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Effective date: April 6, 2017

ACT SUMMARY

- Designates and amends multiple memorial highways.
- Creates and amends multiple special license plates.

* This version updates the effective date.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Memorial highways

The act designates the following highways and bridge and authorizes the Director of Transportation to erect suitable markers along the highways and the approaches to the bridge:

Designated Name	Highway	Biographical Information
"Staff Sgt. Richard T. Pummill Memorial Highway" ¹	The portion of State Route (S.R.) 125, located in Hamilton County, commencing at the intersection of that route and Markley Road and proceeding in an easterly direction to the intersection of S.R. 125 and Five Mile Road.	Staff Sgt. Richard T. Pummill was killed in action on October 20, 2005, while conducting combat operations near Nasser Wa Salaam, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
"Army Pfc. Michael Dominic Paonessa Memorial Highway" ²	The portion of Interstate Route (I.R.) 77, located in Summit County, running in a northerly and southerly direction, commencing where I.R. 77 passes underneath Wilbeth Road and proceeding to where it passes underneath Lovers Lane.	Army Pfc. Michael Dominic Paonessa was killed in action on October 19, 1968, in Vietnam, while serving during the Vietnam Conflict.
"SPC James E. Hall, Jr. Memorial Highway" ³	The portion of S.R. 73, located in Butler County, commencing at the intersection of that route and Jacksonburg Road and proceeding in an easterly direction to the intersection of S.R. 73 and Wehr Road.	U.S. Army Specialist James E. Hall, Jr. died on November 11, 2011, shortly after returning home from serving in Afghanistan.

¹ R.C. 5534.011.

² R.C. 5534.18.

³ R.C. 5534.29.



Designated Name	Highway	Biographical Information
"Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson Memorial Highway" ⁴	The portion of I.R. 270, located in Franklin County, commencing at the interchange of that route and S.R. 161 and extending in a westerly direction to the intersection of I.R. 270 and Cemetery Road.	Hilliard Patrol Officer Sean Johnson was killed in a motorcycle crash during a training exercise on May 19, 2016.
"Trooper Kenny Velez Memorial Highway" ⁵	The eastbound and westbound lanes of I.R. 90, located in Cuyahoga County, between the intersection of I.R. 90 and Warren Road and the intersection of I.R. 90 and Hilliard Road.	State highway patrol trooper Kenny Velez was killed after being struck by a motor vehicle while conducting a routine traffic stop on September 15, 2016.
"Sergeant Emile DeLeau, Jr. Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Highway" ⁶	The portion of I.R. 70, located in Belmont County, commencing at mile marker 220.3 and proceeding in an easterly direction to mile marker 221.3.	Sergeant Emile DeLeau, Jr. was killed in action on February 2, 1945, in Oberhoffen, France during World War II. He posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his bravery and leadership in his final battle.
"Sergeant Sylvester Antolak Medal of Honor Recipient Memorial Highway" ⁷	The portion of I.R. 70, located in Belmont County, commencing at mile marker 216.8 and proceeding in an easterly direction to mile marker 217.8.	Sergeant Sylvester Antolak was killed in action on May 24, 1944, in Cisterna di Littoria, Italy during World War II. He posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his bravery and leadership in his final battle.

⁴ R.C. 5534.44.

⁵ R.C. 5534.46.

⁶ R.C. 5534.61.

⁷ R.C. 5534.62.



Designated Name	Highway	Biographical Information
"Sergeant Joseph W. Danison Memorial Highway" ⁸	The eastbound and westbound lanes of S.R. 317, located in Franklin County, between the intersection of S.R. 317 and S.R. 23 and the intersection of S.R. 317 and Bixby Road.	Sergeant Joseph W. Danison was killed in action on September 13, 1969, in Vietnam while serving during the Vietnam Conflict.
"Sgt. William "Bill" Endress and Geneva Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway" ⁹	The portion of S.R. 534, located in Ashtabula County, running in a northerly and southerly direction, commencing at the intersection of S.R. 534 and S.R. 84 and proceeding to the intersection of S.R. 534 and Roosevelt Drive.	Sgt. William (Bill) Endress was killed in action on June 26, 1970, in Vietnam, while serving during the Vietnam Conflict. Sgt. Endress was one of at least four men from Geneva, Ohio who were killed in action during the Vietnam Conflict.
"Corporal Nathan R. Anderson Memorial Bridge" ¹⁰	The bridge spanning Schenck Creek on S.R. 36 in Monroe Township in Knox County.	Marine Corporal Nathan R. Anderson was killed in action on November 12, 2004, in Anbar province, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.
"Army PFC Neil R. Scott Memorial Highway" ¹¹	The portion of S.R. 124, in Highland County, commencing at the intersection of that route and S.R. 50 and proceeding in a northwesterly direction to the intersection of S.R. 124 with Anderson Road and Welcome Road.	Army PFC Neil R. Scott was captured and died on approximately July 5, 1950, in South Korea, while serving during the Korean Conflict.

