

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1231

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-421, IDAHO
2 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION CARDS AND TO
3 MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 49-425, IDAHO CODE, TO
4 PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION CARDS AND TO MAKE TECH-
5 NICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 49-427, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR
6 ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION CARDS AND TO REVISE TERMINOLOGY;
7 AMENDING SECTION 49-428, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING
8 REGISTRATION STICKERS AND TO PROVIDE A CODE REFERENCE; AMENDING SEC-
9 TION 49-434, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A VALIDATION STICKER REQUIREMENT, TO
10 PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION CARDS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL COR-
11 RECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 49-435, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE A VALIDATION
12 STICKER REQUIREMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION CARDS, AND
13 TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND AMENDING SECTION 49-443, IDAHO CODE,
14 TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING LICENSE PLATES, TO REMOVE A VALIDATION
15 STICKER REQUIREMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION CARDS, AND
16 TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

19 SECTION 1. That Section 49-421, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
20 amended to read as follows:

21 49-421. REGISTRATION CARDS. (1) Upon the registration of a vehicle,
22 the registering agency shall issue to the owner, as defined in section
23 49-116(3), Idaho Code, a registration card ~~which that~~ shall contain the date
24 issued, the registration number assigned the owner and to the vehicle, the
25 name and address of the owner, a description of the registered vehicle, iden-
26 tification number, and any other information the department may require.

27 (2) The owner, upon receiving the registration card, shall sign in the
28 space provided upon the card as proof of compliance with the insurance re-
29 quirements of section 49-1229, Idaho Code. Such registration card, when is-
30 ssued electronically to owners of vehicles registered pursuant to sections
31 49-434 and 49-435, Idaho Code, need not be signed.

32 (3) Upon a change of address, the registrant shall report such change to
33 the county assessor or the department within thirty (30) days following the
34 change of address.

35 (4) It is an infraction for any person to fail to notify the department
36 of a change of address as required by the provisions of subsection (3) of this
37 section.

38 SECTION 2. That Section 49-425, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
39 amended to read as follows:

1 49-425. LOST CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PLATE -- DUPLICATES. In the event
 2 that any license plate or registration card issued pursuant to the provi-
 3 sions of this chapter shall be lost, mutilated, or become illegible, the per-
 4 son to whom the plate or registration card is issued shall make immediate ap-
 5 plication for and obtain a duplicate or replacement upon furnishing informa-
 6 tion of fact satisfactory to the department and upon payment of the required
 7 fees. The fee for duplicate or replacement plates is provided in sections
 8 49-450 and ~~section~~ 49-202(2)(f), Idaho Code, for a replacement registration
 9 card whether issued in print or electronically.

10 SECTION 3. That Section 49-427, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 11 amended to read as follows:

12 49-427. REGISTRATION CARD TO BE CARRIED. The registration card issued
 13 for a vehicle required to be registered by the provisions of this chapter
 14 shall, while the vehicle is being operated upon a highway, be in the posses-
 15 sion of the ~~operator or chauffeur~~ driver or carried in the vehicle and be sub-
 16 ject to inspection by any peace officer. For drivers of commercial vehicles
 17 registered pursuant to section 49-434 or 49-435, Idaho Code, an electronic
 18 format of the registration card is permitted.

19 SECTION 4. That Section 49-428, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 20 amended to read as follows:

21 49-428. DISPLAY OF PLATE AND STICKERS. (1) License plates assigned to
 22 a motor vehicle shall be attached, one (1) in the front and the other in the
 23 rear, with the exception of the following:

24 (a) The license plate assigned to a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle,
 25 utility type vehicle, motorbike or semitrailer and the license plate
 26 assigned to a motor vehicle operated by a manufacturer, repossession
 27 agent or dealer shall be attached to the rear.

28 (b) Vehicles displaying year of manufacture, old timer, classic car or
 29 street rod license plates shall be allowed to display one (1) plate at-
 30 tached to the rear of the vehicle.

31 (c) The license plate attached to a tractor shall be attached to the
 32 front.

