

**Senator Daniel McCay** proposes the following substitute bill:

**LICENSE PLATE REVISIONS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to license plates, including requirements for display, fees, distribution, design, and funding.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ removes the requirement for the Motor Vehicle Division to issue two license plates in most circumstances;
- ▶ removes the requirement for an owner of a vehicle to display a license plate on the front of a vehicle;
- ▶ removes the requirement for two registration decals for both the month and year, and consolidates the registration information into one decal;
- ▶ requires a license plate design or redesign to be approved by the License Plate Design Review Board;
- ▶ requires an additional fee for personalized license plates;
- ▶ allows the Motor Vehicle Division to use funds in the License Plate Restricted Account for certain additional purposes;
- ▶ allows an institution of higher education to design the collegiate special group license plate for the institution, subject to approval by the license plate design



- 26 review board;
- 27       ▶ requires a person applying to create a new sponsored special group license plate to
- 28 pay an additional fee to cover the costs of designing and administering the new
- 29 license plate;
- 30       ▶ requires the Motor Vehicle Division to transition to central distribution of license
- 31 plates;
- 32       ▶ amends certain design characteristics of license plates regarding embossing;
- 33       ▶ prohibits a license plate cover and prohibits a license plate frame that obscures the
- 34 license plate number or decals;
- 35       ▶ requires \$1 from certain license plate fees to be deposited into the Motor Vehicle
- 36 Safety Impact Restricted Account;
- 37       ▶ allows law enforcement to use license plate reading technology to access
- 38 information in the Utah Criminal Justice Information System for certain purposes;
- 39       ▶ grants rulemaking authority to the State Tax Commission related to license plate
- 40 administration; and
- 41       ▶ makes technical changes.

42 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

43 None

44 **Other Special Clauses:**

45 This bill provides a special effective date.

46 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

47 AMENDS:

- 48 **13-48-103**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 357
- 49 **41-1a-108**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 1
- 50 **41-1a-122**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33
- 51 **41-1a-221**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 20
- 52 **41-1a-232**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 135
- 53 **41-1a-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 20
- 54 **41-1a-401**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 22, 33 and 440
- 55 **41-1a-402**, as repealed and reenacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33
- 56 **41-1a-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 440

- 57            **41-1a-404**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 440
- 58            **41-1a-407**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 20
- 59            **41-1a-410**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 222
- 60            **41-1a-411**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 259
- 61            **41-1a-412**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 1992, Chapter 1
- 62            **41-1a-413**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 454
- 63            **41-1a-416**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 33, 219
- 64            **41-1a-419**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33
- 65            **41-1a-701**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 454
- 66            **41-1a-703**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 454
- 67            **41-1a-704**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412
- 68            **41-1a-1105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 281
- 69            **41-1a-1211**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33
- 70            **41-1a-1603**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33
- 71            **41-1a-1604**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33
- 72            **41-1a-1605**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 33
- 73            **41-3-105**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 259
- 74            **41-3-209**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 387
- 75            **41-6a-403**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382
- 76            **41-6a-2002**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 524
- 77            **41-6a-2003**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 524
- 78            **41-12a-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 85
- 79            **41-12a-602**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 1985, Chapter 242
- 80            **53-8-214**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 33, 212



82 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

83            Section 1. Section **13-48-103** is amended to read:

84            **13-48-103. Motor vehicle rental company -- Fee disclosure and collection**  
85 **requirements.**

86            (1) A motor vehicle rental company may include separately stated surcharges, fees, or  
87 charges in a rental agreement, including:

- 88 (a) motor vehicle license cost recovery fees;
- 89 (b) airport access fees;
- 90 (c) airport concession fees; and
- 91 (d) all applicable taxes.

92 (2) If a motor vehicle rental company includes a motor vehicle license cost recovery  
93 fee as a separately stated charge in a rental transaction, the amount of the fee shall represent the  
94 motor vehicle rental company's good-faith estimate of the motor vehicle rental company's daily  
95 charge as calculated by the motor vehicle rental company to recover its actual total annual  
96 motor vehicle titling, registration, obtaining [~~license plates~~] a license plate, and motor vehicle  
97 inspection and emission costs.

98 (3) If the total amount of the motor vehicle license cost recovery fees collected by a  
99 motor vehicle rental company under this section in any calendar year exceeds the motor vehicle  
100 rental company's actual costs to license, title, register, and obtain [~~license plates~~] a license plate  
101 for the motor vehicles and have the motor vehicles pass inspections and emissions for that  
102 calendar year, the motor vehicle rental company shall retain the excess amount and adjust the  
103 estimated average per motor vehicle license cost recovery fee for the following calendar year  
104 by the corresponding amount.

105 Section 2. Section **41-1a-108** is amended to read:

106 **41-1a-108. Division inspection of applications for registration, certificate of title,**  
107 **or license plate.**

108 (1) The division shall examine and determine the genuineness, regularity, and legality  
109 of each application for:

- 110 (a) registration of a vehicle;
- 111 (b) a certificate of title for a vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor;
- 112 (c) [~~license plates~~] a license plate; and
- 113 (d) any other request lawfully made to the division.

114 (2) The division may investigate or require additional information on any application  
115 or request necessary to implement this chapter.

116 (3) When the division is satisfied as to the genuineness, regularity, and legality of an  
117 application and that the applicant is entitled to register the vehicle and to the issuance of a  
118 certificate of title, the division shall register the vehicle, issue a certificate of title and issue

119 [~~license plates~~] a license plate.

120 Section 3. Section **41-1a-122** is amended to read:

121 **41-1a-122. License Plate Restricted Account.**

122 (1) As used in this section, "account" means the License Plate Restricted Account  
123 created by this section.

124 (2) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the License  
125 Plate Restricted Account.

126 (3) (a) The account shall be funded from the fees described in:

127 (i) Subsection 41-1a-1201(3)[-];

128 (ii) Subsection 41-1a-1604(2)(c); and

129 (iii) other fees as provided in this chapter.

130 (b) The fees described in Subsection (3)(a) shall be paid to the division, which shall  
131 deposit them in the account.

132 (4) The Legislature shall appropriate the funds in the account to the commission to  
133 cover the costs of:

134 (a) issuing license plates and decals[-];

135 (b) processing applications for personalized license plates;

136 (c) centrally distributing license plates; and

137 (d) contracting with a vendor to design license plates.

138 (5) (a) For fiscal year 2024-25, the commission may expend up to \$100,000 for design  
139 and redesign of license plates.

140 (b) Beginning with the 2025-26 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
141 commission may expend up to \$50,000 for the design and redesign of license plates.

142 [~~(5)~~] (6) In accordance with Section 63J-1-602.1, appropriations made to the division  
143 from the account are nonlapsing.

144 Section 4. Section **41-1a-221** is amended to read:

145 **41-1a-221. Registration of vehicles of political subdivisions or state -- Expiration  
146 of registration -- Certification of information -- Failure to comply.**

147 (1) (a) An entity referred to in Subsection 41-1a-407(1) shall register each vehicle that  
148 it owns, operates, or leases.

149 (b) This section does not apply to unmarked vehicles referred to in Section 41-1a-407.

150 (2) A registration card and license plate issued to an entity under this section or  
151 Subsection 41-1a-407(1) are in full force and effect until the vehicle is no longer owned or  
152 operated by that entity.

153 (3) (a) If the owner of a vehicle subject to the provisions of this section transfers or  
154 assigns title or interest in the vehicle, the registration of that vehicle expires.

155 (b) The transferor shall remove the license plate or plates and within 20 days from the  
156 date of transfer:

157 (i) destroy the license plate or plates; or

158 (ii) forward the license plate or plates to the division to be destroyed.

159 (4) A violation of this section is an infraction.

160 Section 5. Section 41-1a-232 is amended to read:

161 **41-1a-232. Special fleet registration decals and license plates.**

162 (1) As used in this section:

163 (a) "Rental agreement" has the same meaning as defined in Section 31A-22-311.

164 (b) "Rental company" has the same meaning as defined in Section 31A-22-311.

165 (c) "Rental fleet" means more than 25 motor vehicles that are:

166 (i) owned by a rental company;

167 (ii) offered for rental without a hired driver through a rental agreement; and

168 (iii) designated by the registered owner of the motor vehicle as a rental fleet vehicle at  
169 the time of registration.

170 (2) (a) An owner that registers a motor vehicle under Section 41-1a-215 or 41-1a-215.5  
171 may obtain an alternative special registration card and registration [~~decals~~] decal for the license  
172 [~~plates~~] plate if the motor vehicle is:

173 (i) (A) owned by a rental company; and

174 (B) maintained in the rental company's rental fleet; or

175 (ii) owned or leased as part of a commercial fleet and is not owned or leased by a rental  
176 company.

177 (b) The registration card and registration [~~decals~~] decal for the license [~~plates~~] plate  
178 issued under Subsection (2)(a) are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor  
179 vehicle is maintained in the rental fleet or is part of a commercial fleet.

180 (3) (a) An owner that receives the alternative special registration card and registration

181 [~~decals~~] decal for the license [~~plates~~] plate issued under this section shall:

- 182 (i) renew the registration in accordance with Section 41-1a-216; and
- 183 (ii) comply with all the prerequisites for registration or registration renewal under
- 184 Section 41-1a-203.

185 (b) Notwithstanding the registration renewals requirement under Subsection

186 41-1a-216(2)(b), the alternative special registration card and registration [~~decals~~] decal issued

187 under this section do not expire and are valid for the life of the motor vehicle while the motor

188 vehicle is maintained in the rental fleet or is part of a commercial fleet.

189 (4) If the registration renewal requirements under Subsection (3)(a) are not complied

190 with, the registration is suspended or revoked.

191 Section 6. Section 41-1a-301 is amended to read:

192 **41-1a-301. Apportioned registration and licensing of interstate vehicles.**

193 (1) For purposes of this section, "registrant" means an owner or operator of one or

194 more commercial vehicles operating in two or more jurisdictions applying for apportioned

195 registration and licensing of a commercial vehicle.

