

**ORIGINAL ISSUE LICENSE PLATE**

**AMENDMENTS**

2001 GENERAL SESSION

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~~] § [~~1972~~] **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;



28 (c) are legible, durable, and otherwise in a condition that serves the purposes of this  
29 chapter, except that original issue license plates are exempt from the provision of Section  
30 41-1a-401 regarding reflectorization and Section 41-1a-403 regarding legibility from 100 feet; and

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

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

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

40 (i) the plates otherwise comply with this section;

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

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

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

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

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

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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