



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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131st General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety)

Reps. Ruhl, T. Johnson, Perales, Anielski, Arndt, Bishoff, Fedor, Landis, M. O'Brien, Young

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal

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

Special License Plate	Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal 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).
Recipients	Available to anyone who has been awarded the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal.
Eligible Vehicles	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
Contribution and Additional BMV Fee	No required contribution. No additional BMV fee.
Use of Contribution	Not applicable.
Requirements for Issuance	(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.

Combined with Special Reserved License Plate	May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.
Applicability of License Plate Termination Procedures	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.¹ Generally, falsification is a first degree misdemeanor.²

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	07-30-15
Reported, H. Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety	02-24-16

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¹ R.C. 4503.536(B).

² R.C. 2921.13(F), not in the bill.

