WHEELCHAIR SYMBOL (SUFFIX) 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 in the issuance of the wheelchair symbol (suffix) license plates.

I. PROVISIONS OF LAW:

Section 320.0843(1), Florida Statutes, provides for the issuance of a wheelchair symbol license plate for an owner or lessee who qualifies for a disabled parking permit. This license plate entitles the person to all privileges afforded by a parking permit issued under section 320.0848, Florida Statutes. When more than one registrant is listed on the registration issued under this section, the eligible customer(s) shall be noted on the registration certificate.

Section 320.0848(2)(e), Florida Statutes, provides for a person with long-term mobility problems and who qualifies for a disabled parking permit to be issued a wheelchair symbol license plate in lieu of the disabled parking permit.

Section 320.0848(1)(e), Florida Statutes, provides that organizations do not qualify for a wheelchair suffix license plate, even though they may qualify for a disabled parking permit.

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:
Submit the following to the county tax collector's office or license plate agency:

A. Form HSMV 83007, Application for a Disabled, Disabled Veteran, or Motorcycle International Wheelchair Symbol License Plate, accurately completed.

OR,

Form HSMV 83039, Application for Disabled Parking Permit, accurately completed.

B. These license plates may be issued only for use on the following types of vehicles.
   1. Automobiles for private use or lease.
   2. Trucks weighing 5,000 pounds or less.
   3. Automobiles, which seat fewer than nine passengers and are for hire.

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4. Motor homes or truck campers not for hire or commercial use.
5. Heavy trucks with a GVW less than 8,000 pounds.
C. A Florida driver license or Florida identification card.
D. Proof of insurance is required. Refer to DMS Procedure RS-36 for additional insurance requirements.
E. 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, 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.

III. RENEWAL AND TRANSFERS OF WHEELCHAIR SYMBOL LICENSE PLATES:

A. Renewals and transfers may be processed through the county license plate agent’s office.

1. When a customer applies for the renewal of a Wheelchair Symbol License Plate, the certification by a physician is not required.

IV. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATE:

Applications for replacement license plates may be processed by the county license plate agent’s office.

The following is required:

A. Form HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate, Validation Decal or Parking Permit, accurately completed.
B. A copy of the vehicle registration certificate.
C. Fees: Refer to DMS Procedure RS-06 for additional information and fees.

1. When a customer has reported the license plate or validation decal as stolen to a law enforcement agency and provides a police report prepared in response to a report of a stolen license plate or decal, such plate or decal must be replaced at no charge. A law enforcement agency card, containing the case number for the stolen report of the license plate or decal, may be accepted in lieu of the report. Comments must be reflected in the FRVIS comment area to include the law enforcement agency name and the stolen report case number.
2. If a license plate or decal is replaced using code “SP”, Stolen with a Police Report, a copy of the police report or law enforcement agency card containing the case number for the stolen report, must be attached to the required form HSMV 83146.
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3. **If the customer does not provide the police report or law enforcement agency card containing the case number for the stolen report, fees are required along with HSMV 83146.**

**Historical Section:**
- 8/21/2015 Updated statute information in Section I.