

## Proper display of registration plates

Chapter 625 ILCS 5/3-413 of the Illinois Vehicle Code states:

- (a) Registration plates issued for a motor vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, semi-trailer, truck tractor, apportioned bus, or apportioned truck shall be attached thereto, one in the front and one in the rear. The registration plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer or semi-trailer required to be registered hereunder and any apportionment plate issued to a bus under the provisions of this Code shall be attached to the rear thereof. The registration plate issued for a truck tractor or an apportioned truck required to be registered hereunder shall be attached to the front thereof.
- (b) Every registration plate shall at all times be securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of such plate, in a place and position to be clearly visible and shall be maintained in a condition to be clearly legible, free from any materials that would obstruct the visibility of the plate, including, but not limited to, glass covers and tinted plastic covers. Clear plastic covers are permissible as long as they remain clear and do not obstruct the visibility of the plates. Registration stickers issued as evidence of renewed annual registration shall be attached to registration plates as required by the Secretary of State, and be clearly visible at all times.

The following offenses in the Offense Code Book are subject to a \$75 fine:

- 3-413(a) – No front/rear registration plate
- 3-413(b) – Improper display (tinted or obscured plastic covers)

### TRP INVENTORY

When issuing Temporary Registration Permits, please review the expiration year before issuing. If your supply of TRPs expires in 2007 or before, immediately order another supply. **TRPs with an expiration year of 2007 cannot be issued after Sept. 30, 2007.** Contact your Secretary of State dealer representative or auditor to pick up the old TRPs.

### Important Phone Numbers

Dealer/Remitter Helpline . . . . .	866-825-7926
Dealer Licensing Section . . . . .	217-782-7817
ERT Technical Support Helpline. . . . .	800-333-6995
Title and Registration Questions. . . . .	217-782-6877
TRP Helpline . . . . .	217-524-4329
7-Day Drive-Away Permits . . . . .	217-782-2886
Applications and Forms . . . . .	217-782-7132
Illinois Department of Revenue . . . . .	217-785-3707

## Reminders

- When a replacement plate(s) is needed at the time of a license plate transfer, complete an Application for Vehicle Transaction(s), mark the appropriate box for plate replacement, collect the required fees, and issue the customer a TRP on the newly purchased vehicle. **Do not send the customer to a Secretary of State facility to process the application for plate replacement**, as facilities cannot issue TRPs for replacement transactions on newly purchased vehicles.
- All title and registration transactions submitted to the Secretary of State must be made on an Application for Vehicle Transaction(s) (VSD 190.23). Verify that the application is filled out completely, including the odometer reading (1998 or newer), all appropriate boxes marked, correct surrendered title and VIN numbers, and the customer's signature. Completion of these items will assist the auditor in processing your transactions and minimize the number of go-backs.
- Dealers and remitters cannot mail out license plates using the Secretary of State "Bulk Rate Stamp" for postage on the plastic wrapping sealed around the plates. **The Bulk Rate Stamp is for Secretary of State use only.**

## Proper display of Dealer Plates

Title 92, Chapter II, Part 1010.450 of the Administration Code, Special Section e) Dealer Plates states:

1. Special Plates issued to a Dealer may be displayed upon any vehicle held for sale or resale, and
  - a) Upon any such vehicle, including the towing of a like plated vehicle, for any legal purpose including pick-up at the point of manufacturing or assembly, demonstrating, testing or delivery to the buyer; provided, however, that any such vehicle and like plated towed vehicle so transported may not carry any cargo or merchandise including other vehicles owned by the dealer and held for sale or resale.
  - b) On any such vehicle loaned, but not rented, as a "loaner" to a customer for temporary use the days that his car is being serviced or repaired.
  - c) On one truck up to 8,000 pounds owned by the dealer and used to haul his parts incidental to the operation of his business.
2. Special Plates issued to a dealer may not be displayed:
  - a) Upon any vehicle rented to another person.
  - b) Upon any vehicle of the second division carrying cargo or merchandise except as provided below on a one-trip demonstration basis.
  - c) Upon any work or service vehicle.
  - d) In any for-hire movement.
  - e) On any vehicle used permanently as a personal vehicle and not as a demonstrator, such prohibited uses being defined as follows:
    - A. On any vehicle used by any person enrolled at and attending an educational institution during the school term or year and to and from school.
    - B. On any vehicle used on vacation trips to areas outside the geographic scope of normal business operations for a period in excess of 25 days.
    - C. On any vehicle used by any person who is a member of the armed forces and stationed at any military base or encampment or installation.
    - D. On any vehicle used continuously for 25 or more days as a personal vehicle by any person not an agent, servant or employee of the dealer owning such special plate.
3. Dealer Plates and One-Trip Use  
Notwithstanding the above limitations, Dealer Plates may be used on a one-trip demonstration basis by a prospective bona fide buyer and carrying cargo or merchandise, providing that the form of document specified herein is carried in the cab of the vehicle. Any demonstration movement shall be limited to a period of 3 days.

Each dealer who wishes to grant to a prospective bona fide buyer the use of a dealer plate on a one-trip demonstration for three days shall prepare a document identical to this form in duplicate, and

1. Retain one copy in the offices of the dealer.
2. Issue one copy to the user for display on the vehicle.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of Dealer:
2. Address of Dealer:
3. Dealer Plate or plates being used:
4. Name of prospective buyer:
5. Date use is to begin and end: