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To enact section 4503.728 of the Revised Code to
create the "SHELTER" license plate.

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

Section 1. That section 4503.728 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 4503.728. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger
car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other
vehicle of a class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles
may apply to the registrar for the registration of the vehicle
and issuance of specialty license plates for supporting housing
and emergency living transitions, empowerment, and recovery,
also known as "SHELTER" license plates. An application made
under this section may be combined with a request for a special
reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the
Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and
compliance by the applicant with divisions (B) and (C) of this
section, the registrar shall issue to the applicant the
appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "SHELTER" license
plates and a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone

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when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 19

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 20
inscribed on the license plates, "SHELTER" license plates shall 21
be inscribed with identifying words or markings that are 22
designed by the director of development and that are approved by 23
the registrar. "SHELTER" license plates shall display county 24
identification stickers that identify the county of registration 25
as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 26

(B) "SHELTER" license plates and a validation sticker, or 27
validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon receipt of a 28
contribution as provided in division (C)(1) of this section and 29
upon payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under 30
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor 31
vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 32
Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 33
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a bureau of motor 34
vehicles administrative fee of ten dollars, and compliance with 35
all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor 36
vehicles. 37

(C) (1) For each application for registration and 38
registration renewal notice the registrar receives under this 39
section, the registrar shall collect a contribution of thirty 40
dollars. The registrar shall transmit this contribution into the 41
state treasury to the credit of the SHELTER license plate 42
contribution fund created in division (D) of this section. 43

(2) The registrar shall deposit the bureau administrative 44
fee of ten dollars, the purpose of which is to compensate the 45
bureau for additional services required in the issuing of 46
"SHELTER" license plates, into the state treasury to the credit 47
of the public safety - highway purposes fund created in section 48

4501.06 of the Revised Code. 49

(D) There is hereby created in the state treasury the 50
SHELTER license plate contribution fund. The fund shall consist 51
of money deposited into it by the registrar under this section. 52
The director of development or the director's designee shall use 53
money in the fund to issue grants to shelters, emergency housing 54
providers, or nonprofits that help individuals experiencing 55
homelessness. Such shelters, providers, or nonprofits shall use 56
the grants to provide services to such individuals. The director 57
shall approve the shelters, providers, and nonprofits that 58
receive such grants and the amounts paid to each such entity. 59