

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES

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1.0 – ORGANIZATIONAL RULES

1.1 – AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Section 31-2-4 and Section 42-35-4(b) (2) of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation hereby amends the Rules and Regulations Regarding Temporary License Plates, issued October 31, 1983, and adopts the following Rules and Regulations. Any and all such regulations previously promulgated are hereby rescinded.

2.0 – RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES

2.1 - PURPOSE

- I. The Rhode Island Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles shall issue a temporary license plate, for a period of one hundred twenty (120) hours from the time of issuance to a motor vehicle for one or more of the following listed below:
 - A. A vehicle purchased by a Rhode Island motorist from a private party, if said vehicle was last registered in another state, for the purpose of transporting said vehicle to the proper facility for VIN verification.
 - B. An unregistered vehicle being transported to a police department for VIN verification.
 - C. An unregistered vehicle being transported from a police department to a Division of Motor Vehicles' inspection station for VIN verification.
 - D. An unregistered out-of-state motor vehicle from out-of-state being transported to a local police department for VIN verification.
 - E. An unregistered out-of-state motor vehicle from out-of-state being transported from a police department to a Division of Motor Vehicles' inspection station of VIN verification.

- F. **An unregistered salvage vehicle being transported to a Division of Motor Vehicles' inspection station for VIN verification.**
 - G. **An unregistered special-type motor vehicle being transported to a weigh station to obtain exact gross weight that must be known before registration.**
 - H. **An unregistered special mobile equipment being transported to a weigh station to obtain exact gross weight that must be known before registration.**
 - I. **On trailers other than those commonly known as campers or mobile homes, (flatbed trailers), sold by a company or individual not licensed as an automobile or truck dealer, to another company or individual who plans to transport the trailer to another state for registration in that state.**
 - J. **In case of emergency, the Administrator for Motor Vehicles or his designee determines that without issuance, an extreme hardship would be brought upon the owner of said vehicle.**
- II. **These Temporary license plates may be used in any purpose or manner which the Administrator for Motor Vehicles, in his official capacity, may deem fit, under the law of the State of Rhode Island.**

2.2 – DESCRIPTION AND DESIGN OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES

- a. **Temporary License Plates shall be of such design and shall bear the letter “T” followed by four (4) digits.**
- b. **Temporary License Plates shall be made of cardboard with white background and green letters and numbers; there shall be no duplication of identification.**

2.3 – APPLICATION AND FEE FOR TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES

- a. **A temporary license plate shall be issued upon application upon forms furnished by the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

- b. The fee for processing said application and issuance of each Temporary License Plate shall be One (\$1.00) or as required by Rhode Island General Laws.

2.4 – SEVERABILITY

These Rules and Regulations are hereby declared to be severable, and if any portion of these Rules and Regulations shall at any time be declared to be unenforceable or illegal, no other portion of such rules shall be affected thereby.

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