

TITLE 49  
MOTOR VEHICLES

CHAPTER 4  
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

49-401. REGISTRATION FEE IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAX. The registration fee imposed for vehicles under the provisions of this chapter shall be in lieu of all taxes on vehicles, general or local, and vehicles properly registered and for which the required fee for any part of the previous year has been paid shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation.

[49-401, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 70, p. 606; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 7, p. 112.]

49-401A. OWNER TO SECURE REGISTRATION FROM A COUNTY ASSESSOR OR THE DEPARTMENT. (1) Every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer who intends to operate the vehicle upon any highway in this state shall, before the same is so operated, apply to a county assessor or to the department or an agent of the department and obtain registration for vehicles pursuant to sections [49-402](#) (1) through (3), [49-402A](#), [49-402B](#) and [49-422](#), Idaho Code. All others shall be obtained from the department except as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Owners of vehicles specified in section [49-426](#), Idaho Code, are exempt from the provisions of this section. Owners of vehicles operating on a temporary basis as provided in sections [49-431](#) (3), [49-432](#) and [49-433](#), Idaho Code, are exempt from the provisions of this section to the extent that the temporary permits in use are unexpired.

(2) Commercial vehicles in excess of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds gross weight, farm and noncommercial vehicles in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds gross weight and all vehicles registered under section [49-435](#), Idaho Code, shall be registered by the department. All other commercial, farm and noncommercial vehicles and the vehicles in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection shall be registered by the county assessor or by the department or an agent of the department.

(a) Motor vehicles equipped primarily to haul passengers on a commercial basis, doing strictly an intrastate business, and having gross weights of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds or less.

(b) Any farm vehicle or combination of vehicles where each vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed a gross weight of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds.

(c) Nonresident vehicles or combination of vehicles owned by transient labor used in hauling unprocessed agricultural products for hire and not exceeding sixty thousand (60,000) pounds gross weight shall register their vehicle for the appropriate gross weight scale for the annual fee if registered on or before June 30 and for one-half (1/2) the annual fee if not registered until on or after July 1 of any year, with the assessor of the county in which the owner resides.

(3) Commercial, farm and noncommercial vehicles of any weight doing strictly an intrastate business may be registered by the county assessor or by the department or an agent of the department by mutual agreement between the department and the county.

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p. 790; am. 2015, ch. 208, sec. 4, p. 643; am. 2021, ch. 180, sec. 1, p. 496.]

49-401B. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION -- RECEIPT FOR FEE -- RECORD OF APPLICANTS. (1) Application for the registration of a vehicle required to be registered under the provisions of section [49-401A](#), Idaho Code, shall be made to the assessor or the department as specified in that section, by the owner upon the appropriate form. Every application shall contain the owner's Idaho driver's license number, Idaho identification card number, social security number or individual taxpayer identification number. In the case of a business, the employer tax identification number is required. Every application shall also contain the owner's true and full legal name. In the event that the owner does not possess a social security number, individual taxpayer identification number, Idaho driver's license number, or Idaho identification card number, the owner shall present written documentation sufficient to the department to determine that no social security number has been issued. In the event that a business, trust or other statutorily created entity is not required to have and does not possess an employer tax identification number, the applicant shall provide a written statement certifying that the entity does not possess an employer tax identification number. Such application must be signed by the owner and contain his residence address and mailing address, if different, and a brief description of the vehicle to be registered, including the name of the maker, the type of fuel used, and the identification number. If an applicant has submitted an application pursuant to the provisions of [chapter 58, title 19](#), Idaho Code, then the applicant may state in the application required pursuant to this section the applicant's alternative Idaho mailing address in place of his or her residence address. Upon registration of a new vehicle, the application shall also show the date of sale by the manufacturer or dealer to the person first operating such vehicle. The application shall contain any other information as may be required by the department and shall contain a provision that allows an owner to choose to participate in the Idaho state parks passport program. The assessor shall issue to the applicant a receipt for any fee paid. Social security numbers collected shall not appear on certificates of registration, and all applications on file shall be exempt from disclosure, except as provided in sections [49-202](#), [49-203](#) and [49-203A](#), Idaho Code.

(2) The assessor shall record on a form prescribed and furnished by the department, the names of all owners of vehicles residing in the county who make application for registration, together with the amounts of the fees paid by such owners.

(3) When application for registration is made by any motor carrier, the assessor or the department shall require each such applicant to execute a certification of safety compliance.

(4) Vehicles registered under the proportional registration provisions of section [49-435](#), Idaho Code, shall be registered by the department.

