

Enrolled
Senate Bill 948

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL; Senator OLSEN, Representative BARRETO

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to government-owned vehicles; creating new provisions; amending ORS 803.530; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. ORS 803.530 is amended to read:

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

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

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

(b) Not any of the following:

(A) From a current issue of registration plates;

(B) Customized registration plates described under ORS 805.240;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) A county may replace a registration plate that is from a specially designed government series with a registration plate that is from a regular series. The following apply to this subsection:

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

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

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

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

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