33 (d) The wrecker plate shall be displayed on the vehicle being towed in
 34 such a manner as to be visible when the vehicle being towed is approached
 35 from the rear.

36 License plates shall be displayed during the current registration year.
 37 The annual registration sticker for the current registration year shall be
 38 displayed on each license plate, except for ~~trailers and semitrailers on~~
 39 ~~extended~~ registration issued under the provisions of sections 49-434 and
 40 49-435, Idaho Code. For the purposes of this title, the license plates to-
 41 gether with the registration stickers shall be considered as license plates
 42 for the year designated on the registration sticker.

43 (2) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the
 44 vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at
 45 a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from
 46 the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible,
 47 and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be

1 clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to
 2 the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section 49-443(4),
 3 Idaho Code.

4 SECTION 5. That Section 49-434, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
 5 amended to read as follows:

6 49-434. OPERATING FEES. (1) There shall be paid on all commercial ve-
 7 hicles, noncommercial vehicles, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum
 8 gross weight not in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual reg-
 9 istration fee or a staggered registration fee for the purpose of reregistra-
 10 tion and notice of expiration in accordance with the following schedule.

11 Unladen Weight for Wreckers	Annual Registration Fee	
12 Maximum Gross Weight	Noncommercial and	Commercial
13 For Other Vehicles (Pounds)	Farm Vehicles	Vehicles
		and Wreckers
15 8,001-16,000 inc.	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
16 16,001-26,000 inc.	61.08	143.40
17 26,001-30,000 inc.	91.68	223.80
18 30,001-40,000 inc.	130.08	291.60
19 40,001-50,000 inc.	188.28	360.00
20 50,001-60,000 inc.	311.88	515.40

21 In addition to the registration fees provided for in this subsection, there
 22 shall be an additional registration fee imposed of twenty-five dollars
 23 (\$25.00).

24 (2) There shall be paid on all commercial vehicles, irrespective of
 25 body type, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight in excess
 26 of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual registration fee in the amount
 27 prescribed by subsection (8) of this section, as applicable.

28 (3) In addition, the annual registration fee for trailers shall be:

- 29 (a) Trailer or semitrailer in a combination of vehicles\$15.00
- 30 (b) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight of two thousand (2,000)
- 31 pounds or less\$8.00
- 32 (c) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight over two thousand
- 33 (2,000) pounds\$15.00

34 (4) As an option to the trailer and semitrailer and rental utility
 35 trailer annual registrations issued pursuant to subsection (3) of this
 36 section, the department may provide a nonexpiring plate and registration
 37 for trailers and semitrailers, and an optional, extended registration for
 38 rental utility trailers.

39 (a) For trailers and semitrailers, the nonexpiring registration fee
 40 shall be ninety-nine dollars (\$99.00). The license plate shall remain
 41 on the trailer or semitrailer until the registration is canceled or re-
 42 voked. No part of the fee is subject to refund. However, the registrant
 43 may transfer the nonexpiring plate and registration to another trailer
 44 or semitrailer titled to the registrant if the original registration
 45 date is prior to July 1, 2009. The registration document shall be the

1 official record of the status of the nonexpiring registration, and no
2 registration fee shall be required after the initial registration is
3 paid. No validation sticker shall be ~~required or~~ issued for ~~such non-~~
4 ~~expiring~~ license plates assigned under this section. The owner may be
5 issued an electronic copy of the registration card issued pursuant to
6 this section.

7 (i) Registration of a trailer or semitrailer based in another ju-
8 risdiction may be issued when the registrant provides a valid ju-
9 risdiction title or ownership document and certification state-
10 ment, and no title transfer will be required.

11 (ii) Periodic verification will be made to confirm ownership sta-
12 tus. Failure of the owner to comply with the verification request
13 to confirm ownership within thirty (30) days, shall result in can-
14 cellation of the permanent plate registration.

