

Florida

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Division of Motorist Services

PROCEDURE RS-16	SUBJECT: PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA LICENSE PLATES	
DESCRIPTION AND USE: THIS PROCEDURE PROVIDES INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO ASSIST TAX COLLECTOR EMPLOYEES, LICENSE PLATE AGENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES WITH ISSUING PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA LICENSE PLATES.		
<p>I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:</p> <p><u>Section 316.1955(1), Florida Statutes</u>, provides for any vehicle displaying a <u>disabled parking permit</u>, Disabled Veteran, Disabled Veteran Wheelchair, Paralyzed Veterans of America, International Wheelchair Suffix or Motorcycle Wheelchair Emblem license plate to park in spaces designated for handicapped parking.</p> <p><u>Section 320.0845, Florida Statutes</u>, provides for the issuance of a Paralyzed Veterans of America License Plate for use on any motor vehicle owned or leased by a resident of this state who is a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA).</p> <p><u>Section 320.0848(2)(e), Florida Statutes</u>, provides for a person who qualifies for a disabled parking permit under this section to be issued an international wheelchair user symbol license plate under s. 320.0843, Florida Statutes, in lieu of the disabled parking permit; or, if the person qualifies for a "DV" license plate under s. 320.084, such license plate may be issued to him/her in lieu of a disabled parking permit.</p> <p>II. GENERAL INFORMATION:</p> <p>A. Upon providing proper proof of membership in the Paralyzed Veterans of America: One or more "PVA" license plates may be issued to a motor vehicle/motorcycle owned or leased by a member of the PVA.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">All requests for "Paralyzed Veterans of America" motorcycle license plates must be submitted to: Titles and Registration Issuance, MS #72, 2900 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399.</p> <p>B. The Paralyzed Veteran of America License Plate must be issued in the paralyzed veteran's name as owner, co-owner or lessee/registrant.</p>		
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III. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY:

Proof of Membership in the Paralyzed Veterans of America is required.

B. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP:

Proof of ownership, for the motor vehicle/motorcycle must be ONE of the following:

1. Copy of the current Florida Vehicle Registration Certificate.
2. Copy of the Florida Certificate of Title.
3. Copy of a title application receipt (form HSMV 82041) showing that a Florida Certificate of Title has been applied for.
4. If the vehicle is leased, a copy of the lease agreement is required.

C. PROOF OF INSURANCE:

Proof of Florida insurance is required. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-36 for additional insurance requirements.

D. FEES:

Submit the regular tax fee 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 Class Code/Fee Chart, Original License Plate fee, Decal on Demand fee and Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch office). Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.

IV. RENEWALS AND TRANSFERS OF PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA LICENSE PLATES.

Renewals and transfers may be processed through any local county license plate agency. Transfers must be processed in the paralyzed veteran's name as owner, co-owner or lessee.

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V. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES:

Replacement license plates may be issued by any local county license plate agency by submitting the following:

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- A. Copy of current registration certificate.
- B. Form [HSMV 83146](#), Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.
- C. Fees: Replacement fee, Decal on Demand fee, Service fee (add Branch fee, if applying through a county branch agency), Air Pollution Control fee, Emergency Medical Services fee, FRVIS fee, Reflectorization fee and Advanced Replacement fee. Refer to the Registration Fees and Flat Taxes Distribution Chart for applicable fees.
- D. A police report or agency card from a law enforcement agency after owner reports it stolen, will allow for a free replacement of the license plate or decal.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

Should any of the following occur, it is necessary that an alternate license plate for which the applicant is eligible be purchased through the county license plate agency and the PVA license plate must be returned to any local county license plate agency for cancellation.

- A. Death of the paralyzed veteran.
- B. The veteran no longer owns a motor vehicle.
- C. The veteran is no longer a resident of the State of Florida.

Historical Revisions:

07/18/12: Updated section name and address.