

Senate Bill 591

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Provides that person may replace registration plate with duplicate registration plate without being charged fee for customized plate. Provides exemption.

Authorizes Department of Transportation to replace single plate rather than replace both plates when owner wishes to replace single plate on vehicle assigned pair of plates.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to replacing vehicle registration plates; amending ORS 803.525 and 803.530.

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

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

5 803.530. (1) Registration plates assigned to a vehicle by the Department of Transportation shall
6 remain with the vehicle to which the plates are assigned and are valid only during the registration
7 period for which the plates are issued except as provided in this section.

8 (2) The department may allow registration plates to be transferred to another vehicle if:

9 (a) The department receives an application;

10 (b) The applicant pays the plate transfer fee under ORS 803.575; and

11 (c) The applicant complies with the registration qualifications described in ORS 803.350.

12 (3) The department shall transfer registration plates under this section if the applicant and the
13 vehicle qualify for the plates and the plates are:

14 (a) Legible and capable of being used for identification purposes; and

15 (b) Any of the following:

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

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

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

20 (D) Special registration plates issued under ORS 805.255, 805.260, 805.263, 805.266, 805.278 or
21 805.283;

22 (E) Group registration plates issued under ORS 805.205;

23 (F) Veterans' recognition registration plates issued under ORS 805.105;

24 (G) Pacific Wonderland registration plates issued under ORS 805.287; or

25 (H) Registration plates issued through the special registration program under ORS 805.222.

26 (4) Notwithstanding ORS 803.400, when registration plates are transferred from one vehicle to
27 another vehicle owned by the same person, the registration period represented by the plates also
28 transfers with the plates. When registration plates are transferred from one vehicle to another ve-
29 hicle not owned by the same person, the remaining registration period represented by the trans-
30 ferred plates ceases for both the vehicle receiving the transferred plates and the vehicle from which

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1 the plates were removed.

2 (5) The owner of a registered vehicle to which a plate is assigned may replace a registration
3 plate. The following apply to this subsection:

4 (a) To replace a plate under this subsection, the owner must apply to the department for re-
5 placement of the plate in a form prescribed by the department and pay the replacement plate fee
6 established under ORS 803.575.

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

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

10 **(d) The replaced plates may not be considered customized plates when they are replaced,**
11 **if:**

12 **(A) The original plates were from plates currently issued;**

13 **(B) The original plates were not customized plates; and**

14 **(C) The replacement plates are a duplicate of the original plates.**

15 **(e) When a vehicle is assigned a pair of plates and the owner wishes to replace a single**
16 **plate, the department may replace a single plate rather than replace both plates.**

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

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

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

23 (7) If the department retired the vehicle's registration under ORS 819.030 because the vehicle
24 is totaled or substantially altered, a person may apply under subsection (2) of this section to transfer
25 the registration plates to another vehicle.

26 (8) Subject to subsections (2) and (4) of this section, after the department authorizes the use of
27 special interest plates under ORS 805.210, a person may apply to transfer the plates to either:

28 (a) A vehicle that was previously determined by the department to qualify as a vehicle of special
29 interest; or

30 (b) A vehicle approved by the department as a vehicle of special interest at the time of appli-
31 cation.

32 (9) If a person described in subsection (8) of this section provides the department with only one
33 special interest registration plate for transfer and the department's vehicle records show the special
34 interest registration plate belongs to a vehicle record with no owner matching an applicant, the
35 applicant shall provide proof, as determined by the department by rule, that the plate is no longer
36 used on the vehicle it is currently showing being registered to in the department's vehicle records.

37 **SECTION 2.** ORS 803.525 is amended to read:

38 803.525. The Department of Transportation shall issue two registration plates for every vehicle
39 that is registered by the department except as otherwise provided in this section **or ORS 803.530.**
40 Upon renewal or when otherwise provided under ORS 803.555, the department may issue stickers in
41 lieu of or in addition to registration plates. The following shall be issued plates as described:

42 (1) Only one registration plate shall be issued for a moped, motorcycle, trailer, antique vehicle
43 or vehicle of special interest registered by the department.

44 (2) Only one plate shall be issued for a camper that is registered. Stickers may be issued in lieu
45 of a plate.

