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**Senator Manning**

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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 forty 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 forty-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