196 (2) (a) An owner or operator of a fleet of commercial vehicles based in this state and

197 operating in two or more jurisdictions may register commercial vehicles for operation under the

198 International Registration Plan or the Uniform Vehicle Registration Proration and Reciprocity

199 Agreement by filing an application with the division.

200 (b) The application shall include information that identifies the vehicle owner, the

201 vehicle, the miles traveled in each jurisdiction, and other information pertinent to the

202 registration of apportioned vehicles.

203 (c) The division may not grant apportioned registration for vehicles operated

204 exclusively in this state.

205 (3) (a) If no operations were conducted during the preceding year, in computing fees

206 due:

207 (i) the application shall contain a statement of the proposed operations; and

208 (ii) the division shall determine fees based on average per vehicle distance

209 requirements under the International Registration Plan.

210 (b) At renewal, the registrant shall use the actual mileage from the preceding year in

211 computing fees due each jurisdiction.

212 (4) The division shall determine the registration fee for apportioned vehicles as  
213 follows:

214 (a) divide the in-jurisdiction miles by the total miles generated during the preceding  
215 year;

216 (b) total the fees for each vehicle based on the fees prescribed in Section 41-1a-1206;  
217 and

218 (c) multiply the sum obtained under Subsection (4)(b) by the quotient obtained under  
219 Subsection (4)(a).

220 (5) The registrant may list trailers or semitrailers of apportioned fleets separately as  
221 "trailer fleets" on the application, with the fees paid according to the total distance those trailers  
222 were towed in all jurisdictions during the preceding year mileage reporting period.

223 (6) (a) (i) When the registrant has paid the proper fees and cleared the property tax or  
224 in lieu fee under Section 41-1a-206 or 41-1a-207, the division shall issue a registration card  
225 and license plate for each unit listed on the application.

226 (ii) The owner or operator shall carry an original registration in each vehicle at all  
227 times.

228 (b) The owner or operator may carry original registration cards for trailers or  
229 semitrailers in the power unit.

230 (c) (i) In lieu of a permanent registration card or license plate, the division may issue  
231 one temporary permit authorizing operation of new or unlicensed vehicles until the permanent  
232 registration is completed.

233 (ii) Once a temporary permit is issued:

234 (A) neither the registrant nor the division may cancel the registration process; and

235 (B) the division shall complete registration and the registrant shall pay the fees and any  
236 property tax or in lieu fee due for the vehicle for which the permit was issued.

237 (iii) The division may not issue temporary permits for renewals.

238 (d) (i) The division shall issue one distinctive license plate for apportioned vehicles.

239 (ii) The owner or operator shall display the plate on the front of an apportioned truck  
240 tractor or power unit or on the rear of any other apportioned vehicle.

241 (iii) (A) The division shall issue distinctive decals or a distinctive license plate  
242 displaying the word "apportioned" or the abbreviation "APP" for each apportioned vehicle.



243 (B) A registrant of an apportioned vehicle is not required to display [~~month or year~~  
244 ~~decals~~] a registration decal.

245 (iv) At the request of a registrant of an apportioned vehicle, the division may issue a  
246 second license plate, for a total of two, to display on both the front and rear of the apportioned  
247 vehicle.

248 (e) The division shall charge a nonrefundable administrative fee, determined by the  
249 commission pursuant to Section 63J-1-504, for each temporary permit, registration, or both.

250 (7) Vehicles that are apportionally registered are fully registered for intrastate and  
251 interstate movements, providing the registrant has secured proper interstate and intrastate  
252 authority.

253 (8) (a) The division shall register vehicles added to an apportioned fleet after the  
254 beginning of the registration year by applying the quotient under Subsection (4)(a) for the  
255 original application to the fees due for the remainder of the registration year.

256 (b) (i) The owner shall maintain and submit complete annual mileage for each vehicle  
257 in each jurisdiction, showing all miles operated by the lessor and lessee.

258 (ii) The fiscal mileage reporting period begins July 1, and continues through June 30 of  
259 the year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the registration year begins.

260 (c) (i) An owner-operator, who is a lessor, may register the vehicle in the name of the  
261 owner-operator.

262 (ii) The identification plates and registration card shall be the property of the lessor and  
263 may reflect both the owner-operator's name and that of the carrier as lessee.

264 (iii) The division shall allocate the fees according to the operational records of the  
265 owner-operator.

266 (d) (i) At the option of the lessor, the lessee may register a leased vehicle.

267 (ii) If a lessee is the registrant of a leased vehicle, both the lessor's and lessee's name  
268 shall appear on the registration.

269 (iii) The division shall allocate the fees according to the records of the carrier.

270 (9) (a) When the division has accepted an application for apportioned registration, the  
271 registrant shall preserve the records on which the application is based for a period of three  
272 years after the close of the registration year.

273 (b) Upon request for audit as to accuracy of computations, payments, and assessments

274 for deficiencies, or allowances for credits, the registrant shall provide the records to the  
275 division.

276 (c) The division may not make an assessment for deficiency or claim for credit for any  
277 period for which records are no longer required.

278 (d) The division may assess interest in the amount prescribed by Section 59-1-402  
279 from the date due until paid on deficiencies found due after audit.

280 (e) Registrants with deficiencies are subject to the penalties under Section 59-1-401.

281 (f) The division may enter into agreements with other International Registration Plan  
282 jurisdictions for joint audits.

283 (10) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (10)(b), the division shall deposit all state  
284 fees collected under this section in the Transportation Fund.

285 (b) The commission may use the following fees as a dedicated credit to cover the costs  
286 of electronic credentialing as provided in Section 41-1a-303:

287 (i) \$5 of each temporary registration permit fee paid under Subsection (13)(a)(i) for a  
288 single unit; and

289 (ii) \$10 of each temporary registration permit fee paid under Subsection (13)(a)(ii) for  
290 multiple units.

291 (11) If registration is for less than a full year, the division shall assess fees for  
292 apportioned registration according to Section 41-1a-1207.

293 (a) (i) If the registrant is replacing a vehicle for one withdrawn from the fleet and the  
294 new vehicle is of the same weight category as the replaced vehicle, the registrant shall file a  
295 supplemental application.

296 (ii) If the registrant is replacing a vehicle for one withdrawn from the fleet and the new  
297 vehicle is heavier than the replaced vehicle, the division shall assess additional registration  
298 fees.

299 (iii) If the registrant is replacing a vehicle for one withdrawn from the fleet, the  
300 division shall issue a new registration card.

301 (b) If a vehicle is withdrawn from an apportioned fleet during the period for which it is  
302 registered, the registrant shall notify the division and surrender the registration card and license  
303 plate of the withdrawn vehicle.

304 (12) (a) An out-of-state carrier with an apportionally registered vehicle who has not

305 presented a certificate of property tax or in lieu fee as required by Section 41-1a-206 or  
306 41-1a-207, shall pay, at the time of registration, a proportional part of an equalized highway  
307 use tax computed as follows:

308 (i) Multiply the number of vehicles or combination vehicles registered in each weight  
309 class by the equivalent tax figure from the following tables:

310	Vehicle or Combination Registered Weight	Age of Vehicle	Equivalent Tax
311	12,000 pounds or less	12 or more years	\$10
312	12,000 pounds or less	9 or more years but less than 12 years	\$50
313	12,000 pounds or less	6 or more years but less than 9 years	\$80
314	12,000 pounds or less	3 or more years but less than 6 years	\$110
315	12,000 pounds or less	Less than 3 years	\$150

316	Vehicle or Combination Registered Weight	Equivalent Tax
317	12,001 - 18,000 pounds	\$150
318	18,001 - 34,000 pounds	200
319	34,001 - 48,000 pounds	300
320	48,001 - 64,000 pounds	450
321	64,001 pounds and over	600

322 (ii) Multiply the equivalent tax value for the total fleet determined under Subsection  
323 (12)(a)(i) by the fraction computed under Subsection (4) for the apportioned fleet for the  
324 registration year.

325 (b) For registration described in Subsection (12)(a), the division shall assess fees as  
326 provided in Section 41-1a-1207.

327 (13) (a) Commercial vehicles meeting the registration requirements of another  
328 jurisdiction may, as an alternative to full or apportioned registration, secure a temporary  
329 registration permit for a period not to exceed 96 hours or until they leave the state, whichever is  
330 less, for a fee of:

331 (i) \$25 for a single unit; and

332 (ii) \$50 for multiple units.

333 (b) A state temporary permit or registration fee is not required from nonresident owners

334 or operators of vehicles or combination of vehicles having a gross laden weight of 26,000

335 pounds or less for each single unit or combination.

336 (14) The division may not register a park model recreational vehicle under this section.

337 (15) A violation of this section is an infraction.

338 Section 7. Section **41-1a-401** is amended to read:

339 **41-1a-401. License plates -- Number of plates -- Reflectorization -- Indicia of**  
340 **registration in lieu of or used with plates.**

341 (1) (a) Except as provided in [~~Subsection (1)(c)~~] Subsections (1)(c), (d), and (e), the  
342 division upon registering a vehicle shall issue to the owner:

343 (i) one license plate for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer;

344 (ii) one registration decal for a park model recreational vehicle, in lieu of a license  
345 plate, which shall be attached in plain sight to the rear of the park model recreational vehicle;

346 (iii) one registration decal for a camper, in lieu of a license plate, which shall be  
347 attached in plain sight to the rear of the camper; and

348 (iv) [~~two identical license plates~~] one license plate for every other vehicle.

349 (b) The license plate or registration decal issued under Subsection (1)(a) is for the  
350 particular vehicle registered and may not be removed during the term for which the license  
351 plate or registration decal is issued or used upon any other vehicle than the registered vehicle.

352 (c) (i) Notwithstanding Subsections (1)(a) and (b) and except as provided in Subsection  
353 (1)(c)(ii), the division, upon registering a motor vehicle that has been sold, traded, or the  
354 ownership of which has been otherwise released, shall transfer the license plate issued to the  
355 person applying to register the vehicle if:

356 (A) the previous registered owner has included the license plate as part of the sale,  
357 trade, or ownership release; and

358 (B) the person applying to register the vehicle applies to transfer the license plate to the  
359 new registered owner of the vehicle.

360 (ii) The division may not transfer a personalized or special group license plate to a new  
361 registered owner under this Subsection (1)(c) if the new registered owner does not meet the

362 qualification or eligibility requirements for that personalized or special group license plate  
363 under this part or Part 16, Special Group License Plates.

