

Representative Christine F. Watkins proposes the following substitute bill:

LICENSE PLATE PLACEMENT AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

Senate Sponsor: Daniel McCay

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill removes the requirement to have two license plates displayed and requires only one license plate be obtained and displayed on a vehicle.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ removes the requirement that two license plates be issued and displayed;
- ▶ requires only one license plate be displayed on the rear of the vehicle;
- ▶ provides exceptions for certain commercial vehicles; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

⠠→ [~~This bill provides a special effective date.~~] None ←⠠

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

13-48-103, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 357

41-1a-108, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 1

41-1a-221, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 20



119 system, an owner that registers a motor vehicle under Section 41-1a-215 or 41-1a-215.5 may
 120 obtain an alternative special registration card and registration decals for the license [~~plates~~
 121 plate if the motor vehicle is:

- 122 (i) owned by a rental company; and
- 123 (ii) maintained in the rental company's rental fleet.

124 (b) The registration card and registration decals for the license [~~plates~~] plate issued
 125 under Subsection (2)(a) are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is
 126 maintained in the rental fleet.

127 (3) (a) An owner that receives the alternative special registration card and registration
 128 decals for the license [~~plates~~] plate issued under this section shall:

- 129 (i) renew the registration in accordance with Section 41-1a-216; and
- 130 (ii) comply with all the prerequisites for registration or registration renewal under
 131 Section 41-1a-203.

132 (b) Notwithstanding the registration renewals requirement under Subsection
 133 41-1a-216(2)(b), the alternative special registration card and registration decals issued under
 134 this section do not expire and are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle
 135 is maintained in the rental fleet.

136 (4) If the registration renewal requirements under Subsection (3)(a) are not complied
 137 with, the registration is suspended or revoked.

138 Section 5. Section **41-1a-401** is amended to read:

139 **41-1a-401. License plates -- Number of plates -- Reflectorization -- Indicia of**
 140 **registration in lieu of or used with plates.**

141 (1) (a) Except as provided in [~~Subsection (1)(c)~~] Subsections (1)(c) ~~H→~~ [~~and~~], ~~←H~~ (d),
 141a ~~H→~~ and (e), ~~←H~~ the division

142 upon registering a vehicle shall issue to the owner:

- 143 (i) one license plate for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer;
- 144 (ii) one decal for a park model recreational vehicle, in lieu of a license plate, which
 145 shall be attached in plain sight to the rear of the park model recreational vehicle;
- 146 (iii) one decal for a camper, in lieu of a license plate, which shall be attached in plain
 147 sight to the rear of the camper; and
- 148 (iv) [~~two identical license plates~~] one license plate for every other vehicle.
- 149 (b) The license plate or decal issued under Subsection (1)(a) is for the particular

150 vehicle registered and may not be removed during the term for which the license plate or decal
151 is issued or used upon any other vehicle than the registered vehicle.

152 (c) (i) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(a) and (b) and except as provided in Subsection
153 (1)(c)(ii), the division, upon registering a motor vehicle that has been sold, traded, or the
154 ownership of which has been otherwise released, shall transfer the license plate issued to the
155 person applying to register the vehicle if:

156 (A) the previous registered owner has included the license plate as part of the sale,
157 trade, or ownership release; and

158 (B) the person applying to register the vehicle applies to transfer the license plate to the
159 new registered owner of the vehicle.

160 (ii) The division may not transfer a personalized or special group license plate to a new
161 registered owner under this Subsection (1)(c) if the new registered owner does not meet the
162 qualification or eligibility requirements for that personalized or special group license plate
163 under Sections 41-1a-410 through 41-1a-422.

164 (d) (i) For a vehicle described in Section 41-1a-301, the division upon registering a
165 vehicle shall issue a license plate or set of license plates as provided in that section.

166 (ii) For any vehicle that meets the definition of an intrastate commercial vehicle as
167 defined in Section 72-9-102, the division upon registering a vehicle shall issue two license
168 plates.

