

ORIGINAL ISSUE LICENSE PLATE

AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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This act modifies the Motor Vehicle Act by amending the vehicle model year for vehicles allowed to use original issue license plates.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

AMENDS:

41-1a-416, as last amended by Chapter 184, Laws of Utah 1994

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-1a-416** is amended to read:

41-1a-416. Original issue license plates -- Alternative stickers -- Rulemaking.

(1) The owner of a motor vehicle that is a model year [~~1968~~] 1973 or older may apply to the division for permission to display an original issue license plate of a format and type issued by the state in the same year as the model year of the vehicle.

(2) The owner of a motor vehicle who desires to display original issue license plates instead of license plates issued under Section 41-1a-401 shall:

(a) complete an application on a form provided by the division;

(b) supply and submit the original license plates that the owner desires to display to the division for approval; and

(c) pay the fees prescribed in Sections 41-1a-1206 and 41-1a-1211.

(3) The division, prior to approval of an application under this section, shall determine that the original issue license plates:

(a) are of a format and type issued by the state for use on a motor vehicle in this state;

(b) have numbers and characters that are unique and do not conflict with existing license plate series in this state;

(c) are legible, durable, and otherwise in a condition that serves the purposes of this chapter, except that original issue license plates are exempt from the provision of Section

41-1a-401 regarding reflectorization and Section 41-1a-403 regarding legibility from 100 feet; and

(d) are from the same year of issue as the model year of the motor vehicle on which they are to be displayed.

(4) An owner of a motor vehicle displaying original issue license plates approved under this section is not exempt from any other requirement of this chapter except as specified under this section.

(5) (a) An owner of a motor vehicle currently registered in this state whose original issue license plates are not approved by the division because of the requirement in Subsection (3)(b), may apply to the division for a sticker to allow the temporary display of the original issue license plates if:

(i) the plates otherwise comply with this section;

(ii) the plates are only displayed when the motor vehicle is used for participating in motor vehicle club activities, exhibitions, tours, parades, and similar activities and are not used for general daily transportation;

(iii) the license plates and registration issued under this chapter for normal use of the motor vehicle on the highways of this state are kept in the motor vehicle and shown to a peace officer on request; and

(iv) the sticker issued by the division under this subsection is properly affixed to the face of the original issue license plate.

(b) The sticker issued under this section shall be the size and form customarily furnished by the division.

(6) In accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the division may make rules for the implementation of this section.