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To enact section 4503.511 of the Revised Code to
create the "Blackout" license plate.

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

Section 1. That section 4503.511 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

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Sec. 4503.511. (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 a blackout license plate. The application 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 blackout license plate and a validation
sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by section
4503.191 of the Revised Code.

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In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily
inscribed on the license plates, blackout license plates shall
have a black background with white letters or numbers. Blackout

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license plates shall not display the slogan "BIRTHPLACE OF 21
AVIATION" as required under section 4503.22 of the Revised Code. 22
Blackout license plates also shall not display county 23
identification stickers that identify the county of registration 24
as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised Code. 25

(B) A blackout license plate and a validation sticker, or 26
validation sticker alone, shall be issued upon receipt of an 27
application for registration of a motor vehicle under this 28
section; payment of the regular license tax as prescribed under 29
section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, any applicable motor 30
vehicle license tax levied under Chapter 4504. of the Revised 31
Code, any applicable additional fee prescribed by section 32
4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, a blackout license plate 33
fee as provided in division (C) of this section, and an 34
additional administrative fee of ten dollars; and compliance 35
with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of 36
motor vehicles. 37

(C) For each application for registration and registration 38
renewal notice the registrar receives under this section, the 39
registrar shall collect a blackout license plate fee of twenty 40
dollars. The registrar shall deposit both of the following into 41
the state treasury to the credit of the public safety - highway 42
purposes fund created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code: 43

(1) The twenty-dollar blackout license plate fee; 44

(2) The ten-dollar administrative fee, the purpose of 45
which is to compensate the bureau of motor vehicles for 46
additional services required in the issuing of blackout license 47
plates. 48