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### DETAILED ANALYSIS

<b>License Plate</b>	<b>Equality Ohio</b> license plate, which must display an appropriate logo and words selected by the representatives of Equality Ohio and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Recipients</b>	Available to all applicants.
<b>Eligible Vehicles</b>	Any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or other vehicle approved by the Registrar.
<b>Contribution; Additional BMV Fee; Use of Contribution</b>	<p>\$15 required contribution.</p> <p>\$10 additional administrative BMV fee.</p> <p>Contributions must be paid to Equality Ohio, which must use the contributions to support its activities and for advancing its mission, including for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and others (LGBTQ+) visibility and education.<sup>2</sup></p>
<b>Requirements for Issuance</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Submission of an application;</li><li>2. Payment of the regular license tax, any local tax, contribution, administrative fee, any special reserved license plate fee if necessary; and</li><li>3. Compliance with all other relevant laws relating to motor vehicle registration.</li></ol>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4503.59.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4501.21 and 4503.59.

**Combined with Special  
Reserved License Plate**

May be combined with a special reserved license plate provided in current law.

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	06-17-25

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