168a **Ĥ→ (e) The division upon registering a vehicle may, until inventory of license plate sets is**
168b **exhausted, but no later than December 31, 2019, issue a set of two plates. ←Ĥ**

169 (2) The division may receive applications for registration renewal, renew registration,
170 and issue a new license [~~plates~~] plate or decals at any time prior to the expiration of
171 registration.

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

175 (ii) For a historical support special group license plate created under this part, the
176 division shall procure reflective material to satisfy the requirement under Subsection (3)(a)(i)
177 as soon as such material is available at a reasonable cost.

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

180 (c) The specifications for the materials used such as the aluminum plate substrate, the

863 **personalized and special group license plates -- Replacement fee for license plates --**
864 **Postage fees.**

865 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (11), (12), (13), and (14), a license plate fee
866 established in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 shall be paid to the division for the issuance
867 of any new license plate under Part 4, License Plates and Registration Indicia.

868 (b) The license plate fee shall be deposited as follows:

869 (i) \$1 in the Transportation Fund; and

870 (ii) the remainder of the fee charged under Subsection (1)(a), as provided in Section
871 41-1a-1201.

872 (2) An applicant for original issuance of [~~personalized license plates~~] a personalized
873 license plate issued under Section 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$50 per [~~set~~] license plate application
874 fee in addition to the fee required in Subsection (1).

875 (3) Beginning July 1, 2003, a person who applies for a special group license plate shall
876 pay a \$5 fee for the original [~~set of license plates~~] license plate in addition to the fee required
877 under Subsection (1).

878 (4) An applicant for original issuance of personalized special group license plates shall
879 pay the license plate application fees required in Subsection (2) in addition to the license plate
880 fees and license plate application fees established under Subsections (1) and (3).

881 (5) An applicant for renewal of [~~personalized license plates~~] a personalized license
882 plate issued under Section 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$10 per ~~H→~~ [~~set~~] ~~←H~~ application fee.

883 (6) (a) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover
884 the costs for the replacement of any license plate issued under Part 4, License Plates and
885 Registration Indicia.

886 (b) The license plate fee shall be deposited as follows:

887 (i) \$1 in the Transportation Fund; and

888 (ii) the remainder of the fee charged under Subsection (6)(a), as provided in Section
889 41-1a-1201.

890 (7) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover its
891 costs for the replacement of decals issued under Section 41-1a-418.

892 (8) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover the
893 cost of issuing stickers under Section 41-1a-416.

1390 (7) A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than \$100,
1391 who:

1392 (a) when requested to provide security information under Subsection (1), or Section
1393 41-12a-303.2, provides false information;

1394 (b) falsely represents to the department that security required under this chapter is in
1395 effect; or

1396 (c) sells a vehicle to avoid the penalties of this section as applicable either to himself or
1397 a third party.

1398 Section 29. Section **41-12a-303** is amended to read:

1399 **41-12a-303. Condition to obtaining registration, license plates, or safety**
1400 **inspection.**

1401 The owner of a motor vehicle required to maintain owner's security under Section
1402 41-12a-301 may be required to swear or affirm, in a manner specified by the State Tax
1403 Commission, or present other reasonable evidence that he has owner's security in effect at the
1404 time of registering, obtaining [~~license plates~~] a license plate for, or a safety inspection of the
1405 motor vehicle.

1406 Section 30. Section **41-12a-602** is amended to read:

1407 **41-12a-602. Filing of false report.**

1408 Any person who gives information required in a report provided for under Section
1409 41-12a-502, knowing or having reason to believe that the information is false, or who shall
1410 forge or, without authority, sign any evidence of proof of owner's or operator's security, or who
1411 files or offers for filing any such evidence of proof, knowing or having reason to believe that it
1412 is forged or signed without authority, or who falsely swears or affirms when obtaining [~~license~~
1413 ~~plates~~] a license plate, a safety inspection, or a registration under Section 41-12a-303, is guilty
1414 of a class A misdemeanor.

1415 ~~§~~ → [Section 31. ~~Effective date.~~

1416 ~~_____ (1) The amendments to Section 41-1a-404 take effect on May 14, 2019.~~

1417 ~~_____ (2) Except as provided in Subsection (1), this bill takes effect on January 1, 2020.~~ ← ~~§~~