364 (d) (i) For a vehicle described in Section 41-1a-301, the division upon registering a  
365 vehicle shall issue a license plate or set of license plates as provided in that section.

366 (ii) For any ~~H~~→ [vehicle that meets the definition of an intrastate commercial vehicle as  
367 defined in Section 72-9-102] commercial vehicle that operates intrastate ←~~H~~ , at the request of the  
367a registrant, the division upon registering a  
368 vehicle may issue two license plates, for display on both the front and rear of the intrastate  
369 commercial vehicle.

370 (e) The division upon registering a vehicle may, until inventory of license plate sets is  
371 exhausted, but no later than December 31, 2025, issue a set of two plates.

372 (f) The division shall ensure that license plates are distributed from a central location  
373 as soon as practicable, but no later than July 1, 2025.

374 (2) The division may receive applications for registration renewal, renew registration,  
375 and issue a new license [~~plates~~] plate or registration [~~decals~~] decal at any time prior to the  
376 expiration of registration.

377 (3) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(a)(ii), all license plates to be  
378 manufactured and issued by the division shall be treated with a fully reflective material on the  
379 plate face that provides effective and dependable reflective brightness during the service period  
380 of the license plate.

381 (ii) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a)(i), a historical support special group license  
382 plate may be treated with a place face that is partially reflective and provides effective and  
383 dependable reflective brightness during the service period of the license plate.

384 (b) The division shall prescribe all license plate material specifications and establish  
385 and implement procedures for conforming to the specifications.

386 (c) The specifications for the materials used such as the aluminum plate substrate, the  
387 reflective sheeting, and glue shall be drawn in a manner so that at least two manufacturers may  
388 qualify as suppliers.

389 (d) The granting of contracts for the materials shall be by public bid.

390 (4) (a) The commission may issue, adopt, and require the use of indicia of registration  
391 it considers advisable in lieu of or in conjunction with license plates as provided in this part.

392 (b) All provisions of this part relative to license plates apply to these indicia of

393 registration, so far as the provisions are applicable.

394 (5) A violation of this section is an infraction.

395 Section 8. Section **41-1a-402** is amended to read:

396 **41-1a-402. Standard license plates -- Required colors, numerals, and letters --**

397 **Expiration.**

398 (1) (a) Upon registering a vehicle, the division shall issue to the owner a standard  
399 license plate described in Subsection (1)(b) unless the division issues to the owner:

400 (i) a special group license plate in accordance with Section [41-1a-418](#); or

401 (ii) an apportioned vehicle license plate in accordance with Section [41-1a-301](#).

402 (b) The division may offer up to four standard license plate options at one time, each  
403 with a different design as follows:

404 (i) two designs that incorporate one or more elements that represent the state's  
405 economy or geography;

406 (ii) one design that represents the state's values or culture; and

407 (iii) one design that commemorates a current event relevant to the state or a significant  
408 anniversary of a historic event relevant to the state.

409 (c) The division shall offer:

410 (i) each design described in Subsection (1)(b)(i) or (ii) for at least a 10-year period; and

411 (ii) each design described in Subsection (1)(b)(iii) for no more than a five-year period.

412 (d) The division may not offer more than four standard license plate designs at any one  
413 time.

414 (2) Before the division may offer a design described in Subsection (1)(b), the division  
415 shall:

416 (a) consult with the Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement  
417 regarding the proposed design;

418 (b) identify which current standard license plate design will be replaced by the  
419 proposed design; and

420 (c) submit the proposed design to the ~~[governor for approval; and]~~ commission.

421 ~~[(d) if the governor approves the design pursuant to Subsection (2)(c), submit to the~~  
422 ~~Transportation Interim Committee a request for the Legislature to approve the proposed design~~  
423 ~~by concurrent resolution.]~~

424 ~~[(3) The division may issue a new standard license plate design only if:]~~  
425 ~~[(a) the Legislature has by concurrent resolution approved the standard license plate~~  
426 ~~design; and]~~  
427 ~~[(b) sufficient funds are appropriated for the initial costs of production.]~~  
428 (3) (a) If the commission receives a submission for a proposed design of a standard  
429 license plate as described in Subsection (2)(c), or a sponsored special group license plate as  
430 described in Section [41-1a-419](#) and Part 16, Sponsored Special Group License Plates, the  
431 commission shall notify:  
432 (i) the governor;  
433 (ii) the speaker of the House of Representatives; and  
434 (iii) the president of the Senate.  
435 (b) After receiving a notification described in Subsection (3)(a):  
436 (i) the governor shall appoint an individual to the license plate design review board  
437 described in Subsection (3)(c);  
438 (ii) the speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the House  
439 of Representatives to the license plate design review board described in Subsection (3)(c); and  
440 (iii) the president of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to the license  
441 plate design review board described in Subsection (3)(c).  
442 (c) (i) The license plate design review board, comprised of the members appointed as  
443 described in Subsection (3)(b), shall review proposed license plate designs.  
444 (ii) The member of the license plate design review board appointed by the governor  
445 shall serve as chair and convene the license plate design review board.  
446 (iii) The license plate design review board shall:  
447 (A) review each proposed license plate design; and  
448 (B) vote whether to approve or reject the proposed license plate design.  
449 (iv) If all three members of the license plate design review board are not present, the  
450 license plate design review board may not consider or vote on a proposed license plate design.  
451 (v) The license plate design review board shall notify the commission and the division  
452 regarding the results of the vote to approve each proposed license plate design.  
453 (d) The license plate design review board is not subject to Title 52, Chapter 4, Open  
454 and Public Meetings Act.

455 (e) If the license plate design review board approves a proposed license plate design,  
456 the division may begin the processes necessary for production and distribution of the license  
457 plate.

458 (4) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4)(b), the division may not order or produce a  
459 standard license plate that is discontinued under this section.

460 (b) The division may issue a discontinued standard license plate until the division  
461 exhausts the discontinued standard license plate's remaining stock.

462 (5) (a) Each license plate shall have displayed on it:

463 [~~(a)~~] (i) the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which the license plate is  
464 issued;

465 [~~(b)~~] (ii) the name of the state; and

466 [~~(c)~~] (iii) unless exempted by Section 41-1a-301 or 41-1a-407, a registration decal  
467 showing the date of expiration displayed in accordance with Subsection (8).

468 (b) No later than July 1, 2025, each license plate:

469 (i) shall have an embossed edge around the perimeter of the plate; and

470 (ii) may not have embossed registration numbers or characters.

471 (6) If registration is extended by affixing a registration decal to the license plate, the  
472 expiration date of the registration decal governs the expiration date of the license plate.

473 (7) (a) (i) Except as provided under Subsection (7)(b), Subsection 41-1a-215(2), and  
474 Section 41-1a-216, [~~license plates~~] a license plate shall be renewed annually.

475 [~~(b)(i)~~] (ii) (A) The division shall issue the vehicle owner a month registration decal  
476 and a year registration decal upon the vehicle's first registration with the division.

477 [~~(ii)~~] (B) The division shall issue the vehicle owner only a year registration decal upon  
478 subsequent renewals of registration to validate registration renewal.

479 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, the division shall issue one registration decal  
480 displaying both the month and year.

481 (8) (a) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection (8)(b) and by rule:

482 [~~(a)~~] (i) the month registration decal issued in accordance with Subsection (7) shall be  
483 displayed on the license plate in the left position; and

484 [~~(b)~~] (ii) the year registration decal issued in accordance with Subsection (7) shall be  
485 displayed on the license plate in the right position.



486 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2025, the registration decal shall be displayed on the upper  
487 right position.

488 (9) The current year registration decal issued in accordance with Subsection (7) shall  
489 be placed over or in place of the previous year registration decal.

490 (10) If a license plate~~[, month registration decal, or year]~~ or registration decal is lost or  
491 destroyed, a replacement shall be issued upon application and payment of the fees required  
492 under Section [41-1a-1211](#) or [41-1a-1212](#).

493 (11) (a) A violation of this section is an infraction.

494 (b) A court shall waive a fine for a violation under this section if:

495 (i) the registration for the vehicle was current at the time of the citation; and

496 (ii) the person to whom the citation was issued provides, within 21 business days,  
497 evidence that the license plate and registration [~~decals~~] decal are properly displayed in  
498 compliance with this section.

499 (12) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
500 the division may make rules regarding the placement and positioning of registration [~~decals~~]  
501 decal on [~~license plates~~] a license plate issued by the division.

502 Section 9. Section **41-1a-403** is amended to read:

503 **41-1a-403. Plates to be legible from 100 feet.**

504 (1) License plates and the required letters and numerals on them, except the [~~decals~~]  
505 registration decal and the slogan, shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a  
506 distance of 100 feet during daylight.

507 [~~(2) An individual may not attach a tinted or translucent license plate cover that~~  
508 ~~obscures the readability of the license plate as required in Subsection (1).]~~

509 (2) An individual may not attach to or over a license plate:

510 (a) a license plate cover; or

511 (b) a license plate frame that obscures or blocks the readability of the license plate  
512 number or registration decal on a license plate.

513 (3) A violation of this section is an infraction.

514 Section 10. Section **41-1a-404** is amended to read:

515 **41-1a-404. Location and position of plates -- Visibility of plates -- Exceptions.**

516 [~~(1) License plates issued for a vehicle other than a motorcycle, trailer, vintage vehicle,~~

517 or semitrailer shall be attached to the vehicle, one in the front and the other in the rear.]

518 ~~[(2) (a) The license plate issued for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer shall be~~  
519 ~~attached to the rear of the motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer.]~~

520 ~~[(b) (i) An owner of a vintage vehicle shall ensure that a license plate is attached to the~~  
521 ~~rear of the vintage vehicle.]~~

522 ~~[(ii) An owner of a vintage vehicle is not required to display a license plate on the front~~  
523 ~~of the vintage vehicle.]~~

524 (1) Except as provided in Section [41-1a-301](#) relating to a vehicle with apportioned  
525 registration, the owner or operator of a vehicle shall ensure that the license plate is attached to  
526 the rear of the vehicle as described in this section.

