

**As Introduced**

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**H. B. No. 622**

**Representative Patmon**

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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