

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1231, As Amended in the House

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-421, IDAHO
2 CODE, TO REVISE A PROVISION REGARDING CERTAIN REGISTRATION CARDS AND
3 TO 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~~ 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 a~~ a registration card, shall ~~sign in the~~
28 ~~space provided upon the card as~~ validate proof of compliance with the insur-
29 ance requirements of section 49-1229, Idaho Code.

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

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

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

38 49-425. LOST CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PLATE -- DUPLICATES. In the event
39 that any license plate or registration card issued pursuant to the provi-
40 sions of this chapter shall be lost, mutilated, or become illegible, the per-

1 son to whom the plate or registration card is issued shall make immediate ap-
 2 plication for and obtain a duplicate or replacement upon furnishing informa-
 3 tion of fact satisfactory to the department and upon payment of the required
 4 fees. The fee for duplicate or replacement plates is provided in sections
 5 49-450 and ~~section~~ 49-202(2)(f), Idaho Code, for a replacement registration
 6 card whether issued in print or electronically.

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

9 49-427. REGISTRATION CARD TO BE CARRIED. The registration card issued
 10 for a vehicle required to be registered by the provisions of this chapter
 11 shall, while the vehicle is being operated upon a highway, be in the posses-
 12 sion of the ~~operator or chauffeur~~ driver or carried in the vehicle and be sub-
 13 ject to inspection by any peace officer. For drivers of commercial vehicles
 14 registered pursuant to section 49-434 or 49-435, Idaho Code, an electronic
 15 format of the registration card is permitted.

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

18 49-428. DISPLAY OF PLATE AND STICKERS. (1) License plates assigned to
 19 a motor vehicle shall be attached, one (1) in the front and the other in the
 20 rear, with the exception of the following:

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

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

28 (c) The license plate attached to a tractor shall be attached to the
 29 front.

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

33 License plates shall be displayed during the current registration year.
 34 The annual registration sticker for the current registration year shall be
 35 displayed on each license plate, except for trailers, ~~and~~ semitrailers,
 36 ~~on extended registration~~ and commercial vehicles over twenty-six thousand
 37 (26,000) pounds under the provisions of sections 49-434 and 49-435, Idaho
 38 Code. For the purposes of this title, the license plates together with the
 39 registration stickers shall be considered as license plates for the year
 40 designated on the registration sticker.

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

1 the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section 49-443(4),
2 Idaho Code.

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

5 49-434. OPERATING FEES. (1) There shall be paid on all commercial ve-
6 hicles, noncommercial vehicles, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum
7 gross weight not in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual reg-
8 istration fee or a staggered registration fee for the purpose of reregistra-
9 tion and notice of expiration in accordance with the following schedule.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

49 (c) If the owner is not registering vehicles under the international
50 registration plan, the appropriate mileage column shall be determined

1 by the total miles the owner operated each of the vehicles to be regis-
 2 tered on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway dis-
 3 trict systems in Idaho in the preceding year and by the maximum gross
 4 weight of each vehicle.

