

## Repeal §462. Temporary registration plates

~~1. Temporary plate attachment. Except a transporter licensee or loaner licensee, a person licensed as a dealer may, on the sale or exchange of a motor vehicle or trailer, attach to its rear a temporary registration plate. For the purposes of this subsection, "loaner licensee" means a person to whom the Secretary of State has granted permission to use loaner plates on vehicles owned by that person for the purpose of loaning those vehicles to customers whose vehicles are being repaired at the licensee's business location.~~

~~2. Payment of fee for temporary registration plate. The fee for a temporary registration plate is \$1 per plate. A purchaser may operate the motor vehicle or trailer with a temporary registration plate for a period of 14 consecutive days without payment of a regular fee. If the purchaser is a nonresident member of the Armed Services, the purchaser may operate a motor vehicle or trailer for a period of 20 consecutive days without payment of a regular fee. At the end of this initial period, a resident who is unable to comply with the requirements of chapter 7 or a nonresident who has applied for but has not yet received a registration certificate from a home state may request the Secretary of State to extend this period without charge for an additional 20 days.~~

~~3. Trucks. A temporary registration plate may not be used on a loaded truck without a written permit from the Secretary of State.~~

~~4. Mobile homes. A temporary registration plate may not be used on a house trailer or mobile home unless the operator of the vehicle possesses the written certificate from the tax collector required by section 1002, subsection 9.~~

~~5. Motorcycle. A temporary registration plate for a motorcycle must be the same size as the regular motorcycle plate.~~

~~6. Notice of date of expiration. A person attaching a temporary registration plate to a vehicle sold or exchanged by that person, shall mark on the plate the date of expiration and immediately notify the Secretary of State of the sale or exchange, giving the name and address of the purchaser, the number of the temporary plate and other information as the Secretary of State may require. The date may not be less than one inch in height and must be written with indelible or waterproof ink.~~

~~7. Temporary registration certificate. When a temporary registration plate is attached to a vehicle, the Secretary of State must furnish the purchaser a certificate of temporary registration.~~

~~8. Trailer transit plate.~~

~~9. Unavailability. The Secretary of State, if unable to furnish immediately a plate or marker, may issue a temporary certificate with temporary plates. The certificate must be carried and plates displayed in the same manner as regular certificates and plates.~~

~~10. Prohibition. A person issued temporary registration plates may not:~~

~~A. Attach a plate to a vehicle that the person did not sell, lease or transfer; or~~

~~B. Provide the plates to another person other than by attachment to a vehicle as authorized by this section.~~

~~A person who violates this subsection commits a traffic infraction.~~

~~11. Records. A person issued temporary registration plates by the Secretary of State shall maintain a written record on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State of the use or disposal of every plate. The record must be available for inspection by the Secretary of State at the person's place of business and must be submitted annually upon application for renewal of a dealer license. A person who violates this subsection commits a traffic infraction.~~

29 MRSA 453 **Vanity registration plates** subsection 2 is amended:

Fee. The annual ~~service~~ administrative fee for a vanity registration plate is \$25 in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee. The ~~service~~ administrative fee must be credited to the General Highway Fund, except that, beginning July 1, 2009, \$10 of the ~~service~~ administrative fee must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund established by Title 30-A, section 6006-G. A sum sufficient to defray the cost of this program must be allocated annually from the General Highway Fund.

29 MRSA section §524 **Other special veterans registration plates**, is amend subsection 4, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph is amended:

The Secretary of State shall determine the design of the Purple Heart plate. Upon request and as provided by section 453, the Secretary of State shall issue Purple Heart plates that are also vanity plates. Purple Heart vanity plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453. The annual ~~service~~ administrative fee for vanity plates required in section 453 is credited to the Highway Fund.

Amend section 954 by adding:

J. Mobile homes. A temporary registration plate may not be used on a house trailer or mobile home unless the operator of the vehicle possesses the written certificate from the tax collector required by section 1002, subsection 9.

K. Unavailability. The Secretary of State, if unable to furnish immediately a plate or marker, may issue a temporary certificate with temporary plates. The certificate must be carried and plates displayed in the same manner as regular certificates and plates.

**Summary**

This proposed amendment repeals section 462 and moves 2 more sections to section 954.

It also amends the vanity and purple heart plate language to simply change the word service fee to administrative fee to use the terms more consistently.