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A BILL

To enact section 4503.441 of the Revised Code to 1
create a special license plate for hearing- 2
impaired individuals. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4503.441 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4503.441. (A) As used in this section, "hearing- 6
impaired" means a hearing loss of forty decibels or more in one 7
or both ears. 8

(B) (1) Any hearing-impaired person may apply to the 9
registrar of motor vehicles for the registration of any motor 10
vehicle the person owns or leases and for license plates 11
identifying the person who owns or leases the motor vehicle as 12
hearing-impaired. The initial application for registration of a 13
motor vehicle under this section shall be accompanied by a 14
signed statement from the applicant's personal physician 15
certifying that the applicant is hearing-impaired. 16

(2) The registrar shall issue to the applicant the 17
appropriate vehicle registration and set of license plates and 18
validation stickers, or validation stickers alone when required 19

by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code, in compliance with all 20
laws governing the registration of motor vehicles, including 21
payment of the following: 22

(a) The regular license tax as prescribed under section 23
4503.04 of the Revised Code; 24

(b) Any motor vehicle tax levied under Chapter 4504. of 25
the Revised Code; 26

(c) Any other applicable fee prescribed under Chapter 27
4503. of the Revised Code. 28

(3) In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 29
inscribed thereon, the license plates shall be imprinted with an 30
identifiable letter, number, or design created by the registrar 31
to readily identify the motor vehicle as being owned or leased 32
by a hearing-impaired person. The license plates shall display 33
county identification stickers that identify the county of 34
registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised 35
Code. 36