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A BILL

To enact section 4503.435 of the Revised Code to 1
create the "Line of Duty Sacrifice" license 2
plate. 3

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

Section 1. That section 4503.435 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4503.435. (A) Any person who is the immediate family 6
member of a public safety officer who died while performing 7
honorably in the line of duty may apply to the registrar of 8
motor vehicles for the registration of any passenger car, 9
noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of a 10
class approved by the registrar that the person owns or leases 11
and for issuance of line of duty sacrifice license plates for 12
that motor vehicle. The application for line of duty sacrifice 13
license plates may be combined with a request for a special 14
reserved license plate under section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the 15
Revised Code. Upon receipt of the completed application and 16
compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar 17
shall issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle 18
registration and a set of line of duty sacrifice license plates 19

and a validation sticker or a validation sticker alone when 20
required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 21

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily 22
inscribed on the license plates, line of duty sacrifice license 23
plates shall be inscribed with a distinctive emblem and words 24
that are designed by the gold star family committee and approved 25
by the registrar. Line of duty sacrifice license plates shall 26
bear county identification stickers that identify the county of 27
registration as required under section 4503.19 of the Revised 28
Code. 29

(B) Line of duty sacrifice license plates and a validation 30
sticker or, when applicable, a validation sticker alone shall be 31
issued upon submission by the applicant of an application for 32
registration of a motor vehicle under this section, payment of 33
the regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of 34
the Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under 35
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and any applicable additional 36
fee prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised 37
Code, and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to 38
the registration of motor vehicles. 39

(C) No person who is not an immediate family member of a 40
public safety officer who died while performing honorably in the 41
line of duty shall purposely represent that the person is such a 42
family member for the purpose of obtaining license plates under 43
this section. 44

(D) As used in this section: 45

(1) "Public safety officer" means a firefighter, emergency 46
medical service personnel, law enforcement officer, corrections 47
officer, probation officer, or parole officer. 48

<u>(2) "Immediate family member" means all of the following:</u>	49
<u>(a) A spouse;</u>	50
<u>(b) A parent, stepparent, or other person who acted in loco parentis;</u>	51 52
<u>(c) A sibling, whether of the whole or half-blood, or by adoption;</u>	53 54
<u>(d) A child, including those by adoption, or a stepchild;</u>	55
<u>(e) A grandchild, including those by adoption, or a step-grandchild;</u>	56 57
<u>(f) Any other lineal descendant not otherwise listed in division (D) (2) of this section;</u>	58 59
<u>(g) A grandparent or great-grandparent.</u>	60