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Effective date: September 14, 2016

ACT SUMMARY

- Beginning January 1, 2018, requires county identification stickers for license plates to identify the county by name only, rather than by name and number as under prior law.
- Creates 18 new nonstandard license plates and amends two nonstandard license plates created under prior law.
- Designates a portion of State Route 2 in Cuyahoga County as the "Governor Richard F. Celeste Shoreway."
- Renames the Port Columbus International Airport as the John Glenn Columbus International Airport.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

County identification stickers

The act changes the law governing motor vehicle license plate county identification stickers. Under the act, after January 1, 2018, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles must issue county identification stickers for license plates that identify the county by name only, except in the case of nonstandard license plates (for example, Ohio Zoo License Plates), in which case, the sticker will identify the county by name or number. Under prior law, county identification stickers on all license plates identified the county by name or number.¹

New nonstandard license plates

Overview

The act creates 18 new nonstandard license plates, 14 of which are available to the general public. Those 14 license plates require the payment of a contribution of varying amounts upon license plate issuance or renewal to be deposited into the existing License Plate Contribution Fund, along with an additional annual \$10 Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) fee. The additional fee must be deposited into the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund and used by the BMV for its additional services in issuing the nonstandard license plates. All of the new license plates require payment of the regular license tax, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, and the appropriate special reserved license plate fee, if applicable.

Generally, the new license plates may be issued for display on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and any other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. However, the Cleveland St. Ignatius High School license plate, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools license plate, and Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools license plate also may be issued for display on motorcycles, cab-enclosed motorcycles, commercial motor vehicles, and effective January 1, 2017, any motor-driven cycle or motor scooter.

The four new license plates that are not available to the general public include the "Distinguished Flying Cross" license plate, the "Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal" license plate, the "Combat Medical Badge" license plate, and the "Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran" license plate. The first three are only available to the recipients of those respective awards. The "Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran" license plate is only

¹ R.C. 4503.19 and Section 3.

available to those who served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam Conflict. All four license plates require presentation of documentary evidence demonstrating eligibility for the desired license plate at the time of issuance.

Nonstandard license plates

Nonstandard license plate	Contribution? Additional Bureau of Motor Vehicles fee?	Use of contribution
Distinguished Flying Cross license plate, inscribed with the words "DFC Medal Recipient" and an illustration of the Distinguished Flying Cross award (<i>R.C. 4503.434</i>).	No required contribution. No additional BMV fee.	Not applicable.
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness license plate, inscribed with words and markings that promote pancreatic cancer awareness (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.495</i>).	\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation must use the contributions to assist those who suffer with pancreatic cancer and their families.
Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.528</i>).	\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies must use the contributions to pay the expenses incurred in advancing the organization's mission of sustainably improving the provision of services to children, young adults, and families in Ohio.
Ohio Nurses Association license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Ohio Nurses Association (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.529</i>).	\$25 contribution for initial application, or \$11.50 contribution for registration renewal plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Ohio Nurses Foundation must use the contributions to provide educational scholarships to assist individuals who aspire to join the nursing profession, to assist nurses in the nursing profession who seek to advance their education, and to support persons conducting nursing research concerning the evidence-based practice of nursing and the improvement of patient outcomes.
Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal license plate, inscribed with appropriate words indicating the applicable award and displaying a reproduction of	No required contribution. No additional BMV fee.	Not applicable.



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the Global War on Terrorism Civilian Service Medal (<i>R.C. 4503.536</i>).		
Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran license plate, inscribed with identifying letters or numerals and the words "VIETNAM VETERAN" and bearing a reproduction of the U.S. Marine Corps <i>emblem</i> (<i>R.C. 4503.537</i>).	No required contribution. No additional BMV fee.	Not applicable.
Combat Medical Badge license plate, inscribed with the words "Combat Medical Badge" and bearing a reproduction of the Combat Medical Badge (<i>R.C. 4503.538</i>).	No required contribution. No additional BMV fee.	Not applicable.
Street Rod license plate, inscribed with words and markings selected and designed by the Western Reserve Historical Society (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.555</i>).	\$15 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Western Reserve Historical Society must use the contributions to fund the Crawford Auto Aviation Museum.
Cuyahoga Valley National Park license plate, inscribed with words or markings that are designed by the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.565</i>).	\$15 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park must use the contributions to support the Park.
National Aviation Hall of Fame license plate, inscribed with identifying words or markings that promote the National Aviation Hall of Fame (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.577</i>).	\$15 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The National Aviation Hall of Fame must use the contributions to fulfill its mission of honoring aerospace legends to inspire future leaders.