527 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) Except as provided in Subsection ~~[(5)]~~ (3), a license plate shall at all times be:

528 (a) securely fastened:

529 (i) in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued to prevent the plate from  
530 swinging;

531 (ii) at a height of not less than 12 inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom  
532 of the plate; and

533 (iii) in a place and position to be clearly visible; and

534 (b) maintained:

535 (i) free from foreign materials or a tinted or translucent license plate cover; and

536 (ii) in a condition to be clearly legible.

537 ~~[(4) Enforcement by a state or local law enforcement officer of the requirement under~~  
538 ~~Subsection (1) to attach a license plate to the front of a vehicle shall be only as a secondary~~  
539 ~~action when the vehicle has been detained for a suspected violation by any person in the~~  
540 ~~vehicle of Title 41, Motor Vehicles, other than the requirement under Subsection (1) to attach a~~  
541 ~~license plate to the front of the vehicle, or for another offense.]~~

542 ~~[(5)]~~ (3) The provisions of Subsections ~~[(3)(a)(iii) and (3)(b)]~~ (2)(a)(iii) and (2)(b) do  
543 not apply:

544 (a) to a license plate that is obscured exclusively by one or more of the following  
545 devices or by the cargo the device is carrying, if the device is installed according to  
546 manufacturer specifications or generally accepted installation practices:

547 (i) a trailer hitch;

- 548 (ii) a wheelchair lift or wheelchair carrier;
- 549 (iii) a trailer being towed by the vehicle;
- 550 (iv) a bicycle rack, ski rack, or luggage rack; or
- 551 (v) a similar cargo carrying device; or
- 552 (b) to a military vehicle if the license plate is in the military vehicle and ready for
- 553 inspection by law enforcement upon request.

554 [~~6~~] (4) A violation of this section is an infraction.

555 Section 11. Section 41-1a-407 is amended to read:

556 **41-1a-407. Plates issued to political subdivisions or state -- Use of "EX" letters --**  
557 **Confidential information.**

558 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), each municipality, board of education, school  
559 district, state institution of learning, county, other governmental division, subdivision, or  
560 district, and the state shall:

561 (a) place a license plate displaying the letters, "EX" on every vehicle owned and  
562 operated by it or leased for its exclusive use; and

563 (b) display an identification mark designating the vehicle as the property of the entity  
564 in a conspicuous place on both sides of the vehicle.

565 (2) The entity need not display the "EX" license plate or the identification mark  
566 required by Subsection (1) if:

567 (a) the vehicle is in the direct service of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney  
568 general, state auditor, or state treasurer of Utah;

569 (b) the vehicle is used in official investigative work where secrecy is essential;

570 (c) the vehicle is used in an organized Utah Highway Patrol operation that is:

571 (i) conducted within a county of the first or second class as defined under Section  
572 17-50-501, unless no more than one unmarked vehicle is used for the operation;

573 (ii) approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety;

574 (iii) of a duration of 14 consecutive days or less; and

575 (iv) targeted toward careless driving, aggressive driving, and accidents involving:

576 (A) violations of Title 41, Chapter 6a, Part 5, Driving Under the Influence and  
577 Reckless Driving;

578 (B) speeding violations for exceeding the posted speed limit by 21 or more miles per

579 hour;

580 (C) speeding violations in a reduced speed school zone under Section 41-6a-604;

581 (D) violations of Section 41-6a-1002 related to pedestrian crosswalks; or

582 (E) violations of Section 41-6a-702 related to lane restrictions;

583 (d) the vehicle is provided to an official of the entity as part of a compensation package

584 allowing unlimited personal use of that vehicle;

585 (e) the personal security of the occupants of the vehicle would be jeopardized if the

586 "EX" license plate were in place; or

587 (f) the vehicle is used in routine enforcement on a state highway with four or more

588 lanes involving:

589 (i) violations of Section 41-6a-701 related to operating a vehicle on the right side of a

590 roadway;

591 (ii) violations of Section 41-6a-702 related to left lane restrictions;

592 (iii) violations of Section 41-6a-704 related to overtaking and passing vehicles

593 proceeding in the same direction;

594 (iv) violations of Section 41-6a-711 related to following a vehicle at a safe distance;

595 and

596 (v) violations of Section 41-6a-804 related to turning and changing lanes.

597 (3) Plates issued to Utah Highway Patrol vehicles may bear the capital letters "UHP," a

598 beehive logo, and the call number of the trooper to whom the vehicle is issued.

599 (4) (a) The commission shall issue "EX" and "UHP" plates.

600 (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the

601 commission shall make rules establishing the procedure for application for and distribution of

602 the plates.

603 (5) For a vehicle that qualifies for an "EX" or "UHP" license [~~plates~~] plate, the entity is

604 not required to display the month or year registration [~~decals~~] decal described in Section

605 41-1a-402.

606 (6) (a) Information shall be confidential for vehicles that are not required to display the

607 "EX" license plate or the identification mark under Subsections (2)(a), (b), (d), and (e).

608 (b) (i) If a law enforcement officer's identity must be kept secret, the law enforcement

609 officer's agency head may request in writing that the division remove the license plate

610 information of the officer's personal vehicles from all public access files and place it in a  
611 confidential file until the assignment is completed.

612 (ii) The agency head shall notify the division when the assignment is completed.

613 (7) A peace officer engaged in an organized operation under Subsection (2)(c) shall be  
614 in a uniform clearly identifying the law enforcement agency the peace officer is representing  
615 during the operation.

616 Section 12. Section **41-1a-410** is amended to read:

617 **41-1a-410. Eligibility for personalized plates.**

618 (1) A person who is the registered owner of a vehicle not subject to registration under  
619 Section **41-1a-301**, registered with the division, or who applies for an original registration of a  
620 vehicle not subject to registration under Section **41-1a-301**, may upon payment of the fee  
621 prescribed in Section **41-1a-1211** apply to the division for [~~personalized license plates~~] a  
622 personalized license plate.

623 (2) Application shall be made in accordance with Section **41-1a-411**.

624 (3) The personalized [~~plates~~] license plate shall be affixed to the vehicle for which  
625 registration is sought in lieu of the regular license [~~plates~~] plate.

626 (4) [~~Personalized license plates~~] A personalized license plate shall be issued only to the  
627 registered owner of the vehicle on which they are to be displayed.

628 Section 13. Section **41-1a-411** is amended to read:

629 **41-1a-411. Application for personalized plates -- Refusal authorized.**

630 (1) An applicant for [~~personalized license plates~~] a personalized license plate or  
631 renewal of the [~~plates~~] plate shall file an application for the [~~plates~~] plate in the form and by the  
632 date the division requires, indicating the combination of letters, numbers, or both requested as  
633 a registration number.

634 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the division may refuse to issue any  
635 combination of letters, numbers, or both that:

636 (i) may carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency or that would be  
637 misleading; or

638 (ii) disparages a group based on:

639 (A) race;

640 (B) color;

- 641 (C) national origin;
- 642 (D) religion;
- 643 (E) age;
- 644 (F) sex;
- 645 (G) gender identity;
- 646 (H) sexual orientation;
- 647 (I) citizenship status; or
- 648 (J) physical or mental disability.

649 (b) The division may refuse to issue a combination of letters, numbers, or both as a  
650 registration number if that same combination is already in use as a registration number on an  
651 existing license plate.

652 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2) or (3)(b), the division may not refuse a  
653 combination of letters, numbers, or both as a registration number if:

654 (i) the license plate is an honor special group license plate as described in Section  
655 [41-1a-421](#), and the combination of letters, numbers, or both refers to:

656 (A) a year related to military service;

657 (B) a military branch; or

658 (C) an official achievement, badge, or honor received for military service; or

659 (ii) the combination of letters, numbers, or both as a registration number refers to an  
660 official state symbol described in Section [63G-1-601](#).

661 (b) If an applicant requests a combination containing only numbers, the division may  
662 refuse the combination if the combination includes less than four numerical digits.

663 Section 14. Section **41-1a-412** is amended to read:

664 **41-1a-412. Design of personalized plates.**

665 The personalized license [~~plates~~] plate shall be the same color and design as a regular  
666 license [~~plates~~] plate designed for the type of vehicle being licensed and shall consist of  
667 numbers, letters, or any combination as fixed by the division, provided that there are no  
668 conflicts with existing or anticipated license plate series.

669 Section 15. Section **41-1a-413** is amended to read:

670 **41-1a-413. Personalized plates -- Sale of vehicle -- Transfer of plates -- Release of**  
671 **priority.**

672 Except as provided in Subsection 41-1a-401(1)(c), if a person who has been issued a  
673 personalized license [~~plates~~] plate sells, trades, or otherwise releases ownership of the vehicle  
674 for which the personalized license [~~plates have~~] plate has been issued, that person shall  
675 immediately:

676 (1) apply to display the license [~~plates~~] plate on a different vehicle owned by the  
677 person; or

678 (2) surrender the license [~~plates~~] plate to the division and release his priority to the  
679 letters and numbers displayed on the personalized license [~~plates~~] plate.

680 Section 16. Section 41-1a-416 is amended to read:

681 **41-1a-416. Original issue license plates -- Alternative stickers -- Rulemaking.**

682 (1) The owner of a motor vehicle that is a model year 1973 or older may apply to the  
683 division for permission to display an original issue license plate.

684 (2) An owner described in Subsection (1) shall:

685 (a) complete an application on a form provided by the division;

686 (b) supply and submit to the division for approval the original issue license plate that  
687 the owner intends to display on the motor vehicle; and

688 (c) pay the fees prescribed in Sections 41-1a-1206 and 41-1a-1211.

689 (3) Before approving an application described in this section, the division shall  
690 determine that the original issue license plate:

691 (a) is of a format and type issued by the state for use on a motor vehicle;

692 (b) has numbers and characters that are unique and do not conflict with existing license  
693 plate series in this state;

694 (c) is legible, durable, and otherwise in a condition that serves the purposes of this  
695 chapter; and

696 (d) is from the same year of issue as the model year of the motor vehicle on which the  
697 original issue license plate is to be displayed.

698 (4) (a) Except as provided in this section, the owner of a motor vehicle displaying an  
699 original issue license [~~plates~~] plate approved under this section is not exempt from any  
700 requirement described in this chapter.

