



# HB 26: License Plate Amendments

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## Significant Policy Changes

1. *Creates “License Plate Restricted Account” within the General Fund*
  - Legislature appropriates these funds to cover the cost of issuing license plates and decals
  - Many cause-specific restricted accounts for special group plates are repealed
  
2. *Standard License Plates*
  - DMV may offer up to 4 standard designs at one time
    - a. 2 representing state’s economy or geography
    - b. 1 representing state’s values or culture
    - c. 1 commemorating a current event relevant to the state or an anniversary of an event
  - Each design for at least a 10-year period (the event plate for no more than 5)
  - No more than 4 designs at a time
  - New process for design approval before DMV can issue, the Governor shall:
    - a. Consult with Department of Cultural and Community Engagement
    - b. Identify which design will be replaced
    - c. Submit design to Transportation Interim Committee for approval
    - d. DMV can issue if:
      - Legislature issues Concurrent Resolution to approve design; and
      - Sufficient funds are appropriated for cost of production
  - DMV cannot order or produce a discontinued license plate, except to exhaust remaining stock
  - Registration decals unless rule states otherwise:
    - a. Month decal displayed on left
    - b. Year decal displayed on right
  - DMV has rulemaking authority on placement and positioning of registration decals on license plates
  
3. *Personalized Plates*
  - Creates a moratorium on personalized plates from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2025
  - Transportation Interim Committee will study personalized license plate programs in other states, including court cases, rulings, responses to legal challenges, and recommendations on or before Oct. 1 each year
    - Recommendations could include reinstating the program, continuing the moratorium, modifying or repealing the program