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Monarch Butterfly license plate, inscribed with identifying words or markings that are designed by Monarch Wings Across Ohio (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.592</i>).	\$15 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	Monarch Wings Across Ohio must use the contributions for the protection and preservation of the monarch butterfly and pollinator corridor in Ohio and for educational programs.
Fallen Linemen license plate, inscribed with words and markings that are designed by the Fallen Linemen Organization (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.715</i>).	\$10 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Fallen Linemen Organization must use the contributions to recognize and memorialize fallen linemen and to support their families.
Ohio Battleflag license plate, inscribed with the words "In God We Trust" and markings that are designed by the Ohio History Connection, which include the U.S. Flag and the Ohio Burgee Flag (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.763</i>).	\$15 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Ohio History Connection must use the contributions solely to build, support, and maintain the Ohio Battleflag Collection within the Ohio History Connection.
Baseball for All license plate, inscribed with the words "Baseball for All" and markings that are designed by the Grove City Little League Board (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.87</i>).	\$15 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Grove City Little League Dream Field Fund must use the contributions solely to build, maintain, and improve youth baseball fields within the municipal corporation of Grove City, located in Franklin County.
I Stand with Israel license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Friends of United Hatzalah of Israel (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.97</i>).	\$20 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Friends of United Hatzalah of Israel must use the contributions to support United Hatzalah of Israel, which provides free emergency medical first response throughout Israel.
Cleveland St. Ignatius High School license plate inscribed, with identifying words and markings that are designed by Cleveland St. Ignatius High School (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.902</i>).	\$30 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The high school must use 50% of the contributions for tuition assistance, and 50% to provide services to students that assist in developing or maintaining the student's mental and emotional well-being, including bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and the counseling and



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		<p>education of students regarding bullying, dating violence, drug abuse, suicide prevention, and human trafficking.</p> <p>The high school may hire charitable (501(c)(3)) organizations to help provide the services to the students. Otherwise, it may pay for faculty members to receive training in providing the services.</p>
<p>Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools license plate inscribed, with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.903</i>).</p>	<p>\$30 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.</p>	<p>The school district must use the contributions to provide services to students that assist in developing or maintaining the student's mental and emotional well-being, including bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and the counseling and education of students regarding bullying, dating violence, drug abuse, suicide prevention, and human trafficking.</p> <p>The district may hire charitable (501(c)(3)) organizations to help provide the services to the students. Otherwise, it may pay for faculty members to receive training in providing the services.</p>
<p>Chagrin Falls Exempted Village Schools license plate inscribed, with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Chagrin Falls Exempted Village School District (<i>R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.904</i>).</p>	<p>\$30 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.</p>	<p>The school district must use the contributions to provide services to students that assist in developing or maintaining the student's mental and emotional well-being, including bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and the counseling and education of students regarding bullying, dating violence, drug abuse, suicide prevention, and human trafficking.</p> <p>The district may hire charitable (501(c)(3)) organizations to help provide the services to the</p>

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Amended nonstandard license plates

Active Duty or Retired or Honorably Discharged Veteran license plate

The act allows the existing Active Duty or Retired or Honorably Discharged Veteran license plate to be inscribed with the words: "U.S. ARMY AVIATION ACTIVE DUTY," "U.S. ARMY AVIATION RETIRED," or "U.S. ARMY AVIATION VETERAN." Under law unchanged by the act, the license plate also may be inscribed with the following, as appropriate: "U.S. ARMED FORCES ACTIVE DUTY--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)," "U.S. ARMED FORCES RETIRED--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)," or "U.S. ARMED FORCES VETERAN--(BRANCH OF SERVICE)."²

Combat Action Ribbon, Badge, or Medal license plate

The act allows the existing "Combat Action Ribbon" or "Combat Action Badge" license plate to be inscribed with the words "Combat Action Medal," as well. Under continuing law, documentary evidence in support of the respective award must be submitted at the time of issuance, and any person who is not a recipient of the Combat Action Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, or the Combat Action Medal, is prohibited from willfully and falsely representing that the person is a recipient of the respective award for the purpose of obtaining one of these license plates.³

Designated shoreway

The act designates the portion of State Route 2 located in Cuyahoga County and also known as the Cleveland Memorial Shoreway, commencing at Lake Avenue and extending in an easterly direction to the point at which the road crosses the Cuyahoga River as the "Governor Richard F. Celeste Shoreway."⁴ Governor Celeste served two terms as Governor of Ohio, from 1983 to 1991. The Director of Transportation is authorized to erect suitable markers along the shoreway indicating its name.

² R.C. 4503.54.

³ R.C. 4503.533.

⁴ R.C. 5534.53.

Airport name change

The act changes the name of the Port Columbus International Airport to the John Glenn Columbus International Airport.⁵

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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⁵ R.C. 4563.50.