701 (b) An original issue license plate approved under this section is exempt from:

702 (i) the provisions of Section 41-1a-401 regarding reflectorization; and

703 (ii) Section ~~41-1a-403~~.

704 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), if a motor vehicle displaying an original issue  
705 license plate is also a vintage vehicle as defined in Section ~~41-21-1~~, the motor vehicle qualifies  
706 for the same exemptions as a vintage vehicle.

707 (5) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
708 division may make rules for the implementation of this section.

709 Section 17. Section ~~41-1a-419~~ is amended to read:

710 **~~41-1a-419. Plate design and review -- Personalized special group license plates --~~**

711 **Rulemaking.**

712 (1) (a) In accordance with Subsection [~~(1)(b)~~], (1)(c), and except as provided in  
713 Subsection (1)(b), the division shall determine the design and number of numerals or characters  
714 on a special group license plate.

715 (b) (i) When the division has technology and processes in place to centrally distribute  
716 license plates, but no later than July 1, 2025, subject to Subsection (1)(c)(iii), an institution  
717 may design a collegiate special group license plate for the institution in accordance with  
718 Subsection (1)(c).

719 (ii) If an institution chooses to design a collegiate special group license plate for the  
720 institution, the institution is responsible for any design costs.

721 [~~(b)~~] (c) (i) Except as provided in Subsection [~~(1)(b)(ii)~~] (1)(c)(ii), each special group  
722 license plate shall display:

723 (A) the word Utah;

724 (B) the name or identifying slogan of the special group; and

725 [~~(C) a symbol decal not exceeding two positions in size representing the special group;~~  
726 ~~and]~~

727 [~~(D)~~] (C) the combination of letters, numbers, or both uniquely identifying the  
728 registered vehicle.

729 (ii) The division, in consultation with the Utah State Historical Society, shall design  
730 the historical support special group license plate, which shall:

731 (A) have a black background;

732 (B) have white characters; and

733 (C) display the word Utah.



734 (iii) The design of a special group license plate is subject to approval by the license  
735 plate design review board as described in Subsection 41-1a-402(3).

736 (2) (a) The division shall, after consultation with a representative designated by the  
737 sponsoring organization as defined in Section 41-1a-1601, specify the word or words  
738 comprising the special group name and the symbol decal to be displayed upon the special group  
739 license plate.

740 (b) A special group license plate symbol decal may not be redesigned:

741 (i) unless the division receives a redesign fee established by the division under Section  
742 63J-1-504; and

743 (ii) more frequently than every five years.

744 (c) A special group license plate symbol decal may not be reordered unless the division  
745 receives a symbol decal reorder fee established by the division in accordance with Section  
746 63J-1-504.

747 (3) The license plates issued for horseless carriages prior to July 1, 1992, are valid  
748 without renewal as long as the vehicle is owned by the registered owner and the license plates  
749 may not be recalled by the division.

750 (4) Subject to Subsection 41-1a-411(4)(a), a person who meets the requirements  
751 described in this part or Part 16, Sponsored Special Group License Plates, for a special group  
752 license plate may, apply for a personalized special group license plate in accordance with  
753 Sections 41-1a-410 and 41-1a-411.

754 (5) Subject to this chapter, the commission shall make rules in accordance with Title  
755 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

756 (a) establish qualifying criteria for persons to receive, renew, or surrender special group  
757 license plates; and

758 (b) establish the number of numerals or characters for special group license plates.

759 Section 18. Section 41-1a-701 is amended to read:

760 **41-1a-701. Transfer by owner -- Removal of plates.**

761 (1) (a) If the owner of a registered vehicle transfers the title or interest to the vehicle  
762 the registration of the vehicle expires.

763 (b) Unless an owner has included the transfer of a license plate as part of a sale, trade,  
764 or ownership release of a vehicle, the owner shall remove the license plate or plates from the

765 transferred vehicle.

766 (2) (a) If an owner does not transfer a license plate to a person as part of a sale, trade,  
767 or ownership release of a vehicle, within 20 days from the date of transfer the owner shall  
768 forward the plates to the division to be destroyed or may have the plates assigned to another  
769 vehicle, subject to the rules of the division.

770 (b) If an owner transfers a license plate as part of a sale, trade, or ownership release of  
771 a vehicle, the new registered owner of the transferred vehicle shall apply to the division to have  
772 the plates assigned to the new registered owner.

773 (3) A violation of this section is an infraction.

774 Section 19. Section **41-1a-703** is amended to read:

775 **41-1a-703. New owner to secure new registration and new certificate of title.**

776 (1) The transferee, before operating or permitting the operation of a transferred vehicle  
777 on a highway, shall:

778 (a) present to the division the certificate of registration and the certificate of title,  
779 properly endorsed;

780 (b) apply for a new certificate of title and obtain a new registration for the transferred  
781 vehicle, as upon an original registration, except as permitted under Sections [41-1a-223](#),  
782 [41-1a-520](#), and [41-1a-704](#); and

783 (c) apply to the division to have the license plate or plates assigned to the new  
784 registered owner of the transferred vehicle if the license plate or plates were included as part of  
785 the sale, trade, or ownership release of the transferred vehicle.

786 (2) A violation of this section is an infraction.

787 Section 20. Section **41-1a-704** is amended to read:

788 **41-1a-704. Transfer by operation of law.**

789 (1) Except as provided under Subsection (2), if the title or interest of an owner in or to  
790 a registered vehicle passes to another person other than by voluntary transfer:

791 (a) the registration of the vehicle expires; and

792 (b) the vehicle may not be operated upon a highway until the person entitled to  
793 possession of the vehicle applies for and obtains a valid registration or temporary permit.

794 (2) (a) A vehicle under Subsection (1) may be operated on the highways by the person  
795 entitled to its possession or his legal representative, for a distance not exceeding 75 miles, upon

796 displaying on the vehicle the license plate or plates issued to the former owner.

797 (b) If title is vested in a person holding a lien or encumbrance on the vehicle, the new  
798 title holder may apply to the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division for special plates issued  
799 under Section 41-3-505 to transporters and may operate the repossessed vehicle under the  
800 special plate for the purposes of:

801 (i) transporting the vehicle to a garage or warehouse; or

802 (ii) demonstrating the vehicle for sale.

803 (3) A violation of this section is an infraction.

804 Section 21. Section 41-1a-1105 is amended to read:

805 **41-1a-1105. Records to be kept by public garage, impound lot, or impound yard.**

806 (1) (a) Each person engaged in the business of operating a public garage, impound lot,  
807 or impound yard shall keep a record of every vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor stored in it for  
808 compensation for a period longer than 12 hours.

809 (b) The record shall include:

810 (i) the name and address of the person storing the vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor;

811 (ii) a brief description of the vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor, including the name or  
812 make, identification number, and license number shown by the license plate or plates; and

813 (iii) the mileage shown on the vehicle's odometer both upon arrival at and upon its  
814 release from the public garage, impound lot, or impound yard, if the vehicle is equipped with  
815 an odometer.

816 (2) Every record kept under Subsection (1) shall be open to inspection by any peace  
817 officer.

818 Section 22. Section 41-1a-1211 is amended to read:

819 **41-1a-1211. License plate fees -- Application fees for issuance and renewal of**  
820 **personalized and special group license plates -- Replacement fee for license plates --**  
821 **Postage fees.**

822 (1) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (11), (12), and (13), [~~and (14);~~] a license  
823 plate fee established in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 shall be paid to the division for the  
824 issuance of any new license plate under Part 4, License Plates and Registration Indicia.

825 (b) The license plate fee shall be deposited as follows:

826 (i) beginning on January 1, 2025, \$1 from the license plate fees, other than a license

827 plate fee for a motorcycle or trailer, into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted Account  
828 created in Section 53-8-214;

829 ~~(i)~~ (ii) \$1 ~~in~~ into the Transportation Fund; and

830 ~~(i)~~ (iii) the remainder of the fee charged under Subsection (1)(a) into the License  
831 Plate Restricted Account, as provided in Section 41-1a-1201.

832 (2) (a) An applicant for original issuance of a personalized license ~~[plates]~~ plate issued  
833 under Section 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$50 per set license plate application fee in addition to the  
834 fee required in Subsection (1).

835 (b) In addition to the fee described in Subsection (2)(a), an applicant for original  
836 issuance of a personalized license plate issued under Section 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$25  
837 processing fee.

838 (c) The fee described in Subsection (2)(b) shall be deposited into the License Plate  
839 Restricted Account created in Section 41-1a-122.

840 (3) Beginning July 1, 2003, a person who applies for a special group license plate shall  
841 pay a \$5 fee for the original ~~[set of license plates]~~ license plate in addition to the fee required  
842 under Subsection (1).

843 (4) An applicant for original issuance of a personalized special group license ~~[plates]~~  
844 plate shall pay the license plate application fees required in Subsection (2) in addition to the  
845 license plate fees and license plate application fees established under Subsections (1) and (3).

846 (5) An applicant for renewal of a personalized license ~~[plates]~~ plate issued under  
847 Section 41-1a-410 shall pay a \$10 per set application fee.

848 (6) (a) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover  
849 the costs for the replacement of any license plate issued under Part 4, License Plates and  
850 Registration Indicia.

851 (b) The license plate fee for the replacement of any license plate as described in  
852 Subsection (6)(a) shall be deposited as follows:

853 (i) beginning on January 1, 2025, \$1 from the license plate fees, other than a license  
854 plate fee for a motorcycle or trailer, into the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted Account  
855 created in Section 53-8-214;

856 ~~(i)~~ (ii) \$1 ~~in~~ into the Transportation Fund; and

857 ~~(i)~~ (iii) the remainder of the fee charged under Subsection (6)(a) into the License

858 Plate Restricted Account, as provided in Section 41-1a-1201.

859 (7) (a) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover  
860 the division's costs for the replacement of a symbol decal issued under Section 41-1a-418.

861 (b) The fee described in Subsection (7)(a) shall be deposited into the License Plate  
862 Restricted Account as described in Section 41-1a-1201.

863 (8) The division may charge a fee established under Section 63J-1-504 to recover the  
864 cost of issuing stickers under Section 41-1a-416.

865 (9) In addition to any other fees required by this section, the division shall assess a fee  
866 established under Section 63J-1-504 to cover postage expenses if a new or replacement license  
867 [~~plates are~~] plate is mailed to the applicant.