15 (b) Idaho-based trailer manufacturers may purchase trailer and semi-
16 trailer registration from the department. The manufacturer may issue
17 the annual registration to foreign-based purchasers utilizing a manu-
18 facturer's certificate of origin or manufacturer's statement of origin
19 as proof of ownership. If the foreign-based purchaser subsequently ob-
20 tains an Idaho nonexpiring registration as provided in paragraph (a) of
21 this subsection prior to annual registration expiration, the amount of
22 the annual registration fee shall be applied to the nonexpiring regis-
23 tration fee provided that the customer acquires a title for such vehi-
24 cle.

25 (c) For rental utility trailers, the registrant may prepay the annual
26 registration for an additional one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4)
27 years, but in no event shall the optional registration period extend be-
28 yond five (5) years. The fee shall be as specified in subsection (3) (b)
29 or (c) of this section. ~~A pressure-sensitive sticker shall be used to~~
30 ~~validate the license plate.~~ The owner shall be issued a registration
31 card or may request such card to be sent electronically. The expiration
32 date shall be reflected on such registration card. The license plate
33 shall become void if the owner's interest in the rental utility trailer
34 changes during the five (5) year period. If the owner fails to enter
35 the rental utility trailer on the annual renewal application during the
36 five (5) year period, the registration record shall be purged. Any un-
37 renewed plate shall be returned to the department if it is not entered on
38 the renewal application.

39 (5) A fleet registration option is available to owners who have
40 twenty-five (25) or more commercial or farm vehicles or any combination
41 thereof. Such owners may register all of their company vehicles with the
42 department in lieu of registering with a county assessor. To qualify, the
43 fleet must be owned and operated under the unified control of one (1) person
44 and the vehicles must be physically garaged and maintained in two (2) or more
45 counties. Fleet registration shall not include fleets of rental vehicles.
46 The department shall provide a registration application to the owner, and
47 the owner shall provide all information that the department determines is
48 necessary. The department shall devise a special license plate numbering
49 system for fleet-registered vehicles as an alternative to county license
50 plates. The fleet registration application and all subsequent registration

1 renewals shall include the physical address where a vehicle is principally
2 used, garaged and maintained. The fleet owner shall report the physical
3 address to the department upon initial registration, on each renewal, and at
4 any time a vehicle registered under this option is permanently transferred
5 to another location.

6 (6) If the ownership of a vehicle changes during the registration pe-
7 riod, the original owner may transfer the plate to another vehicle. The re-
8 maining fee shall be credited against the cost of the new registration. Re-
9 funds may be given for any unexpired portion of the vehicle registration fee
10 if the plate is not transferred by the owner to another vehicle. Any request
11 for refund shall include surrender of the license plate, ~~validation sticker~~
12 and registration document, if a physical document was issued. Owners of ve-
13 hicles registered under the international registration plan may request a
14 refund of the unexpired portion of the Idaho vehicle registration fee by pre-
15 senting evidence from the base jurisdiction that the license plate, ~~valida-
16 tion sticker~~ and registration document, if a physical document was issued,
17 have been surrendered. A license plate shall not be transferred to another
18 owner when the ownership of a vehicle changes. The owner shall obtain a re-
19 placement plate, ~~validation sticker~~ if required, and a printed or electronic
20 registration document when a plate is lost, destroyed, or becomes illegible.

21 (7) An administrative fee of four dollars (\$4.00) shall be paid and de-
22 posited to the state highway account on all registrations completed by the
23 department under subsection (1) or (8) (a) of this section. Vehicles regis-
24 tered under subsection (8) (b) of this section shall pay the fee provided in
25 section 49-435(2), Idaho Code.

26 (8) There shall be paid on all commercial and farm vehicles having a
27 maximum gross weight in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, a regis-
28 tration fee based upon the maximum gross weight of a vehicle as declared by
29 the owner and the total number of miles driven on roads and highways in the
30 state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho, and if registered
31 under the international registration plan (IRP), in all other jurisdic-
32 tions. The appropriate registration fee shall be determined as follows:

33 (a) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registra-
34 tion plan (IRP), the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by
35 the total miles an owner operated a fleet of vehicles on roads and high-
36 ways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho
37 and in all other jurisdictions in the preceding year, as defined in sec-
38 tion 49-117, Idaho Code, and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle
39 within a fleet.