5	Maximum Gross					
6	Weight of Vehicle	Total Miles Driven				
7	(Pounds)	1 to	7,501 to	20,001 to	35,001 to	Over
8		7,500	20,000	35,000	50,000	50,000
9	60,001-62,000	\$223	\$ 511	\$ 789	\$1,068	\$1,560
10	62,001-64,000	\$251	\$ 576	\$ 890	\$1,205	\$1,760
11	64,001-66,000	\$280	\$ 642	\$ 992	\$1,342	\$1,960
12	66,001-68,000	\$309	\$ 707	\$1,093	\$1,479	\$2,160
13	68,001-70,000	\$337	\$ 773	\$1,194	\$1,615	\$2,360
14	70,001-72,000	\$366	\$ 838	\$1,295	\$1,752	\$2,560
15	72,001-74,000	\$394	\$ 904	\$1,396	\$1,889	\$2,760
16	74,001-76,000	\$423	\$ 969	\$1,498	\$2,026	\$2,960
17	76,001-78,000	\$451	\$1,035	\$1,599	\$2,163	\$3,160
18	78,001-80,000	\$480	\$1,100	\$1,700	\$2,300	\$3,360
19	80,001-82,000	\$494	\$1,133	\$1,751	\$2,368	\$3,460
20	82,001-84,000	\$509	\$1,165	\$1,801	\$2,437	\$3,560
21	84,001-86,000	\$523	\$1,198	\$1,852	\$2,505	\$3,660
22	86,001-88,000	\$537	\$1,231	\$1,902	\$2,574	\$3,760
23	88,001-90,000	\$551	\$1,264	\$1,953	\$2,642	\$3,860
24	90,001-92,000	\$566	\$1,296	\$2,004	\$2,711	\$3,960
25	92,001-94,000	\$580	\$1,329	\$2,054	\$2,779	\$4,060
26	94,001-96,000	\$594	\$1,362	\$2,105	\$2,848	\$4,160
27	96,001-98,000	\$609	\$1,395	\$2,155	\$2,916	\$4,260
28	98,001-100,000	\$623	\$1,427	\$2,206	\$2,985	\$4,360
29	100,001-102,000	\$637	\$1,460	\$2,257	\$3,053	\$4,460
30	102,001-104,000	\$651	\$1,493	\$2,307	\$3,121	\$4,560
31	104,001-106,000	\$666	\$1,526	\$2,358	\$3,190	\$4,660
32	106,001-108,000	\$680	\$1,558	\$2,408	\$3,258	\$4,760
33	108,001-110,000	\$694	\$1,591	\$2,459	\$3,327	\$4,860
34	110,001-112,000	\$709	\$1,624	\$2,510	\$3,395	\$4,960
35	112,001-114,000	\$723	\$1,657	\$2,560	\$3,464	\$5,060
36	114,001-116,000	\$737	\$1,689	\$2,611	\$3,532	\$5,160
37	116,001-118,000	\$751	\$1,722	\$2,661	\$3,601	\$5,260
38	118,001-120,000	\$766	\$1,755	\$2,712	\$3,669	\$5,360
39	120,001-122,000	\$780	\$1,788	\$2,763	\$3,738	\$5,460
40	122,001-124,000	\$794	\$1,820	\$2,813	\$3,806	\$5,560
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Maximum Gross Weight of Vehicle (Pounds)	Total Miles Driven				
	1 to 7,500	7,501 to 20,000	20,001 to 35,000	35,001 to 50,000	Over 50,000
124,001-126,000	\$809	\$1,853	\$2,864	\$3,874	\$5,660
126,001-128,000	\$823	\$1,886	\$2,914	\$3,943	\$5,760
128,001-129,000	\$837	\$1,918	\$2,965	\$4,011	\$5,860

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

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

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

(9) (a) During the first registration year that the fee schedule in subsection (8) (c) of this section is in use, an owner shall use the mileage data from the records used to report the mileage use fee in the immediately preceding year as the basis for determining the appropriate registration fee schedule.

(b) Any owner who registers a motor vehicle for the first time and who has no mileage history for the vehicle shall estimate the miles to determine the appropriate fee schedule in subsection (8) (c) of this section. When estimating the miles, the owner shall provide a statement on the application of the method used to arrive at the estimated miles.

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

(10) An owner registering under subsection (8) (a) or (8) (c) of this section may elect to pay the full annual registration fee at the time of registration or renewal of registration, or an owner may pay at least one-quarter (1/4) of the annual registration fee due. The remainder of the annual Idaho

1 registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as
2 billed by the department.

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

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

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

20 49-435. PROPORTIONAL REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES. (1) Any
21 owner engaged in operating one (1) or more fleets of commercial vehicles
22 may, in lieu of the registration fees imposed by section 49-434, Idaho Code,
23 register each fleet for operation in this state by filing an application
24 with the department ~~which that~~ shall contain the information required by
25 the international registration plan (IRP) agreement. Any owner who makes
26 application for proportional registration under the provisions of the in-
27 ternational registration plan shall comply with the terms and conditions of
28 the IRP agreement.

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

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

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