868 (10) The fees required under this section are separate from and in addition to  
869 registration fees required under Section 41-1a-1206.

870 (11) (a) An applicant for a license plate issued under Section 41-1a-407 is not subject  
871 to the license plate fee under Subsection (1).

872 (b) An applicant for a Purple Heart special group license plate issued on or before  
873 December 31, 2023, or issued in accordance with Part 16, Sponsored Special Group License  
874 Plates, is exempt from the fees under Subsections (1), (3), and (7).

875 (12) A person is exempt from the fee under Subsection (1) or (6) if the person:

876 (a) was issued a clean fuel special group license plate in accordance with Section  
877 41-1a-418 prior to the effective date of rules made by the Department of Transportation under  
878 Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b);

879 (b) beginning on the effective date of rules made by the Department of Transportation  
880 authorized under Subsection 41-6a-702(5)(b), is no longer eligible for a clean fuel special  
881 group license plate under the rules made by the Department of Transportation; and

882 (c) upon renewal or reissuance, is required to replace the clean fuel special group  
883 license plate with a new license plate.

884 (13) An individual is exempt from the license plate fee under Subsection (1) if the  
885 individual presents official documentation that the individual is a recipient of the Purple Heart  
886 Award in one of the following forms:

887 (a) official documentation issued by a recognized association representing peace  
888 officers who:

- 889 (i) receive a salary from a federal, state, county, or municipal government or any other  
890 subdivision of the state; and  
891 (ii) work in the state;  
892 (b) a membership card in the Military Order of the Purple Heart; or  
893 (c) an original or certificate in lieu of the applicant's military discharge form, DD-214,  
894 issued by the National Personnel Records Center.

895 Section 23. Section **41-1a-1603** is amended to read:

896 **41-1a-1603. Application requirements -- Fees -- Contributions -- Rulemaking.**

897 (1) An applicant for a sponsored special group license plate shall submit to the  
898 division:

- 899 (a) in a form and manner that the division prescribes, a complete application;  
900 (b) payment of the fee for the issuance of the sponsored special group license plate  
901 established under Subsection (4)(a)(i);  
902 (c) the required contribution for the sponsored special group license plate, unless the  
903 applicant previously paid the required contribution as part of a preorder application described  
904 in Subsection (4); and  
905 (d) if the sponsoring organization elects to require verification as described in Section  
906 [41-1a-1604](#), a verification form obtained from the sponsoring organization.

907 (2) An applicant who owns a vehicle with the sponsoring organization's sponsored  
908 special group license plate shall submit to the division the required contribution to renew the  
909 sponsored special group license plate.

910 (3) (a) An applicant who wishes to obtain a new type of sponsored special group  
911 license plate may preorder the new type of sponsored special group license plate by:

- 912 (i) submitting to the sponsoring organization associated with the new type of sponsored  
913 special group license plate a complete preorder form created by the division; and  
914 (ii) making the required contribution to the sponsoring organization.

915 (b) After the division approves the sponsoring organization's request for the new type  
916 of sponsored special group license plate under Section [41-1a-1604](#), an applicant who submitted  
917 a preorder in accordance with Subsection (3)(a) may apply for the sponsored special group  
918 license plate in accordance with Subsection (1).

919 (4) (a) The division shall, in accordance with Section [63J-1-504](#), establish:

920 (i) the fee to charge an applicant for the division's costs of issuing or renewing a  
921 sponsored special group license plate or symbol decal; and

922 (ii) the fee to charge a sponsoring organization for the division's costs of designing and  
923 administering a new type of sponsored special group license plate, in accordance with  
924 Subsection 41-1a-1604(2)(c); and

925 (iii) subject to Subsection (4)(b), in an amount equal to at least \$25, the minimum  
926 annual contribution amount an applicant is required to make to obtain or renew the sponsoring  
927 organization's sponsored special group license plate.

928 (b) A fee paid in accordance with Subsection (4)(a)(i) [~~or (ii)~~] shall be deposited into  
929 the License Plate Restricted Account created in Subsection 41-1a-122.

930 (c) A sponsoring organization may establish a required contribution amount for the  
931 sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate that is greater than the amount  
932 established by the division under Subsection [~~(4)(a)(iii)~~] (4)(a)(ii).

933 (5) An applicant's contribution is a voluntary contribution for funding the sponsoring  
934 organization's activities and not a motor vehicle registration fee.

935 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
936 commission may make rules to establish and administer the sponsored special group license  
937 plate program.

938 Section 24. Section **41-1a-1604** is amended to read:

939 **41-1a-1604. New sponsored special group license plates -- Eligibility criteria.**

940 (1) If a sponsoring organization satisfies the requirements of this part, the division shall  
941 approve an application for a new type of sponsored special group license plate and issue the  
942 sponsored special group license plate in accordance with this part.

943 (2) Subject to the other provisions of this part, a sponsoring organization requesting a  
944 new type of sponsored special group license plate shall submit to the division, in a form and  
945 manner the division prescribes:

946 (a) a complete application requesting the new type of sponsored special group license  
947 plate that includes:

948 (i) information about the sponsoring organization the division needs to process the  
949 request;

950 (ii) contact information for an individual representing the sponsoring organization;

- 951 (iii) if the sponsoring organization establishes a required contribution amount under  
952 Subsection [41-1a-1603\(4\)\(b\)](#) that is greater than the minimum required contribution amount  
953 established under Subsection [41-1a-1603\(4\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#), the amount of the required contribution;
- 954 (iv) account information to allow the division to disburse funds from required  
955 contributions the division collects through the sponsored special group license plate program to  
956 the sponsoring organization;
- 957 (v) a link to a functional website described in Subsection (7); and
- 958 (vi) if the sponsoring organization requires an applicant to submit a verification form  
959 described in Subsection (8)(b)(i), a statement indicating that a verification form is required;
- 960 (b) at least 500 complete preorder applications for the new type of sponsored special  
961 group license plate, including verification that each preorder application included the required  
962 contribution;
- 963 (c) (i) the fee for the cost of ~~[designing and administering]~~ initiating the new type of  
964 sponsored special group license plate established under Subsection [41-1a-1603\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)~~]; and~~,  
965 which shall be deposited into the License Plate Restricted Account created in Section  
966 [41-1a-122](#); and
- 967 (ii) an additional fee for the cost of implementation, design, and system programming  
968 for the new type of sponsored special group license plate, which shall be deposited into the  
969 License Plate Restricted Account created in Section [41-1a-122](#); and
- 970 (d) if the new type of sponsored special group license plate is a private nonprofit  
971 special group license plate:
- 972 (i) a copy of the Internal Revenue Service letter approving the sponsoring  
973 organization's Section 501(c)(3) status;
- 974 (ii) an affidavit signed under penalty of perjury declaring that the sponsoring  
975 organization has a charitable purpose; and
- 976 (iii) an indication of the private nonprofit organization's charitable purpose.
- 977 (3) If an application under Subsection (2) is for a special group license plate that was  
978 discontinued in accordance with this part, each registered vehicle with the discontinued special  
979 group license plate is considered a complete preorder application for the purposes of  
980 Subsection (2)(b).
- 981 (4) The division:



982 (a) may share data collected under Subsection (2)(d)(iii) with the Legislature and the  
983 state auditor;

984 (b) may not use the information in Subsection (2)(d)(iii) in deciding whether to  
985 approve the sponsoring organization's application; and

986 (c) is not required to evaluate the accuracy or veracity of information the private  
987 nonprofit organization provides under Subsection (2)(d).

988 (5) Except as otherwise provided in this part, the division may not begin design work  
989 on or issue a new type of sponsored special group license plate unless the sponsoring  
990 organization satisfies the requirements of Subsection (2).

991 (6) A sponsoring organization that is a state agency may request a state agency  
992 recognition special group license plate without meeting the minimum preorder requirements of  
993 Subsection (2)(b) if:

994 (a) the governor certifies that there is a legitimate government operations purpose for  
995 issuing the state agency recognition special group license plate; and

996 (b) through appropriation or any other source, funds are available to cover the start-up  
997 and administrative costs of the state agency recognition special group license plate.

998 (7) A sponsoring organization of a sponsored special group license plate issued in  
999 accordance with this part shall maintain a functional website that:

1000 (a) explains how the sponsoring organization will use the required contributions in  
1001 accordance with this part;

1002 (b) if applicable, makes available the sponsoring organization's most recent Internal  
1003 Revenue Service Form 990; and

1004 (c) provides instructions for how to obtain a verification form if the sponsoring  
1005 organization elects to require verification in accordance with Subsection (8).

1006 (8) (a) A sponsoring organization may establish eligibility requirements for the  
1007 sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate.

1008 (b) If a sponsoring organization establishes eligibility requirements under this  
1009 subsection, the sponsoring organization shall:

1010 (i) inform the division that a verification form is required as part of an application for  
1011 the sponsoring organization's sponsored special group license plate;

1012 (ii) establish a process for providing a verification form to an applicant; and

1013 (iii) provide a verification form prescribed by the division to an applicant who satisfies  
1014 the sponsoring organization's eligibility requirements.

1015 (9) (a) A sponsored special group license plate design is subject to approval by the  
1016 license plate design review board as described in Subsection 41-1a-402(3).

1017 (b) ~~[The]~~ Subject to approval by the license plate design review board as described in  
1018 Subsection 41-1a-402(3), the division shall begin issuing the new type of sponsored special  
1019 group license plate no later than six months after the day on which the division receives the  
1020 items described in Subsection (2).

1021 (10) The division may:

1022 (a) consider a request for a sponsored special group license plate for two or more  
1023 military branches as a request for a single type of sponsored special group license plate for the  
1024 purposes of meeting the eligibility criteria described in this section; and

1025 (b) charge an appropriate fee for ordering multiple symbol decals for each military  
1026 branch.

1027 (11) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
1028 the commission may make rules to establish fees and the process for administering applications  
1029 for new sponsored special group license plates described in Subsection (2)(c).

1030 Section 25. Section **41-1a-1605** is amended to read:

1031 **41-1a-1605. Collegiate special group license plates.**

1032 (1) A sponsoring organization that is an institution ~~[shall only]~~ may use funds received  
1033 through the sponsored special group license plate program only for the institution's academic  
1034 scholarships.