40 (b) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registra-
41 tion plan and determines that the average international registration
42 plan fleet miles, calculated by dividing the total IRP fleet miles in
43 all jurisdictions by the number of registered vehicles, is less than
44 fifty thousand one (50,001) miles, the owner may apply to the depart-
45 ment for refund of a portion of the registration fees paid, consistent
46 with the fee schedules set forth in this section. The department shall
47 provide an application for the refund. An owner making application for
48 refund under this section shall be subject to auditing as provided in
49 section 49-439, Idaho Code.

1 (c) If the owner is not registering vehicles under the international
 2 registration plan, the appropriate mileage column shall be determined
 3 by the total miles the owner operated each of the vehicles to be regis-
 4 tered on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway dis-
 5 trict systems in Idaho in the preceding year and by the maximum gross
 6 weight of each vehicle.

7 8 9	Maximum Gross Weight of Vehicle (Pounds)	Total Miles Driven				
		10 11	12	13	14	15
		1 to 7,500	7,501 to 20,000	20,001 to 35,000	35,001 to 50,000	Over 50,000
12	60,001-62,000	\$223	\$ 511	\$ 789	\$1,068	\$1,560
13	62,001-64,000	\$251	\$ 576	\$ 890	\$1,205	\$1,760
14	64,001-66,000	\$280	\$ 642	\$ 992	\$1,342	\$1,960
15	66,001-68,000	\$309	\$ 707	\$1,093	\$1,479	\$2,160
16	68,001-70,000	\$337	\$ 773	\$1,194	\$1,615	\$2,360
17	70,001-72,000	\$366	\$ 838	\$1,295	\$1,752	\$2,560
18	72,001-74,000	\$394	\$ 904	\$1,396	\$1,889	\$2,760
19	74,001-76,000	\$423	\$ 969	\$1,498	\$2,026	\$2,960
20	76,001-78,000	\$451	\$1,035	\$1,599	\$2,163	\$3,160
21	78,001-80,000	\$480	\$1,100	\$1,700	\$2,300	\$3,360
22	80,001-82,000	\$494	\$1,133	\$1,751	\$2,368	\$3,460
23	82,001-84,000	\$509	\$1,165	\$1,801	\$2,437	\$3,560
24	84,001-86,000	\$523	\$1,198	\$1,852	\$2,505	\$3,660
25	86,001-88,000	\$537	\$1,231	\$1,902	\$2,574	\$3,760
26	88,001-90,000	\$551	\$1,264	\$1,953	\$2,642	\$3,860
27	90,001-92,000	\$566	\$1,296	\$2,004	\$2,711	\$3,960
28	92,001-94,000	\$580	\$1,329	\$2,054	\$2,779	\$4,060
29	94,001-96,000	\$594	\$1,362	\$2,105	\$2,848	\$4,160
30	96,001-98,000	\$609	\$1,395	\$2,155	\$2,916	\$4,260
31	98,001-100,000	\$623	\$1,427	\$2,206	\$2,985	\$4,360
32	100,001-102,000	\$637	\$1,460	\$2,257	\$3,053	\$4,460
33	102,001-104,000	\$651	\$1,493	\$2,307	\$3,121	\$4,560
34	104,001-106,000	\$666	\$1,526	\$2,358	\$3,190	\$4,660
35	106,001-108,000	\$680	\$1,558	\$2,408	\$3,258	\$4,760
36	108,001-110,000	\$694	\$1,591	\$2,459	\$3,327	\$4,860
37	110,001-112,000	\$709	\$1,624	\$2,510	\$3,395	\$4,960
38	112,001-114,000	\$723	\$1,657	\$2,560	\$3,464	\$5,060
39	114,001-116,000	\$737	\$1,689	\$2,611	\$3,532	\$5,160
40	116,001-118,000	\$751	\$1,722	\$2,661	\$3,601	\$5,260
41	118,001-120,000	\$766	\$1,755	\$2,712	\$3,669	\$5,360

