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A B I L L

To enact section 4503.513 of the Revised Code to 1
create "Historically Black Fraternity-Sorority" 2
license plates. 3

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

Section 1. That section 4503.513 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 4503.513. (A) The owner or lessee of any passenger car, 6
noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or vehicle of a 7
class approved by the registrar of motor vehicles, who is a member 8
of a historically black fraternity or sorority, may apply to the 9
registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of 10
"historically black fraternity-sorority" license plates bearing 11
the name or Greek letters of the historically black fraternity or 12
sorority of which the applicant is a member. The request for a 13
"historically black fraternity-sorority" license plate may be 14
combined with a request for a special reserved license plate under 15
section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code. Upon receipt of 16
the completed application, proof of membership in a historically 17

black fraternity or sorority as required by the registrar, and 18
compliance with division (B) of this section, the registrar shall 19
issue to the applicant appropriate vehicle registration and the 20
particular "historically black fraternity-sorority" license plates 21
indicating the fraternity or sorority of which the applicant is a 22
member, with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone 23
when required by section 4503.191 of the Revised Code. 24

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed 25
thereon, each "historically black fraternity-sorority" license 26
plate shall be inscribed with the name of a historically black 27
fraternity or sorority or the Greek letters of the fraternity or 28
sorority, or both. The registrar shall approve the design of each 29
"historically black fraternity-sorority" license plate, and the 30
license plates shall bear county identification stickers that 31
identify the county of registration by name or number. 32

(B) The "historically black fraternity-sorority" license 33
plates and validation sticker shall be issued upon payment of the 34
regular license tax as prescribed under section 4503.04 of the 35
Revised Code, any applicable motor vehicle tax levied under 36
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, any applicable additional fee 37
prescribed by section 4503.40 or 4503.42 of the Revised Code, and 38
an additional fee of ten dollars, and compliance with all other 39
applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. 40

(C) The additional fee of ten dollars specified in division 41
(B) of this section is to compensate the bureau of motor vehicles 42
for additional services required in the issuing of "historically 43
black fraternity-sorority" license plates. The registrar shall 44
deposit this additional fee into the state treasury to the credit 45
of the state bureau of motor vehicles fund created in section 46
4501.25 of the Revised Code. 47

(D) Sections 4503.77 and 4503.78 of the Revised Code do not 48
apply to license plates issued under this section. 49

(E) As used in this section, "historically black fraternity 50
or sorority" means the alpha kappa alpha sorority, inc., alpha phi 51
alpha fraternity, inc., delta sigma theta sorority, inc., zeta phi 52
beta sorority, inc., iota phi theta fraternity, inc., kappa alpha 53
psi fraternity, inc., sigma gamma rho sorority, inc., phi beta 54
sigma fraternity, inc., and omega psi phi fraternity, inc., each 55
belonging to the national pan-hellenic council, inc. 56