1035 (2) The state auditor may audit each institution to verify that the money an institution  
1036 collects from contributors is used only for academic scholarships.

1037 (3) A sponsoring organization that is an institution may establish the contribution  
1038 amount required to obtain the institution's collegiate special group license plate.

1039 Section 26. Section **41-3-105** is amended to read:

1040 **41-3-105. Administrator's powers and duties -- Administrator and investigators**  
1041 **to be law enforcement officers.**

1042 (1) The administrator may make rules to carry out the purposes of this chapter and  
1043 Sections **41-1a-1001** through **41-1a-1006** according to the procedures and requirements of Title

1044 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

1045 (2) (a) The administrator may employ clerks, deputies, and assistants necessary to  
1046 discharge the duties under this chapter and may designate the duties of those clerks, deputies,  
1047 and assistants.

1048 (b) The administrator, assistant administrator, and all investigators shall be law  
1049 enforcement officers certified by peace officer standards and training as required by Section  
1050 [53-13-103](#).

1051 (3) (a) The administrator may investigate any suspected or alleged violation of:

1052 (i) this chapter;

1053 (ii) Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act;

1054 (iii) any law concerning motor vehicle fraud; or

1055 (iv) any rule made by the administrator.

1056 (b) The administrator may bring an action in the name of the state against any person to  
1057 enjoin a violation found under Subsection (3)(a).

1058 (4) (a) The administrator may prescribe forms to be used for applications for licenses.

1059 (b) The administrator may require information from the applicant concerning the  
1060 applicant's fitness to be licensed.

1061 (c) Each application for a license shall contain:

1062 (i) if the applicant is an individual, the name and residence address of the applicant and  
1063 the trade name, if any, under which the applicant intends to conduct business;

1064 (ii) if the applicant is a partnership, the name and residence address of each partner,  
1065 whether limited or general, and the name under which the partnership business will be  
1066 conducted;

1067 (iii) if the applicant is a corporation, the name of the corporation, and the name and  
1068 residence address of each of its principal officers and directors;

1069 (iv) a complete description of the principal place of business, including:

1070 (A) the municipality, with the street and number, if any;

1071 (B) if located outside of any municipality, a general description so that the location can  
1072 be determined; and

1073 (C) any other places of business operated and maintained by the applicant in  
1074 conjunction with the principal place of business;

1075 (v) if the application is for a new motor vehicle dealer's license, the name of each  
1076 motor vehicle the applicant has been enfranchised to sell or exchange, the name and address of  
1077 the manufacturer or distributor who has enfranchised the applicant, and the name and address  
1078 of each individual who will act as a salesperson under authority of the license;

1079 (vi) at least five years of business history;

1080 (vii) the federal tax identification number issued to the dealer;

1081 (viii) the sales and use tax license number issued to the dealer under Title 59, Chapter  
1082 12, Sales and Use Tax Act; and

1083 (ix) if the application is for a direct-sale manufacturer's license:

1084 (A) the name of each line-make the applicant will sell, display for sale, or offer for sale  
1085 or exchange;

1086 (B) the name and address of each individual who will act as a direct-sale manufacturer  
1087 salesperson under authority of the license;

1088 (C) a complete description of the direct-sale manufacturer's authorized service center,  
1089 including the address and any other place of business the applicant operates and maintains in  
1090 conjunction with the authorized service center;

1091 (D) a sworn statement that the applicant complies with each qualification for a  
1092 direct-sale manufacturer under this chapter;

1093 (E) a sworn statement that if at any time the applicant fails to comply with a  
1094 qualification for a direct-sale manufacturer under this chapter, the applicant will inform the  
1095 division in writing within 10 business days after the day on which the noncompliance occurs;  
1096 and

1097 (F) an acknowledgment that if the applicant fails to comply with a qualification for a  
1098 direct-sale manufacturer under this chapter, the administrator will deny, suspend, or revoke the  
1099 applicant's direct-sale manufacturer license in accordance with Section [41-3-209](#).

1100 (5) The administrator may adopt a seal with the words "Motor Vehicle Enforcement  
1101 Administrator, State of Utah," to authenticate the acts of the administrator's office.

1102 (6) (a) The administrator may require that a licensee erect or post signs or devices on  
1103 the licensee's principal place of business and any other sites, equipment, or locations operated  
1104 and maintained by the licensee in conjunction with the licensee's business.

1105 (b) The signs or devices shall state the licensee's name, principal place of business,

1106 type and number of licenses, and any other information that the administrator considers  
1107 necessary to identify the licensee.

1108 (c) The administrator may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
1109 Administrative Rulemaking Act, determining allowable size and shape of signs or devices,  
1110 lettering and other details of signs or devices, and location of signs or devices.

1111 (7) (a) The administrator shall provide for quarterly meetings of the advisory board and  
1112 may call special meetings.

1113 (b) Notices of all meetings shall be sent to each member not fewer than five days  
1114 before the meeting.

1115 (8) The administrator, the officers and inspectors of the division designated by the  
1116 commission, and peace officers shall:

1117 (a) make arrests upon view and without warrant for any violation committed in their  
1118 presence of any of the provisions of this chapter, or Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act;

1119 (b) when on duty, upon reasonable belief that a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is  
1120 being operated in violation of any provision of Title 41, Chapter 1a, Motor Vehicle Act, require  
1121 the driver of the vehicle to stop, exhibit the person's driver license and the registration card  
1122 issued for the vehicle, and submit to an inspection of the vehicle, the license [~~plates~~] plate, and  
1123 registration card;

1124 (c) serve all warrants relating to the enforcement of the laws regulating the operation of  
1125 motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers;

1126 (d) investigate traffic accidents and secure testimony of any witnesses or persons  
1127 involved; and

1128 (e) investigate reported thefts of motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers.

1129 (9) The administrator shall provide security for an area within the commission  
1130 designated as a secure area under Section [76-8-311.1](#).

1131 (10) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide prosecution of this chapter.  
1132 Section 27. Section **41-3-209** is amended to read:

1133 **41-3-209. Administrator's findings -- Suspension and revocation of license.**

1134 (1) If the administrator finds that an applicant is not qualified to receive a license, a  
1135 license may not be granted.

1136 (2) (a) If the administrator finds that there is reasonable cause to deny, suspend, or

1137 revoke a license issued under this chapter, the administrator shall deny, suspend, or revoke the  
1138 license.

1139 (b) Reasonable cause for denial, suspension, or revocation of a license includes, in  
1140 relation to the applicant or license holder or any of the applicant or license holder's partners,  
1141 officers, or directors:

1142 (i) lack of a principal place of business or authorized service center as required by this  
1143 chapter;

1144 (ii) lack of a sales tax license required under Title 59, Chapter 12, Sales and Use Tax  
1145 Act;

1146 (iii) lack of a bond in effect as required by this chapter;

1147 (iv) current revocation or suspension of a dealer, dismantler, auction, or salesperson  
1148 license issued in another state;

1149 (v) nonpayment of required fees;

1150 (vi) making a false statement on any application for a license under this chapter or for a  
1151 special license [~~plates~~] plate;

1152 (vii) a violation of any state or federal law involving motor vehicles;

1153 (viii) a violation of any state or federal law involving controlled substances;

1154 (ix) charges filed with any county attorney, district attorney, or U.S. attorney in any  
1155 court of competent jurisdiction for a violation of any state or federal law involving motor  
1156 vehicles;

1157 (x) a violation of any state or federal law involving fraud;

1158 (xi) a violation of any state or federal law involving a registerable sex offense under  
1159 Section [77-41-106](#);

1160 (xii) having had a license issued under this chapter revoked within five years from the  
1161 date of application; or

1162 (xiii) failure to comply with any applicable qualification or requirement imposed under  
1163 this chapter.

1164 (c) Any action taken by the administrator under Subsection (2)(b)(ix) shall remain in  
1165 effect until a final resolution is reached by the court involved or the charges are dropped.

1166 (3) If the administrator finds that an applicant is not qualified to receive a license under  
1167 this section, the administrator shall provide the applicant written notice of the reason for the

1168 denial.

1169 (4) If the administrator finds that the license holder has been convicted by a court of  
1170 competent jurisdiction of violating any of the provisions of this chapter or any rules made by  
1171 the administrator, or finds other reasonable cause, the administrator may, by complying with  
1172 the emergency procedures of Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act:

1173 (a) suspend the license on terms and for a period of time the administrator finds  
1174 reasonable; or

1175 (b) revoke the license.

1176 (5) (a) After suspending or revoking a license, the administrator may take reasonable  
1177 action to:

1178 (i) notify the public that the licensee is no longer in business; and

1179 (ii) prevent the former licensee from violating the law by conducting business without  
1180 a license.

1181 (b) Action under Subsection (5)(a) may include signs, banners, barriers, locks,  
1182 bulletins, and notices.

1183 (c) Any business being conducted incidental to the business for which the former  
1184 licensee was licensed may continue to operate subject to the preventive action taken under this  
1185 subsection.

1186 Section 28. Section **41-6a-403** is amended to read:

1187 **41-6a-403. Vehicle accidents -- Investigation and report of operator security --**

1188 **Agency action if no security -- Surrender of plates -- Penalties.**

1189 (1) (a) Upon request of a peace officer investigating an accident involving a motor  
1190 vehicle, the operator of the motor vehicle shall provide evidence of the owner's or operator's  
1191 security required under Section [41-12a-301](#).

1192 (b) The evidence of owner's or operator's security includes information specified under  
1193 Section [41-12a-303.2](#).

1194 (2) The peace officer shall record on a form approved by the department:

1195 (a) the information provided by the operator;

1196 (b) whether the operator provided insufficient or no information;

1197 (c) whether the officer finds reasonable cause to believe that any information given is  
1198 not correct; and

1199 (d) whether other information available to the peace officer indicates that owner's or  
1200 operator's security is in effect.

1201 (3) The peace officer shall deposit all completed forms with the peace officer's law  
1202 enforcement agency, which shall forward the forms to the department no later than 10 days  
1203 after receipt.