1	2	3	Total Miles Driven				
			4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Maximum Gross		1 to	7,501 to	20,001 to	35,001 to	Over
2	Weight of Vehicle		7,500	20,000	35,000	50,000	50,000
3	(Pounds)						
4							
5	120,001-122,000		\$780	\$1,788	\$2,763	\$3,738	\$5,460
6	122,001-124,000		\$794	\$1,820	\$2,813	\$3,806	\$5,560
7	124,001-126,000		\$809	\$1,853	\$2,864	\$3,874	\$5,660
8	126,001-128,000		\$823	\$1,886	\$2,914	\$3,943	\$5,760
9	128,001-129,000		\$837	\$1,918	\$2,965	\$4,011	\$5,860

11 In addition to the registration fees provided for in this subsection, there
 12 shall be an additional registration fee imposed of twenty-five dollars
 13 (\$25.00).

14 (d) In addition to the fees set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this
 15 subsection ~~(8)~~, an owner or operator may purchase a temporary permit as
 16 provided in section 49-432(2), Idaho Code, for operation of a vehicle at
 17 a weight in excess of the current, valid, registered maximum gross vehi-
 18 cle weight. The permit so issued shall be specific to the motor vehicle
 19 to which it is issued. No permit or fee shall be transferable or appor-
 20 tionable to any other vehicle, nor shall any such fee be refundable.

21 (e) Any commercial or farm vehicle registered for more than sixty thou-
 22 sand (60,000) pounds up to one hundred six thousand (106,000) pounds
 23 traveling fewer than two thousand five hundred (2,500) miles annually
 24 on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district
 25 systems in Idaho shall pay an annual registration fee of two hundred
 26 fifty-five dollars (\$255). The provisions of section 49-437(2), Idaho
 27 Code, shall not apply to vehicles registered under this ~~subsection~~
 28 ~~(8)(e) paragraph~~.

29 (9) (a) During the first registration year that the fee schedule in sub-
 30 section (8)(c) of this section is in use, an owner shall use the mileage
 31 data from the records used to report the mileage use fee in the immedi-
 32 ately preceding year as the basis for determining the appropriate reg-
 33 istration fee schedule.

34 (b) Any owner who registers a motor vehicle for the first time and who
 35 has no mileage history for the vehicle shall estimate the miles to de-
 36 termine the appropriate fee schedule in subsection (8)(c) of this sec-
 37 tion. When estimating the miles, the owner shall provide a statement on
 38 the application of the method used to arrive at the estimated miles.

39 (c) Any owner using any fee schedule other than the highest fee schedule
 40 under subsection (8)(c) of this section, shall certify at the time of
 41 registration that the miles operated in the preceding year do not exceed
 42 the schedule applied for. Any owner using a fee schedule under subsec-
 43 tion (8)(c) of this section that is less than the highest schedule shall
 44 maintain records to substantiate the use of the schedule as required by
 45 section 49-439, Idaho Code.

46 (10) An owner registering under subsection (8)(a) or (8)(c) of this sec-
 47 tion may elect to pay the full annual registration fee at the time of regis-
 48 tration or renewal of registration, or an owner may pay at least one-quarter

1 (1/4) of the annual registration fee due. The remainder of the annual Idaho
2 registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as
3 billed by the department.

4 (11) An owner registering or renewing a registration under subsection
5 (8) (a) of this section electing to use installment payments as provided in
6 subsection (10) of this section, shall pay all of the fees due to other IRP
7 jurisdictions in addition to one-quarter (1/4) of the Idaho fee due at the
8 time of registration or reregistration. The remainder of the annual Idaho
9 registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as
10 billed by the department.

11 (12) If any vehicle or combinations of vehicles haul nonreducible
12 loads, as authorized under the provisions of section 49-1004, Idaho Code,
13 and weigh less than the starting weights per axle configuration listed in
14 column 1 of ~~subsection (2)~~, section 49-1004(2), Idaho Code, then and in that
15 event there shall be paid for that vehicle, in addition to the other fees
16 required in this section, an additional use fee of 2.1 mills per mile for each
17 two thousand (2,000) pounds or fraction thereof of the maximum gross weight
18 in excess of those set forth in section 49-1001, Idaho Code.

