

Unaccountable Temporary Registration Permits

Beginning in January 2002, The Secretary of State's office started a new Temporary Registration Permit Program (TRP) program, which has modernized and streamlined the Temporary Registration process. It also has helped the law enforcement community immensely.

Although the program has been very successful, there are issuing agents that continue to abuse the system. Therefore, as of April 1, 2004, the Secretary of State's office will begin sending bills of \$2,500 for every box of TRPs not checked in at the time of delivery. The office also will bill participating agencies \$50 each for any damaged or voided TRP that cannot be accounted for. These types of TRPs must be kept on hand until picked up by an agent of the Secretary of State's office.

A lost or stolen TRP not accompanied by a police report or an insurance document also will be billed as an unaccountable TRP at a fee of \$50 each. Should a second TRP be needed, only a Secretary of State facility employee is allowed to issue the additional TRP.

Any violations of the TRP Program will result in the above-mentioned fees and immediate suspension from the program. Repeat violations of TRP policies also may result in the suspension and/or revocation of an agency's license. If suspended from the TRP program, upon reinstatement the agency will be subject to weekly audits until the Secretary of

State's office deems it no longer necessary.

"Contemporaneous with the issuance of a Temporary Permit Plate, the issuer shall access the Secretary of State's Internet site for the registration of Temporary Permit plates and enter all requested information with regard to the vehicle for which the Temporary Plate was issued. When accessing the Secretary of State's Internet site and entering information, issuers shall comply with all protocols provided by the Secretary of State, including, but not limited to, user identification procedures and passwords." 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1010.421(b)(2).

"Issuers of Temporary Permits shall reimburse the Secretary of State \$50 per Temporary Permit for lost, missing, stolen, or destroyed Temporary Permits. The Secretary of State shall have the discretion to waive this fee upon satisfactory proof that the Temporary Permits were destroyed by fire or flood, or stolen in connection to a theft of the premises. In the discretion to waive the fee, the Secretary of State shall consider whether an insurance claim or police report was filed, or other evidence suggesting the issuer's loss is the result of fire, flood, or theft of the premises." 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1010.421(b)(8).

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that all TRPs handled by your agency are accounted for and properly documented.

Vanity/Personalized License Plate fee changes

Effective Jan. 1, 2004, legislation changed the definitions for vanity and personalized plates. It also removed the grandfather clause on previously issued vanity plates. A \$47 original issuance fee also was added to personalized plates, as well as a \$7 personalized fee at the time of renewal.

Due to these changes, during the 2005 registration year only, beginning with January renewals, an applicant wanting to change his/her vanity or personalized plate to a "random passenger plate" may do so without the plate replacement fee of \$14. This may only be done at the time of renewal. To process this type of transaction, complete a blue and white VSD 190.20 application for the renewal of the plate. Be sure to include the previous plate number in BOX #2 – "Current IL Plate No.," and write "mine-run" in the box marked "Specify."

License Plate Material Change

As a trial, the Secretary of State's office changed the material used for producing Education License Plates from steel to aluminum. This was the first plate to undergo this change. Due to an overwhelming response to the new material, the Secretary of State's office will be changing the material used for all license plates from steel to aluminum.

Commercial & Farm Truck Division

- **International Registration Program (IRP)**
IRP registrations expire March 31, 2004. IRP registration renewals were mailed out in December 2003. For concerns regarding IRP registration renewals, please contact the Commercial & Farm Truck Division at 217-782-4815 or 217-782-4816.
- **Commercial Distribution Fee (CDF)**
CDF payments were due Dec. 31, 2003, for all applicable 2004 fiscal registrations. If payments have not yet been mailed, please do so as soon as possible.

Truth in Mileage Act

Effective Jan. 1, 2004, the truth in mileage criteria for odometer requirements changed. All first division (passenger) vehicles that are 10 years old or older and second division vehicles that have a gross weight of 16,000 lbs. or more are not required to declare odometer readings. The odometer area on applications for vehicles with model years of 1994 or older, and some second division vehicles, may be left blank.

Leased Vehicle Registrations

The "lessee" (person leasing vehicle) owns a vehicle registration unless otherwise stated on the lease agreement. If a customer states that he or she previously was leasing a vehicle and would like to transfer those plates, process the transaction as a transfer of plates or title and transfer, if it is a new purchase. Be sure to include the plate number in the box marked "Current Plate Number." License plate transfers may only be processed if the registration is current and not expired.

Education License Plate

The Education License Plate is now available. The design was chosen from more than 9,000 entries submitted by elementary schoolchildren during a contest sponsored by Secretary of State Jesse White. Proceeds from the sale of the plates provide scholarships for full-time graduate and undergraduate students pursuing teacher certificates.

Any Illinois resident may apply for Education plates. The plates may be displayed on passenger vehicles and B-trucks weighing no more than 8,000 pounds. The following fees apply:

- First-time issuance – \$118
(\$78 registration fee, \$40 Education fee, \$25 goes to the Education fund)
- Current plates expire within 90 days – \$132
(\$78 registration fee, \$40 Education fee, \$14 replacement fee)
- Current plates do not expire within 90 days – \$54
(\$40 Education fee, \$14 replacement fee)
- Annual renewal – \$118
(\$78 registration fee, \$40 Education fee)



Deceased Firefighter/Police Officer License Plates

These license plates are available to the surviving spouse(s) or parent(s) of a deceased Illinois police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. A letter on agency letterhead stating the relationship to the deceased must accompany the application. Proceeds go to educational scholarships for children of deceased firefighters and police officers. The following fees apply:

- First-time issuance – \$93
(\$78, \$15 Firefighter/Police Officer fee)
- Current plates do not expire within 90 days – \$29
(\$15 Firefighter/Police Officer fee, \$14 replacement fee)
- Current plates expire within 90 days – \$107
(\$78 registration fee, \$15 Firefighter/Police Officer fee, \$14 replacement fee)
- Annual renewal – \$80
(\$78 registration fee, \$2 Firefighter/Police Officer fee)



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