1204 (4) (a) The department shall within 10 days of receipt of the forms from the law  
1205 enforcement agency take action as follows:

1206 (i) if the operator provided no information under Subsection (1) and other information  
1207 available to the peace officer does not indicate that owner's or operator's security is in effect,  
1208 the department shall take direct action under Subsection 53-3-221(13); or

1209 (ii) if the peace officer noted or the department determines that there is reasonable  
1210 cause to believe that the information given under Subsection (1) is not correct, the department  
1211 shall contact directly the insurance company or other provider of security as described in  
1212 Section 41-12a-303.2 and request verification of the accuracy of the information submitted as  
1213 of the date of the accident.

1214 (b) The department may require the verification under Subsection (4)(a)(ii) to be in a  
1215 form specified by the department.

1216 (c) The insurance company or other provider of security shall return the verification to  
1217 the department within 30 days of receipt of the request.

1218 (d) If the department does not receive verification within 35 days after sending the  
1219 request, or within the 35 days receives notice that the information was not correct, the  
1220 department shall take action under Subsection 53-3-221(13).

1221 (5) (a) The owner of a vehicle with an unexpired license [~~plates~~] plate for which  
1222 security is not provided as required under this chapter shall return the plates for the vehicle to  
1223 the Motor Vehicle Division unless specifically permitted by statute to retain them.

1224 (b) If the owner fails to return the plates as required, the plates shall be confiscated  
1225 under Section 53-3-226.

1226 (6) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
1227 department may make rules for the enforcement of this section.

1228 (7) A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than \$100,  
1229 who:



1230 (a) when requested to provide security information under Subsection (1), or Section  
1231 41-12a-303.2, provides false information;

1232 (b) falsely represents to the department that security required under this chapter is in  
1233 effect; or

1234 (c) sells a vehicle to avoid the penalties of this section as applicable either to himself or  
1235 a third party.

1236 Section 29. Section 41-6a-2002 is amended to read:

1237 **41-6a-2002. Definitions.**

1238 As used in this chapter:

1239 (1) "Active criminal investigation" means an officer has documented reasonable  
1240 suspicion that a crime is being or has been committed, and believes the suspected criminal  
1241 activity may be connected to a vehicle, a registered owner of a vehicle, or an occupant of a  
1242 vehicle.

1243 [~~(1)~~] (2) "Automatic license plate reader system" means a system of one or more  
1244 mobile or fixed automated high-speed cameras used in combination with computer algorithms  
1245 to convert an image of a license plate into computer-readable data.

1246 [~~(2)~~] (3) "Captured plate data" means the global positioning system coordinates, date  
1247 and time, photograph, license plate number, and any other data captured by or derived from an  
1248 automatic license plate reader system.

1249 [~~(3)~~] (4) (a) "Governmental entity" means:

1250 (i) executive department agencies of the state;

1251 (ii) the offices of the governor, the lieutenant governor, the state auditor, the attorney  
1252 general, and the state treasurer;

1253 (iii) the Board of Pardons and Parole;

1254 (iv) the Board of Examiners;

1255 (v) the National Guard;

1256 (vi) the Career Service Review Office;

1257 (vii) the State Board of Education;

1258 (viii) the Utah Board of Higher Education;

1259 (ix) the State Archives;

1260 (x) the Office of the Legislative Auditor General;

- 1261 (xi) the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst;
- 1262 (xii) the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel;
- 1263 (xiii) the Legislature;
- 1264 (xiv) legislative committees, except any political party, group, caucus, or rules or
- 1265 sifting committee of the Legislature;
- 1266 (xv) courts, the Judicial Council, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and similar
- 1267 administrative units in the judicial branch;
- 1268 (xvi) any state-funded institution of higher education or public education;
- 1269 (xvii) any political subdivision of the state; or
- 1270 (xviii) a law enforcement agency.
- 1271 (b) "Governmental entity" includes:
- 1272 (i) every office, agency, board, bureau, committee, department, advisory board, or
- 1273 commission of an entity listed in Subsections [~~(3)(a)(i)~~] (4)(a)(i) through (xviii) that is funded
- 1274 or established by the government to carry out the public's business; or
- 1275 (ii) a person acting as an agent of a governmental entity or acting on behalf of a
- 1276 governmental entity.
- 1277 [~~(4)~~] (5) "Nongovernmental entity" means a person that is not a governmental entity.
- 1278 [~~(5)~~] (6) "Secured area" means an area, enclosed by clear boundaries, to which access
- 1279 is limited and not open to the public and entry is only obtainable through specific
- 1280 access-control points.
- 1281 Section 30. Section **41-6a-2003** is amended to read:
- 1282 **41-6a-2003. Automatic license plate reader systems -- Restrictions.**
- 1283 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a governmental entity may not use an
- 1284 automatic license plate reader system.
- 1285 (2) Subject to Subsection (3), an automatic license plate reader system may be used:
- 1286 (a) by a law enforcement agency to access captured license plate data:
- 1287 (i) as part of an active criminal investigation;
- 1288 (ii) to apprehend an individual with an outstanding warrant;
- 1289 (iii) to locate a missing or endangered person; or
- 1290 (iv) to locate a stolen vehicle;
- 1291 (b) by a law enforcement agency to access the Utah Criminal Justice Information

1292 System to:

1293 (i) verify valid vehicle registration information;

1294 (ii) confirm vehicle identification;

1295 (iii) verify insurance information; or

1296 (iv) identify a stolen vehicle;

1297 ~~(b)~~ (c) by a governmental parking enforcement entity for the purpose of enforcing  
1298 state and local parking laws;

1299 ~~(c)~~ (d) by a parking enforcement entity for regulating the use of a parking facility;

1300 ~~(d)~~ (e) for the purpose of controlling access to a secured area;

1301 ~~(e)~~ (f) for the purpose of collecting an electronic toll;

1302 ~~(f)~~ (g) for the purpose of enforcing motor carrier laws;

1303 ~~(g)~~ (h) by a public transit district for the purpose of assessing parking needs and  
1304 conducting a travel pattern analysis;

1305 ~~(h)~~ (i) by an institution of higher education within the state system of higher  
1306 education as described in Section 53B-1-102:

1307 (i) for a purpose described in Subsections (2)(a) through ~~(d)~~ (e); or

1308 (ii) if the data collected is anonymized, for research and educational purposes;

1309 ~~(i)~~ (j) by the Utah Inland Port Authority, created in Section 11-58-201, or by a  
1310 contractor of the Utah Inland Port Authority with the approval of the board of the Utah Inland  
1311 Port Authority, if:

1312 (i) the automatic license plate reader system is used only within a project area, as  
1313 defined in Section 11-58-102, of the Utah Inland Port Authority;

1314 (ii) the purpose of using the automatic license plate reader system is to improve supply  
1315 chain efficiency or the efficiency of the movement of goods by analyzing and researching data  
1316 related to commercial vehicle traffic; and

1317 (iii) specific license plate information is anonymized; or

1318 ~~(j)~~ (k) by an international airport owned by a governmental entity for the purpose of  
1319 promoting efficient regulation and implementation of traffic control and direction, parking,  
1320 security, and other similar operational objectives on the airport campus.

1321 (3) A law enforcement agency may not use an automatic license plate reader system  
1322 unless:

1323 (a) the law enforcement agency has a written policy regarding the use, management,  
1324 and auditing of the automatic license plate reader system;

1325 (b) for any stationary device installed with the purpose of capturing license plate data  
1326 of vehicles traveling on a state highway, the law enforcement agency obtains a special use  
1327 permit as described in Section 72-1-212 from the Department of Transportation before  
1328 installing the device; and

1329 (c) the policy under Subsection (3)(a) and any special use permits granted in  
1330 accordance with Subsection (3)(b) are:

1331 (i) posted and publicly available on the appropriate city, county, or state website; or

1332 (ii) posted on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section 63A-16-601 if the law  
1333 enforcement agency does not have access to a website under Subsection (3)(c)(i).

1334 Section 31. Section 41-12a-303 is amended to read:

1335 **41-12a-303. Condition to obtaining registration, license plates, or safety**  
1336 **inspection.**

1337 The owner of a motor vehicle required to maintain owner's security under Section  
1338 41-12a-301 may be required to swear or affirm, in a manner specified by the State Tax  
1339 Commission, or present other reasonable evidence that he has owner's security in effect at the  
1340 time of registering, obtaining a license [~~plates~~] plate for, or a safety inspection of the motor  
1341 vehicle.

1342 Section 32. Section 41-12a-602 is amended to read:

1343 **41-12a-602. Filing of false report.**

1344 Any person who gives information required in a report provided for under Section  
1345 41-12a-502, knowing or having reason to believe that the information is false, or who shall  
1346 forge or, without authority, sign any evidence of proof of owner's or operator's security, or who  
1347 files or offers for filing any such evidence of proof, knowing or having reason to believe that it  
1348 is forged or signed without authority, or who falsely swears or affirms when obtaining a license  
1349 [~~plates~~] plate, a safety inspection, or a registration under Section 41-12a-303, is guilty of a class  
1350 A misdemeanor.

1351 Section 33. Section 53-8-214 is amended to read:

1352 **53-8-214. Creation of the Motor Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted Account.**

1353 (1) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the Motor

1354 Vehicle Safety Impact Restricted Account.

1355 (2) The account includes:

1356 (a) deposits made to the restricted account from registration fees as described in

1357 Subsection [41-1a-1201](#)(7);

1358 (b) deposits into the account as described in Section [41-1a-1211](#);

1359 [~~(b)~~] (c) donations or deposits made to the account; and

1360 [~~(c)~~] (d) any interest earned on the account.

1361 (3) Upon appropriation, the division may use funds in the account to improve motor

1362 vehicle safety, mitigate impacts, and enforce safety provisions, including the following:

1363 (a) hiring new Highway Patrol troopers;

1364 (b) payment of overtime for Highway Patrol troopers; and

1365 (c) acquisition of equipment to improve motor vehicle safety impacts and enforcement.

1366 (4) The division shall annually report to the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice

1367 Appropriations Subcommittee to justify expenditures and use of funds in the account.

1368 Section 34. **Effective date.**

1369 (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on January 1, 2025.

1370 (2) The actions affecting Sections [41-1a-402](#) and [41-1a-1211](#) take effect on July 1,

1371 2024.