

Additionally, the act changes the name of the “Officer David Fahey Memorial Highway” located on I-90 in Cuyahoga County to the “Officer David Fahey Jr. Cleveland Police First District Memorial Highway” to reflect Officer Fahey’s service with the Cleveland Police First District. Officer Fahey was killed in the line of duty when he was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver, while assisting on the scene of a fatal accident on I-90 on January 24, 2017.⁴⁶

New specialty license plates

The act creates 15 new specialty license plates. The plates are available to the general public, but require a person to pay an annual contribution when the plate is issued and renewed. The contributions are deposited into the existing License Plate Contribution Fund and later disbursed to the appropriate organizations that receive the contributions. Those organizations work with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to determine the appropriate logo and words that are displayed on the plates.

In addition to the contribution, the person receiving the specialty license plate must pay an annual \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) fee. The fee’s purpose is to compensate the BMV for the additional services required to issue each specialty license plate. The BMV fee is deposited into the existing Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund.⁴⁷ All other registration requirements apply to the new plates. The new plates may be issued for passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and any other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar.

The new specialty license plates created by the act are set forth in the following table.

New specialty license plates			
Name of the specialty license plate	Sponsoring organization	Contribution	Use of Contribution ⁴⁸
“Recovery is Beautiful” license plate ⁴⁹	National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI) Ohio, Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR), Ohio Peer Recovery Organizations (Ohio PRO), the Ohio Council, and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA)	\$20	Contributions must be paid equally to NAMI Ohio, Ohio PRO, and OCAAR.

⁴⁶ R.C. 5534.45.

⁴⁷ R.C. 4501.06, not in the act.

⁴⁸ R.C. 4501.21.

⁴⁹ R.C. 4503.519.

New specialty license plates			
Name of the specialty license plate	Sponsoring organization	Contribution	Use of Contribution ⁴⁸
“Paul Laurence Dunbar” license plate ⁵⁰	Ohio History Connection	\$10	For the benefit of the Paul Laurence Dunbar House.
“Ohio Conference of Teamsters” license plate ⁵¹	Ohio Conference of Teamsters and Industry Health and Welfare Fund	\$20	To further the Ohio Conference of Teamsters’ mission.
“Playhouse Square” license plate ⁵²	Board of Trustees of Playhouse Square in Cleveland, OH	\$15	To further Playhouse Square’s mission of presenting and producing a wide variety of quality performing arts, advancing arts education, and creating a superior destination for entertainment, business, and residential living.
“Ohio Bird Sanctuary” license plate ⁵³	Ohio Bird Sanctuary in Mansfield, OH	\$15	For the Sanctuary’s operations, bird care and rehabilitation, and educational programs.
“P.A.W.S.” license plate ⁵⁴	Progressive Animal Welfare Society Adoption Center, Inc.	\$25	To support the activities of the Center.
“American Legion” license plate ⁵⁵	American Legion, Department of Ohio, Inc.	\$10	To support the activities of the sponsoring organization.

⁵⁰ R.C. 4503.532.

⁵¹ R.C. 4503.533.

⁵² R.C. 4503.559.

⁵³ R.C. 4503.569.

⁵⁴ R.C. 4503.582.

⁵⁵ R.C. 4503.583.

New specialty license plates			
Name of the specialty license plate	Sponsoring organization	Contribution	Use of Contribution ⁴⁸
“Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program” license plate ⁵⁶	Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Foundation through the Ohio Oil and Gas Association	\$20	To fund scholarships for students pursuing careers in the oil and natural gas industry.
“Shriners” license plate ⁵⁷	Antioch Shrine Foundation in Dayton, OH	\$15	Paid to the Foundation, with no specific purpose specified for the contributions.
“Ohio House Rabbit Rescue” license plate ⁵⁸	Ohio House Rabbit Rescue	\$15	For rescue, adoption, and educational programs.
“Revere Local Schools” license plate ⁵⁹	Revere Schools Foundation	\$25	To promote the Foundation’s mission, including awarding scholarships to honor young people who are meaningfully engaged in their school or community. The Foundation may not use the contributions for any political purpose.
“Stephen T. Badin High School” license plate ⁶⁰	Stephen T. Badin High School in Hamilton, OH	\$30	Paid to the High School, with no specific purpose specified for the contributions.

⁵⁶ R.C. 4503.584.

⁵⁷ R.C. 4503.704.

⁵⁸ R.C. 4503.741.

⁵⁹ R.C. 4503.885.

⁶⁰ R.C. 4503.886.

New specialty license plates			
Name of the specialty license plate	Sponsoring organization	Contribution	Use of Contribution ⁴⁸
“Bishop Hartley High School” license plate ⁶¹	Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus, OH	\$30	For the school’s alumni association and the alumni association’s purposes.
“Creative Ohio” license plate ⁶²	Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation	\$25	For advocacy, education, and professional development programs.
“Chardon High School State Football Champs” license plate ⁶³	Chardon Hilltopper Gridiron Club through Chardon High School	\$20	To fund college and career technical training scholarships for students.

Changes to existing specialty license plates

“Pets” and “Ohio Horse” license plates

The act requires the Registrar to make the “Pets” and “Ohio Horse” specialty license plates available as a motorcycle license plate. Prior law authorized, but did not require, the Registrar to provide those specialty plates as motorcycle plates. The act retains the ability for those who own passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and any other vehicle approved by the Registrar to obtain these specialty plates.⁶⁴

“Ohio Sons of the American Legion” license plate

The act redirects the contributions (\$10 per registration and renewal) for the “Ohio Sons of the American Legion” specialty license plate from the Ohio Sons of the American Legion to the Ohio Past Detachment Commander’s Club, Inc.⁶⁵

⁶¹ R.C. 4503.887.

⁶² R.C. 4503.933.

⁶³ R.C. 4503.964.

⁶⁴ R.C. 4503.551 and 4503.553.

⁶⁵ R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.581.

“Fallen Lineworkers” license plate

The act renames the “Fallen Linemen” license plate as the “Fallen Lineworkers” license plate. It also changes the organization designated to receive the \$10 contributions from the sale of the license plate from the Fallen Linemen Organization to the Community Foundation of Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives. Relatedly, it requires the Registrar to distribute future contributions, and any past contributions that were never accepted by the Fallen Linemen Organization, to the Community Foundation of Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives. Finally, it adds that the Foundation may use contributions to recognize and memorialize fallen or injured lineworkers and support their families (rather than to memorialize only fallen lineworkers and support their families, as in prior law).⁶⁶

HISTORY

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⁶⁶ R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.715.