

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 948**

Ordered by the Senate April 28  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 28

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL; Senator OLSEN, Representative BARRETO

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Permits Department of Transportation to issue vehicle registration plates from regular series for use on county-owned vehicle rather than plates from specially designed government series.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to government-owned vehicles; creating new provisions; amending ORS 803.530; and de-  
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**  
6 **Code.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) Upon request of any county, the Department of Transportation may issue**  
8 **registration plates or other evidence of registration from any regular series rather than**  
9 **from any specially designed government series for a vehicle owned or operated by the county.**  
10 **The registration period for a vehicle described under this section shall be the same as the**  
11 **regular registration period for the type of vehicle registered. The fee for registration or re-**  
12 **newal of registration of a vehicle under this section shall be the fee established under ORS**  
13 **803.420 (1) or (9).**

14 **(2) Any vehicle registered under this section and not exempted under ORS 815.300 must**  
15 **meet the requirements for certification of compliance with pollution control under ORS**  
16 **815.310.**

17 **SECTION 3. ORS 803.530 is amended to read:**

18 803.530. Registration plates assigned to a vehicle by the Department of Transportation shall  
19 remain with the vehicle to which the plates are assigned and are valid only during the registration  
20 period for which the plates are issued except as provided in the following:

21 (1) The department may allow registration plates to be transferred to another vehicle upon re-  
22 cept of an application and payment of a plate transfer fee under ORS 803.575 in addition to any  
23 required registration fee. The department shall transfer registration plates under this subsection  
24 unless the department determines that the plates are:

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

27 (b) Not any of the following:

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

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

2 (C) Oregon Trail commemorative registration plates issued under section 113, chapter 741,  
3 Oregon Laws 1993; or

4 (D) Special registration plates issued under ORS 805.255, 805.260 or 805.263.

5 (2) The owner of a registered vehicle to which a plate is assigned may replace a registration  
6 plate that is illegally altered or that is lost, destroyed or mutilated in a manner that renders illeg-  
7 ible any identification on the plate. The following apply to this subsection:

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

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

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

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

15 **(3) A county may replace a registration plate that is from a specially designed govern-  
16 ment series with a registration plate that is from a regular series. The following apply to this  
17 subsection:**

18 **(a) To replace a plate under this subsection, the county must apply to the department  
19 for replacement of the plate in a form prescribed by the department and pay the replacement  
20 plate fee established under ORS 803.575.**

21 **(b) The plates issued under this subsection are valid only for the period of the plates re-  
22 placed.**

23 [(3)] (4) This section does not apply to special interest registration plates approved under ORS  
24 805.210.

25 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect  
27 on its passage.**

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