

# House Bill 2260

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## SUMMARY

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Requires certain vehicle owners to replace registration plates after ownership of vehicle changes.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to vehicle registration plates; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 803.530 and  
3 805.242.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 803.530 is amended to read:

6 803.530. (1) **Except as otherwise provided in this section**, registration plates assigned to a  
7 vehicle by the Department of Transportation shall remain with the vehicle to which the plates are  
8 assigned and are valid only during the registration period for which the plates are issued [*except*  
9 *as provided in the following*].

10 [(1)] (2) The department may allow **the registered owner to transfer** registration plates [*to be*  
11 *transferred*] to another vehicle upon receipt of an application and payment of a plate transfer fee  
12 under ORS 803.575 in addition to any required registration fee. The department shall transfer reg-  
13 istration plates under this subsection unless the department determines that the plates are:

14 (a) So old, damaged, mutilated or otherwise rendered illegible as to be not useful for purposes  
15 of identification; or

16 (b) Not any of the following:

17 (A) From a current issue of registration plates;

18 (B) Customized registration plates described under ORS 805.240;

19 (C) Oregon Trail commemorative registration plates issued under section 113, chapter 741,  
20 Oregon Laws 1993; [*or*]

21 (D) Special registration plates issued under ORS 805.255, 805.260, [*or*] 805.263[.] **or 805.266; or**

22 **(E) Special group registration plates issued under ORS 805.205.**

23 [(2)] (3) The owner of a registered vehicle to which a plate is assigned may replace a registra-  
24 tion plate that is illegally altered or that is lost, destroyed or mutilated in a manner that renders  
25 illegible any identification on the plate. The following apply to this subsection:

26 (a) To replace a plate under this subsection, the owner must apply to the department for re-  
27 placement of the damaged or lost plate in a form prescribed by the department and pay the re-  
28 placement plate fee established under ORS 803.575.

29 (b) The application must state the facts of the damage, destruction or loss of the plate.

30 (c) The department, in lieu of replacement, may issue duplicate plates for the same fee as  
31 charged for replacements.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (d) The plates issued under this subsection are valid only for the period of the plates replaced.

2 (4) **When ownership of a vehicle registered under ORS 803.420 (1), (2), (3) or (9) is trans-**  
3 **ferred, the transferee must apply to the department to replace the registration plates when**  
4 **the transferee applies for title to the vehicle. To replace a plate under this subsection, the**  
5 **transferee must apply to the department for replacement of the plate in a form prescribed**  
6 **by the department and pay the replacement plate fee established under ORS 803.575.**

7 [(3)] (5) This section does not apply to special interest registration plates approved under ORS  
8 805.210.

9 **SECTION 2.** ORS 805.242 is amended to read:

10 805.242. Notwithstanding ORS 803.530 [(1)], the Department of Transportation shall approve a  
11 request to transfer registration plates that are not from a current issue of plates if the owner of the  
12 plates submits an application for transfer along with the plate transfer fee and the fee for a cus-  
13 tomized registration plate established in ORS 805.250, in addition to any required registration fee.  
14 Upon transfer of the plates, the plates shall for all purposes be considered customized registration  
15 plates issued as provided in ORS 805.240.

16 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 803.530 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to vehi-**  
17 **cles titled on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**