19 SECTION 6. That Section 49-435, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
20 amended to read as follows:

21 49-435. PROPORTIONAL REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES. (1) Any
22 owner engaged in operating one (1) or more fleets of commercial vehicles
23 may, in lieu of the registration fees imposed by section 49-434, Idaho Code,
24 register each fleet for operation in this state by filing an application
25 with the department ~~which that~~ shall contain the information required by
26 the international registration plan (IRP) agreement. Any owner who makes
27 application for proportional registration under the provisions of the in-
28 ternational registration plan shall comply with the terms and conditions of
29 the IRP agreement.

30 (2) The department shall register the vehicle so described and identi-
31 fied and may issue license plates ~~or distinctive sticker~~ or other suitable
32 identification device for each vehicle listed in the application upon pay-
33 ment of the fees required under subsections (1) and (8) of section 49-434,
34 Idaho Code, and an additional identification charge of eight dollars (\$8.00)
35 per vehicle. The fees collected for the additional identification shall be
36 deposited to the state highway account. A registration card shall be issued
37 in print or electronically for each proportionally registered vehicle ap-
38 propriately identifying it, which shall be carried and available on an elec-
39 tronic device or in or upon the vehicle identified at all times.

40 (3) Fleet vehicles so registered and identified shall be deemed to be
41 fully licensed and registered in this state for any type of movement or oper-
42 ation.

43 (4) The right to the privilege and benefits of proportional registra-
44 tion of fleet vehicles extended by this section, or by any contract, agree-
45 ment, arrangement or declaration made under the authority provided in sec-
46 tion 49-201, Idaho Code, shall be subject to the condition that each fleet
47 vehicle proportionally registered shall also be proportionally or otherwise
48 properly registered in at least one (1) other jurisdiction during the period
49 for which it is proportionally registered in this state.

1 (5) No provision of this section relating to proportional registration
2 of fleet vehicles shall be construed as requiring any vehicle to be propor-
3 tionally registered if it is otherwise registered in this state for the op-
4 eration in which it is engaged, including regular registration or temporary
5 trip permit.

6 SECTION 7. That Section 49-443, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 49-443. LICENSE PLATES TO BE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT -- FORM AND
9 CONTENTS. (1) The assessor or the department shall furnish to every owner
10 whose vehicle is registered or licensed by that office, pursuant to sections
11 49-402 and 49-402A, Idaho Code, one (1) license plate for vehicles regis-
12 tered under the provisions of section 49-406, 49-406A or 49-408, Idaho Code,
13 or a motorcycle, trailer, truck-tractor, or semitrailer; one (1) restricted
14 vehicle license plate for all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and
15 motorbikes licensed pursuant to this chapter; and two (2) license plates
16 for every other motor vehicle. If a vehicle is issued one (1) plate only,
17 that plate shall be displayed in accordance with the provisions of section
18 49-428, Idaho Code. For vehicles registered under the provisions of section
19 49-407, Idaho Code, the applicant shall provide one (1) plate to be displayed
20 on the rear of the vehicle.

21 Commencing January 1, 1992, the color and design of the plates shall be
22 comparable to the color and design of the statehood centennial issue of li-
23 cense plates with blue numerals and letters on a multicolored red, white and
24 blue background. Each license plate must bear upon its face the inscriptions
25 "Famous Potatoes" and "Scenic Idaho." The restricted vehicle license plate
26 for all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes shall be a
27 white background with black numerals and letters, with "Idaho Restricted Ve-
28 hicle" and the year of its expiration on its face and no other inscription.
29 The restricted vehicle license plate shall be the same size required for the
30 motorcycle license plate.

31 Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration num-
32 ber assigned to the vehicle and its owner and the name "Idaho" which may be
33 abbreviated. The plates issued under the provisions of section 49-402(1),
34 Idaho Code, and the required letters and numerals, including an identifica-
35 tion of the county in which the motor vehicle to which the plates will be af-
36 fixed is registered, shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from
37 a distance of seventy-five (75) feet during daylight, and each license plate
38 and registration sticker shall be treated with a fully reflectorized mate-
39 rial according to specifications prescribed by the board.

