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То	enact section 4503.472 of the Revised Code to	1
	create the "Law Enforcement Purple Heart"	2
	license plate.	3

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

Section 1. That section 4503.472 of the Revised Code be	4
enacted to read as follows:	5
Sec. 4503.472. (A) (1) Any person who has been awarded the	6
law enforcement purple heart may apply to the registrar of motor	7
vehicles for the registration of any passenger car,	8
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, motorcycle,	9
or other vehicle of a class approved by the registrar that the	10
person owns or leases. The application shall be accompanied by	11
such documentary evidence in support of the award as the	
registrar may require. The application may be combined with a	13
request for a special reserved license plate under section	14
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code.	15
If the applicant also is eligible for license plates	16
imprinted with the international symbol of access under section	17
4503.41 of the Revised Code, the applicant may apply to have the	18
law enforcement purple heart license plates that are issued to	19

the applicant display the international symbol of access. The	20
application shall be accompanied by such documentary evidence in	21
support of the disability and of the vehicle alterations as the	22
registrar requires under section 4503.41 of the Revised Code.	23
(2) Upon receipt of an application for registration of a	24
motor vehicle under this section, and upon presentation of the	25
required supporting evidence of the award of the law enforcement	26
purple heart and, as applicable, the evidence required under	27
section 4503.41 of the Revised Code, the registrar shall issue	28
to the applicant the appropriate motor vehicle registration and	29
a set of license plates and a validation sticker, or a	30
validation sticker alone, when required by section 4503.191 of	31
the Revised Code.	32
(3) In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily	33
inscribed on the license plates, the license plates shall be	34
inscribed with the words "LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPLE HEART." When	35
applicable, the license plates also shall display the	36
international symbol of access. The license plates shall bear	37
county identification stickers that identify the county of	38
registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised	39
Code.	40
(B) The license plates and validation stickers shall be	41
issued without the payment of any registration fee and service	42
fee required by sections 4503.04, 4503.10, 4503.102, and 4503.12	43
of the Revised Code, and without the payment of any local motor	44
vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised	45
Code. The applicant shall comply with all other applicable laws	46
relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the	47
application is combined with a request for a special reserved	48
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