

1 Department of Public Safety

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Governing License Plates

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5 Rules as Adopted

6 7403.0100 DEFINITIONS.

7 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

8 Subp. 2a. Naval zero. "Naval zero" means a symbol or
9 character depicted by a zero intersected with a virgule.

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10 [For text of subps 3 to 4, see M.R.]

11 Subp. 6. Regular plates. "Regular plates" means standard
12 issue, sequentially numbered and lettered plates.

13 Subp. 7. Special plates. "Special plates" means plates
14 that are specifically selected by the applicant. Special plates
15 include personalized plate combinations and plates that
16 commemorate, signify membership in, or raise revenue for
17 selected organizations.

18 [For text of subp 8, see M.R.]

19 7403.0400 PLATES; FORMAT AND CONTENT.

20 Subpart 1. Characters. The characters displayed upon a
21 plate may be only:

22 A. the following uppercase letters: A, B, C, D, E,
23 F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, and
24 Z;

25 B. the following numbers: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
26 and 9; and

27 C. the naval zero.

28 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

29 Subp. 4. Characters limited. Plates must have all of the
30 following character limitations:

31 A. Plates must have at least one full-size letter or
32 number.

33 B. Stacked characters must count as one full-size
34 character. Stacked characters are two letters or numbers that
35 occupy one space in which one letter or number is placed

1 directly above the second letter or number.

2 C. No characters other than those specified in
3 subpart 1, items A and B, will be permitted on a personalized
4 plate. Stacked characters are not permitted on a personalized
5 plate. The naval zero will be restricted for use on amateur
6 radio operator (ARO) special license plates exclusively.

7 Subp. 5. **Duplication.** No plate may be a duplicate of any
8 current plate or a duplicate of any plate in a numbering system
9 used by the division. The number one (1) and the letter I, or
10 the naval zero, the number zero (0), and the letter O are deemed
11 to be the same character and may not be duplicated to create new
12 combinations. For example, TIM and T1M would be considered
13 duplicates.

14 [For text of subp 6, see M.R.]

15 Subp. 7. **Spacing and hyphenation.** An applicant may elect
16 to group characters by spacing or hyphenation on a personalized
17 plate. Hyphens must not be used consecutively. A space or
18 hyphen is not a character. However, hyphens and spaces must
19 count toward the total number of characters allowed on a plate.
20 Combinations of characters, spaces, or hyphens totaling more
21 than seven will be rejected. Motorcycle plates are limited to
22 six characters. If the total of characters, spaces, or hyphens
23 is less than these limits, the division shall have the right to
24 center the characters, spaces, or hyphens on the plate.

25 [For text of subps 8 and 9, see M.R.]

26 7403.0900 ASSIGNMENT, RETENTION, AND TRANSFER OF SPECIAL PLATES.

27 [For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

28 7403.0950 RETENTION OF RIGHTS TO PERSONALIZED PLATE COMBINATION.

29 An owner retains the rights to the personalized plate
30 combination obtained only if the current registration is
31 maintained. If the registration has lapsed for a period of at
32 least one full 12-month registration year, the division may
33 reissue the combination to any qualified applicant without
34 notifying the previous owner. At any time during this year, the
35 owner may waive the right to the combination. The division may

1 accept an application at any time, but will not reissue a
2 combination until the full 12-month registration period has
3 lapsed.