

**MANUFACTURER LICENSE PLATES**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to acceptable uses for a special manufacturer license plate.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► expands the allowable purposes for which a manufacturer may use a special manufacturer license plate to include testing and demonstration of a motor vehicle.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-3-501**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1994, Chapter 183

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

Section 1. Section **41-3-501** is amended to read:

**41-3-501. Special plates -- Dealers -- Dismantlers -- Manufacturers --**

**Remanufacturers -- Transporters -- Restrictions on use.**

(1) Except as provided under this chapter, a dealer may operate or move a motor



28 vehicle displaying a dealer plate issued by the division upon the highways without registering it  
 29 under Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act, if the dealer owns or possesses the motor  
 30 vehicle by consignment for resale.

31 (2) A dismantler may operate or move a motor vehicle displaying a dismantler plate  
 32 issued by the division without registering it as required under Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor  
 33 Vehicle Act, upon the highways solely to transport the motor vehicle:

34 (a) from the place of purchase or legal acquisition to the place of business for  
 35 dismantling; or

36 (b) to the place of business of a licensed crusher for disposal.

37 (3) A manufacturer or remanufacturer may operate or move a manufactured or  
 38 remanufactured motor vehicle displaying a manufacturer plate issued by the division upon the  
 39 highways without registering it as required under Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act,  
 40 solely to:

41 (a) deliver the motor vehicle to a dealer; ~~to~~ ~~or~~ ~~to~~

42 (b) ~~to~~ ~~test or~~ ~~to~~ demonstrate a motor vehicle ~~to~~ ~~to~~ **to a dealer or prospective**  
 42a **dealer** ~~to~~ ~~or~~ ~~to~~

42b **(c) conduct manufacturer tests of a motor vehicle.** ~~to~~

43 (4) (a) A transporter may operate or move a motor vehicle displaying a transporter  
 44 plate issued by the division upon the highways without registering it as required under Title 41,  
 45 Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act, solely:

46 (i) from the point of repossession to a financial institution or to the place of storage, so  
 47 that a financial institution may provide for operation of a repossessed motor vehicle by a  
 48 prospective purchaser;

49 (ii) to and from a detail or repair shop for the purpose of detailing or repairing the  
 50 motor vehicle; or

51 (iii) to a delivery point in, out, or through the state.

52 (b) This subsection does not include loaded motor vehicles subject to the gross laden  
 53 weight provision of Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act.

54 (5) Dealer plates may not be used:

55 (a) (i) on a motor vehicle leased or rented for compensation; or

56 (ii) in lieu of registration, on a motor vehicle sold by the dealer; or

57 (b) on a loaded motor vehicle over 12,000 pounds gross laden weight unless a special  
 58 loaded demonstration permit is obtained from the division.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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