



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Ryan and Ginter, Landis, Grossman, Hackett, Vitale, Romanchuk, Derickson, Dever, Sheehy, Perales

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The "Distinguished Flying Cross" license plate

The bill creates the following license plate (R.C. 4503.434):

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| Special License Plate | Distinguished Flying Cross license plate, inscribed with the words "DFS Medal recipient." |
| Recipients | Available to anyone who is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross. |
| 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 Distinguished Flying Cross; (2) Payment of the regular license tax, any applicable local tax, any applicable special reserved license plate fee; (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 "Distinguished Flying Cross" license plate

The bill prohibits any person who is not a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross 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 |
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| Introduced | 08-31-15 |

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¹ R.C. 4503.434(C).

² R.C. 2921.13(F), not in bill.

