

810-5-1-.226. Department Requirements for Accurate Registration Information.

(1) ~~WHEREAS, the~~ The license plate issuing officials are Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle and License Tax Division, is required by law to maintain accurate motor vehicle registration records by license tag plate number; and to make the records available to the Revenue Department in a timely manner in accordance with §40-12-260. The following procedures are hereby adopted to achieve this goal:

~~WHEREAS, the uniform registration and transfer receipts received from the counties are being altered in the space for current year tag number to include letters, numbers and information other than the actual current tag number.~~

~~(2) This information causes confusion and problems for data entry operators and causes erroneous letters and numbers to be entered into the computer network resulting in the inability for the Revenue Department, law enforcement officers and others to retrieve information from the actual tag number which appears on a motor vehicle; therefore, the following procedures are hereby adopted:~~

(a) In order to ensure that information is available to law enforcement in a timely manner, license plate issuing officials shall submit all motor vehicle registration records to the department by the next business day following the date the registration was issued. The official should review these records to ensure the registration records are accurate and complete in the databases.

~~(a) REGULAR PLATES— (b) All motor vehicle registration and transfer receipts and records for regular license plates shall not include any information in the space provided for current license plate number except the actual numbers and letters which appear on the tag. Also, there shall be no 0's or any other characters used for spacing. The current license number shall include no more nor no less information than the number appearing on the license plate.~~

(c) Dashes and other special characters are not allowed in any license plate messages.
Related to personalized plate messages, spaces may be included and the letter O will always be replaced with the number zero (0).

(d) Primary and secondary tag types, as well as other information required by the department, should be reflected in the registration records.

~~(b) SPECIAL PLATES— All motor vehicle registration and transfer receipts for motor vehicles issued special license plates shall include a special prefix in the space for current year tag number for abbreviation purposes or to identify the special registration. These are as follows (special prefix underscored):~~

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- 1. ~~Antique Vehicle: AV, plus actual plate number~~
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- 2. ~~Consular Official: CON, plus actual plate number~~

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3. Disabled Veterans: DV, plus actual plate number

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4. National Guard, NG, plus actual plate number

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5. Shrine Motorcycle: SHM, plus actual plate number

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(b) All other special license plate numbers shall appear on the registration and transfer receipt in the space for current year tag number identical to the number as shown on the license plate.

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