



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Rep. Ruhl

## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal

The bill creates the following license plate (R.C. 4503.536):

<b>Special License Plate</b>	<b>Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal</b> license plate, which must be inscribed with appropriate words indicating the applicable award and must bear a reproduction of the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal (provided the U.S. Department of Defense grants approval to include the reproduction).
<b>Recipients</b>	Available to anyone who has been awarded the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal.
<b>Eligible Vehicles</b>	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
<b>Contribution and Additional BMV Fee</b>	No required contribution.  No additional BMV fee.
<b>Use of Contribution</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Requirements for Issuance</b>	(1) Submission of an application and satisfactory evidence documenting that the applicant is a recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal;  (2) Payment of the regular license tax, any applicable local tax, any applicable special reserved license plate fee; and  (3) Compliance with all other applicable laws relating to motor vehicle registration.

<b>Combined with Special Reserved License Plate</b>	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
<b>Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures</b>	Procedures governing the termination of nonstandard license plates do not apply.

### **Falsifying an application for the "Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal" license plate**

The bill prohibits any person who is not a recipient of the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal from willfully and falsely representing that the person is such a recipient for the purpose of obtaining the license plates. The bill also prohibits any person from permitting a motor vehicle owned or leased by the person to bear such license plates unless the person is eligible to be issued such license plates. Under the criminal code, a person who commits such a violation may be found guilty of falsification.<sup>1</sup> Generally, falsification is a first degree misdemeanor.<sup>2</sup>

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## **HISTORY**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Introduced	07-30-15

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4503.536(B).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 2921.13(F), not in the bill.

