

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE RS-13	SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE AND PRESS LICENSE PLATES
DESCRIPTION AND USE: THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENCY EMPLOYEES, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PRESS.	
<p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p>Section 320.0805(8)(a)(3), Florida Statutes, provides for license plates consisting of the four capital letters "PRES" preceded or followed by a hyphen and numbers of 1 to 999 to be reserved for issuance only to applicants who qualify as members of the press and who are associated with or are employees of the reporting media.</p> <p>Section 320.0807, Florida Statutes, provides the authority for the issuance of legislative license plates and retired legislative license plates to any former member of Congress or of the state Legislature, <u>redirecting a portion of the proceeds from the fee for special license plates for former federal or state legislators to the Florida Historic Capitol Museum’s direct-support organization.</u></p> <p>A. United States Senator: The department may issue to a United States Senator a license plate stamped “USS,” followed by the numeral II in the case of a junior senator.</p> <p>B. House of Representatives of Congress: The department may issue to a member of Congress a license plate stamped “Official Congress” followed by the number of the appropriate congressional district and the letters “MC,” or any other configuration chosen by the member, which is not already in use.</p> <p>C. State Senator: The department may issue to a state senator a license plate stamped “Official Senate” followed by the number of the appropriate Senate district and the letters “SN,” or any other configuration chosen by the member which is not already in use.</p> <p>D. State Legislator: The department may issue to a state representative a license plate stamped “Official House” followed by the number of the appropriate House of Representatives district and the letters “HR,” or any other configuration chosen by the member which is not already in use.</p> <p>E. Senate President</p> <p>F. House Speaker</p> <p>G. Former member of Congress: The department may issue a former member of congress a license plate stamped Retired Congress for a vehicle owned by the former member.</p>	
<i>Revision(s) to this procedure: Added new statute information for redistribution of special license plate fees for former federal and state legislators to pages 1 and 3.</i>	
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<p>H. Former state senator: The department may issue a former state senator a license plate stamped Retired Senate for a vehicle owned by the former senator.</p> <p>I. Former state representative: The department may issue a former state representative a license plate stamped Retired House for a vehicle owned by the former representative.</p> <p>II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>A. Application requirements for Legislative license plates:</p> <p>1. APPLICATION:</p> <p>Only the department can issue legislative license plates.</p> <p>For additional information and application instructions, contact the department's Office of Legislative Affairs at (850) 617-3195.</p> <p>2. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:</p> <p>Proof of ownership for the vehicle must be shown by submitting <u>one</u> of the following:</p> <p>a. Copy of the current Florida Vehicle Registration Certificate.</p> <p>b. Copy of the Florida Certificate of Title.</p> <p>c. Copy of a title receipt (HSMV 82041) showing a Florida title has been applied for.</p> <p>3. PROOF OF INSURANCE:</p> <p>Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-36 for additional insurance requirements.</p> <p>4. FEES:</p> <p>The department's Office of Legislative Affairs will provide the appropriate fee information.</p> <p>When an elected official is no longer in public office, the license plate must be surrendered and a new specialty, special, or Florida graphic license plate issued.</p> <p>B. Application requirements and qualifications for Retired Legislative license plates:</p> <p>Only the department can issue retired legislative license plates.</p> <p>Use the steps in II A 1-3 then the following apply:</p>	
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<p>1. FEES:</p> <p>Submit the fees prescribed by s. 320.0805, F.S., and payment of a one-time fee of \$500.</p> <p>2. To qualify for a Retired Congress, Retired Senate, or Retired House prestige license plate, a former member must have served at least 4 years as a member of Congress, state senator, or state representative, respectively.</p> <p>3. Four hundred and fifty dollars of the one-time fee collected shall be distributed to the account of the direct-support organization established pursuant to s. 272.136 and used for the benefit of the Florida Historic Capitol Museum, and the remaining \$50 shall be deposited into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.</p> <p>4. The department may create a unique plate design for plates to be used by members or former members of the Legislature or Congress.</p> <p>5. No specialty plate or amateur radio sheeting is allowed. Only the department may reserve and issue these plates; however, tax collector agencies may process renewals and transfers.</p> <p>C. Application requirements for Press (PRES) license plates:</p> <p>PRES license plates may only be ordered in a county license plate agency.</p> <p>1. APPLICATION:</p> <p>Form HSMV 83081, Application for Press (Pres) License Plates, accurately completed by applicant.</p> <p>2. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:</p> <p>Proof of ownership for the vehicle must be shown by submitting one of the following:</p> <p>a. Copy of the current Florida Vehicle Registration Certificate.</p> <p>b. Copy of the Florida Certificate of Title.</p> <p>c. Copy of a title receipt (HSMV 82041) showing a Florida title has been applied for.</p> <p>3. PROOF OF INSURANCE:</p> <p>Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-36 for additional insurance requirements.</p>	
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<p style="margin-left: 40px;">4. FEES:</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Submit the regular tax fees shown in the Tax Due and Credit Manual using the appropriate regular class codes, based on weight and type of vehicle, trust fund fee from the Class Code/Fee Chart, Personalized fee, Processing fee, Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee, Service fee (add Branch fee if applying through a county branch office). Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for all applicable fees.</p> <p>III. RENEWALS AND TRANSFERS OF LEGISLATIVE AND PRESS (PRES) LICENSE PLATES:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Renewals and transfers of legislative and press license plates may be processed through the county license plate agency.</p> <p>IV. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Applications for replacement Press (PRES) license plates may be processed by the county license plate agency.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The department must process applications for replacement Legislative and Retired Legislative license plates.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The following is required:</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">A. Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">B. A copy of the vehicle registration certificate.</p> <p>NOTE: Refer to DMS Procedure RS-06 for additional information and fees.</p> <p>V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">A. The first legislative plate issued will consist of the district number. The second may be issued with the district number and initials. This does not apply to Retired Legislative license plates.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B. Immediate family living within the household or dependent children may also be issued a plate with the district number and initials. This does not apply to Retired Legislative license plates.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">C. Legislative license plates may be issued on specialty plates with the requested legislative configuration; however, Retired Legislative license plates cannot be issued on specialty plates.</p>	
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