

**ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY OF LICENSE  
PLATES**

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Dan R. Eastman**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Motor Vehicles Code by amending provisions related to the issuance and display of license plates.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ provides that the Motor Vehicle Division shall issue one license plate to every vehicle upon registering the vehicle;
- ▶ repeals the requirement that a license plate issued to certain vehicles shall be attached to the front of the vehicle; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-1a-401**, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 1992

**41-1a-404**, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 1, Laws of Utah 1992

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

Section 1. Section **41-1a-401** is amended to read:

**41-1a-401. License plates -- Number of plates -- Reflectorization -- Indicia of registration in lieu of or used with plates.**

(1) (a) The division, upon registering a vehicle, shall issue to the owner one license plate for ~~[a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer and two identical license plates for]~~ every ~~[other]~~ vehicle.

(b) The license plate shall be issued for the ~~[particular]~~ vehicle registered and may not be removed during the term for which the license plate is issued or used upon any ~~[other]~~ vehicle other than the registered vehicle.

(2) The division may receive applications for registration renewal, renew registration, and issue new license plates or decals at any time prior to the expiration of registration.

(3) (a) All license plates to be manufactured and issued by the division shall be treated with a fully reflective material on the plate face that provides effective and dependable reflective brightness during the service period of the license plate.

(b) The division shall prescribe all license plate material specifications and establish and implement procedures for conforming to the specifications.

(c) The specifications for the materials used such as the aluminum plate substrate, the reflective sheeting, and glue shall be drawn in a manner so that at least two manufacturers may qualify as suppliers.

(d) The granting of contracts for the materials shall be by public bid.

(4) (a) The commission may issue, adopt, and require the use of indicia of registration it considers advisable in lieu of or in conjunction with license plates as provided in this part.

(b) All provisions of this part relative to license plates apply to these indicia of registration, so far as the provisions are applicable.

Section 2. Section **41-1a-404** is amended to read:

**41-1a-404. Location and position of plates.**

(1) ~~[License plates]~~ A license plate issued for a vehicle ~~[other than]~~ including a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle~~[-one in the front and the other in the rear].~~

~~[(2) The license plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be attached to~~

59 ~~the rear of the motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer.]~~  
60       ~~[(3)]~~ (2) Every license plate shall at all times be:  
61       (a) securely fastened:  
62       (i) in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued to prevent the plate from  
63 swinging;  
64       (ii) at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom  
65 of the plate; and  
66       (iii) in a place and position to be clearly visible; and  
67       (b) maintained:  
68       (i) free from foreign materials; and  
69       (ii) in a condition to be clearly legible.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 12-14-05 10:39 AM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number SB0063**

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**Issuance and Display of License Plates***27-Jan-06**10:07 AM*

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**AMENDED NOTE****State Impact**

Implementation of this bill will reduce license plate production costs by \$453,700. The reflectorized plate fee fund will grow because license plate production costs will decline but fees remain the same.

	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>
	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Approp.</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Dedicated Credits	(\$453,700)	(\$453,700)	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$453,700)</b>	<b>(\$453,700)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**