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Secretary White Upgrades Temporary License Plates

New temporary license plates more durable and provide more information to law enforcement

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that his office has upgraded temporary license plates (also known as TRPs or temporary registration permits), making them more durable and providing more information to law enforcement in an effort to continue to combat fraud and criminal activity.

“This newly designed temporary license plate continues to give law enforcement the tools to quickly and accurately identify the owner of a vehicle,” said White. “Illinois was the first state in the nation to connect temporary license plates with LEADS (Law Enforcement Agency Data System), and we continue to make upgrades to our program and to the temporary license plate itself.”

The newly designed temporary license plate features a more durable material that is thicker and will better withstand car washes and inclement weather, ensuring that the information on the temporary license plate is easily visible to law enforcement. The new temporary license plates also include a bar code and enlarged expiration date, as well as identification including the vehicle’s VIN, year, make and model and the name of the automobile dealer that issued the temporary license plate. Like the old temporary license plates, the new ones will be affixed to the rear back license plate holder.

In addition, the issuance process of temporary license plates has been upgraded to require that applications for title and registration are completed before an automobile dealer may issue a temporary license plate. This change improves consumer protection and helps combat fraud, ensuring automobile dealers and remitters apply for title and registration before a temporary license plate can be printed. This step guarantees that ownership of the vehicle will be properly transferred in a timely fashion to the purchaser.

The newly designed temporary license plates – which are being issued statewide at all Driver Services facilities as well as the 10,048 automobile dealers, currency exchanges and remitters – continue to give law enforcement the ability to access vehicle information immediately through LEADS.

Approximately 500,000 temporary license plates are issued each year. There are more than 10.2 million vehicles in Illinois.

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ILLINOIS TEMPORARY PERMIT

VIN YEAR MAKE MODEL WEIGHT

XXX-AA-XXX

Exp: MM/YYYY

DEALER DLR # Issue Date



Owner Copy – Remove and Keep In Vehicle



VIN MAKE MODEL WEIGHT
DEALER DLR # Issue da
DEALER ADDRESS
OWNER 1 MM/YYYY
OWNER 2

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Agent Copy – Remove and Retain



VIN MAKE MODEL WEIGHT
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