⁸ R.C. 5534.63.

⁹ R.C. 5534.65.

¹⁰ R.C. 5534.67.

¹¹ R.C. 5534.73.



The act amends two current memorial highways:

(1) The location of the "SFC Bobby Lee Estle Memorial Highway" is changed to encompass the portion of S.R. 48 that runs north and south between S.R. 48 and I.R. 71 and S.R. 48 and County Road 38 in Warren County. Prior law referred to S.R. 38 in Warren County, which is a road that does not exist in that county.¹²

(2) The name of the "Vietnam Veterans: SP4 Arthur J. Heringhausen Jr., SP4 Ervin E. Harris, CPL Gerald E. Corlett, PFC Joseph G. Gill, PFC Esiquio A. Cantu, 2LT John W. Vaughan, PFC Scott D. Corrello, and A1C John M. Thayer Memorial Highway" is changed to the "Oregon Jerusalem Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway."¹³ The soldiers whose names were listed as part of the original name of the highway all came from either Oregon Township or Jerusalem Township. Evidently, the Department of Transportation could not fit all of the listed names on a standard memorial highway sign.

Nonstandard license plates

The act creates six new nonstandard license plates, all of which are available to the general public. The license plates require the payment of a contribution of varying amounts on 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 plates. All of the new plates require payment of the regular license tax, any local motor vehicle tax, and the appropriate special reserved license plate fee, if required.

Generally, new license plates may be issued for passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and any other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. However, under the act, the "Solon City Schools" license plate, the "Lakewood St. Edward High School" license plate, and the "Independence Local Schools" license plate also may be issued for motorcycles, cab-enclosed motorcycles, and any motor-driven cycle or motor scooter. The Westerville Parks Foundation license plate also may be issued for display on any motorcycle and cab-enclosed motorcycle.

¹² R.C. 5534.23.

¹³ R.C. 5534.34.

Nonstandard license plate	Contribution? Additional BMV fee?	Use of contribution
<p>Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are jointly designed and selected by all Ohio chapters of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and that are approved by the Registrar¹⁴</p>	<p>\$25 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.</p>	<p>The contributions are directed towards the Ohio chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in whose geographic territory the person who paid the contribution resides.¹⁵</p>
<p>Solon City Schools license plate, inscribed with words and markings that are selected by the Solon City School District and that are approved by the Registrar¹⁶</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 student mental and emotional well-being, including bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and counseling and education 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.¹⁷</p>

¹⁴ R.C. 4503.733.

¹⁵ R.C. 4501.21.

¹⁶ R.C. 4503.871.

¹⁷ R.C. 4501.21.

Nonstandard license plate	Contribution? Additional BMV fee?	Use of contribution
<p>Lakewood St. Edward High School license plate, inscribed with words and markings that are selected by St. Edward High School in Lakewood, and that are approved by the Registrar¹⁸</p>	<p>\$30 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.</p>	<p>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 student mental and emotional well-being, including bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and counseling and education 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.¹⁹</p>
<p>Independence Local Schools license plate, inscribed with words and markings that are selected by the Independence Local School District and that are approved by the Registrar²⁰</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 student mental and emotional well-being, including bereavement counseling, instruction in defensive driving techniques, sensitivity training, and counseling and education regarding bullying, dating violence, drug abuse, suicide prevention, and human trafficking.</p>

¹⁸ R.C. 4503.874.

¹⁹ R.C. 4501.21.

²⁰ R.C. 4503.877.



Nonstandard license plate	Contribution? Additional BMV fee?	Use of contribution
		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. ²¹
Ohio Pupil Transportation...Safety First!!! license plate, inscribed with the words "Ohio Pupil Transportation...Safety First!!!" and a design, logo, or marking designed by the Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation that is approved by the Registrar ²²	\$10 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation must use the contributions to support transportation programs, provide training to school transportation professionals, and support other initiatives for school transportation safety. ²³
Westerville Parks Foundation license plate, inscribed with identifying words and markings that are designed by the Westerville Parks Foundation and that are approved by the Registrar ²⁴	\$30 contribution plus \$10 additional BMV fee.	The Westerville Parks Foundation must use the contributions to support its programs and activities and its mission of pursuing the City of Westerville's vision of becoming "A City Within A Park." ²⁵

²¹ R.C. 4501.21.

²² R.C. 4503.901.

²³ R.C. 4501.21.

²⁴ R.C. 4503.98.

²⁵ R.C. 4501.21.



The act also amends the "Monarch Butterfly" license plate to redirect the contributions received for the nonstandard license plate to the Pollinator Partnership's Monarch Wings Across Ohio Program, rather than Monarch Wings Across Ohio as under prior law.²⁶

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	08-31-15
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²⁶ R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.592.