40 (2) License plates shall be valid for a period of seven (7) years begin-
41 ning with the date of issuance of new plates. At the end of the sixth year,
42 the registered owner shall receive notice of the date upon which the plates
43 will expire.

44 For specialty license plate programs discontinued pursuant to the
45 provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code, a registrant with a specialty
46 license plate currently registered under the program may use such license
47 plate for up to seven (7) years from the date of issuance. This provision
48 is intended to permit the use of the specialty plate by the registrant re-
49 gardless of the number of persons who purchase the specialty plate. The

1 registrant shall be required to pay the special plate program fees provided
2 for specialty plates pursuant to this chapter. Such fees shall be deposited
3 into the state highway account. For purposes of section 49-434, Idaho Code,
4 as it applies to commercial vehicles, and section 49-435, Idaho Code, the
5 department shall provide new plates bearing the same number or, upon request
6 from the registered owner, the next available number.

7 (3) If a license plate number has expired as provided in subsection (2)
8 of this section and is not renewed within sixty (60) days of its expiration,
9 the plate number shall be available for use by another registrant. To obtain
10 a specific number in the recycled license plate number file, the owner of a
11 registered vehicle may contact the county regarding availability.

12 The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to vehicles regis-
13 tered under the provisions of section 49-402(1), Idaho Code, and section
14 49-434(1), Idaho Code, as it applies to noncommercial vehicles.

15 (4) License plates issued for vehicles required to be registered in
16 accordance with the provisions of sections 49-402 and 49-402A, Idaho Code,
17 shall be issued color-coded red, white or blue registration validation
18 stickers showing the year of registration. Each registration validation
19 sticker shall bear a number from 1 through 12, which number shall correspond
20 to the month of the calendar year in which the registration of the vehicle
21 expires and shall be affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the plates
22 within the outlined rectangular area.

23 (5) License plates for utility trailers registered under the provi-
24 sions of section 49-402A, Idaho Code, that are issued for five (5) or ten (10)
25 years and license plates for rental utility trailers registered under the
26 provisions of section 49-434, Idaho Code, that are issued for up to five (5)
27 years shall use the design in effect on the date of manufacture. If a design
28 change occurs, plates from the effective date of the design change shall be
29 manufactured using the new design. Unexpired plates need not be reissued to
30 conform to a design change.

31 (6) For license plates that are lost, stolen, mutilated, or illegible,
32 the owner shall apply for a duplicate or substitute. The assessor shall also
33 furnish for each registration, and to validate the license plate, a pres-
34 sure-sensitive, uniquely numbered, color-coded red, white or blue regis-
35 tration sticker, except for trailers and semitrailers registered under the
36 ~~nonexpiring~~ provisions in section 49-434, Idaho Code. License plates issued
37 for state, county and city motor vehicles shall be valid for seven (7) years
38 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section and remain on the vehicle for
39 which issued from year to year, and need no renewal or validation sticker.

40 (7) Whenever a vehicle is completely destroyed by fire or accident and
41 the operator submits satisfactory proof of that destruction to the depart-
42 ment or appropriate assessor's office, or the owner wishes to transfer the
43 remaining registration, use increment and fees shall be transferred to the
44 replacement vehicle for a service transfer fee of five dollars (\$5.00),
45 which fee shall be retained by the registering authority. None of the orig-
46 inal fees shall be subject to refund.

47 (8) The department shall furnish a printed or an electronic copy of the
48 registration card to every owner whose vehicle is registered under sections
49 49-434 and 49-435, Idaho Code, ~~a pressure-sensitive, uniquely numbered,~~
50 ~~color coded red, white or blue registration sticker to validate the license~~

1 ~~plate, provided however, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply~~
2 ~~to trailers and semitrailers registered under the provisions of section~~
3 ~~49-434(4), Idaho Code.~~

4 (9) The board shall have authority to require the return to the depart-
5 ment of all license plates and registration stickers upon termination of the
6 lawful use of them by the owner.

7 (10) The board may promulgate such rules as are necessary to implement
8 the provisions of this section.