(5) Every owner of a vehicle registered by a county assessor shall give his physical domicile residence address or the business physical principal address to the assessor so that the proper county can be entered upon the registration. Failure to do so shall be unlawful. The department shall then attribute the registration, and all fees to be apportioned to the highway distribution account, to the county of residence regardless of the county in which the registration occurred. Fees imposed under the provisions of

sections [40-827](#) and [40-1416](#), Idaho Code, shall be separately identified and accounted for, and paid to the highway district for which collected. Fees collected in addition to vehicle registration fees for the Idaho state parks passport program, as provided in section [49-402](#) (11), Idaho Code, shall be separately identified and accounted for and paid to the state treasurer on a monthly basis to be deposited in the park and recreation fund as specified in section [49-402](#) (11), Idaho Code. For the purposes of vehicle registration, a person is an actual and permanent resident of the county in which he has his principal residence or domicile. A principal residence or domicile shall not be a person's workplace, vacation, or part-time residence.

(6) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be an infraction.

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49-401C. ELECTRONIC VEHICLE CREDENTIAL PROVIDERS. (1) In order to continue improving the quality of its products and services, the department may establish contracts with electronic vehicle credential (EVC) providers that operate programs that provide vehicle registration services. An authorized EVC provider may act on behalf of the department and county assessors in receiving, processing, and transmitting to the department registration applications and related fees.

(2) The department shall establish any additional requirements for the purpose of safeguarding privacy and protecting the information authorized for handling under this section.

(3) The department may establish the maximum amount that an EVC provider may charge its customers in providing the services authorized under subsection (1) of this section.

(4) The department shall adopt procedures that ensure adequate oversight and monitoring of an EVC provider to protect vehicle owners from improper use of vehicle records.

(5) The number of EVC providers that may be established in Idaho shall not exceed ten (10).

(6) The department is authorized to promulgate rules to administer the EVC provider program.

[49-401C, added 2021, ch. 180, sec. 2, p. 497.]

49-402. ANNUAL REGISTRATION. (1) The annual fee for operating each pickup truck, each neighborhood electric vehicle and each other motor vehicle having a maximum gross weight not in excess of eight thousand (8,000) pounds and that complies with the federal motor vehicle safety standards as defined in section [49-107](#), Idaho Code, shall be:

Vehicles one (1) and two (2) years old .....	\$69.00
Vehicles three (3) and four (4) years old .....	\$57.00
Vehicles five (5) and six (6) years old .....	\$57.00
Vehicles seven (7) and eight (8) years old .....	\$45.00
Vehicles over eight (8) years old .....	\$45.00

There shall be twelve (12) registration periods, starting in January for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 1, and proceeding

consecutively through December for holders of validation registration stickers numbered 12, each of which shall start on the first day of a calendar month and end on the last day of the twelfth month from the first day of the beginning month. Registration periods shall expire midnight on the last day of the registration period in the year designated by the validation registration sticker. The numeral digit on the validation registration stickers shall, as does the registration card, fix the registration period under the staggered registration system for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

A vehicle that has once been registered for any of the above-designated periods shall, upon reregistration, be registered for the period bearing the same number, and the registration card shall show and be the exclusive proof of the expiration date of registration and licensing. Vehicles may be initially registered for less than a twelve (12) month period, or for more than a twelve (12) month period, and the fee prorated on a monthly basis if the fractional registration tends to fulfill the purpose of the monthly series registration system.

(2) For all school buses operated either by a nonprofit, nonpublic school or operated pursuant to a service contract with a school district for transporting children to or from school or in connection with school-approved activities, the annual fee shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

(3) For all motorcycles and motor-driven cycles that comply with the federal motor vehicle safety standards, operated upon the public highways, the annual fee shall be nineteen dollars (\$19.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

(4) For operation of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike, excluding a motorbike with an engine displacement of fifty (50) cubic centimeters or less, on city, county or highway district roads or highways open to such use, a restricted vehicle license plate fee pursuant to section [49-450](#), Idaho Code, shall be paid. In addition, the certificate of number fee specified in section [67-7122](#), Idaho Code, shall be paid as provided in section [67-7122](#), Idaho Code. The certificate of number and restricted vehicle license plate exemption provided in section [49-426](#)(2), Idaho Code, applies to all-terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes and motorcycles used for the purposes described in section [49-426](#)(2), Idaho Code. Nonresidents shall be allowed to purchase a restricted vehicle license plate and validation sticker pursuant to section [67-7124](#), Idaho Code, for an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, or motorbike.

(5) For all motor homes, the fee shall be as specified in subsection (1) of this section and shall be in addition to the fees provided for in section [49-445](#), Idaho Code.

(6) Registration fees shall not be subject to refund.

(7) A financial institution or repossession service contracted to a financial institution repossessing vehicles under the terms of a security agreement shall move the vehicle from the place of repossession to the financial institution's place of business on a repossession plate. The repossession plate shall also be used for demonstrating the vehicle to a prospective purchaser for a period not to exceed ninety-six (96) hours. The registration fees for repossession plates shall be as required in subsection (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other

fees required under [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, shall be in addition to the registration fee. The repossession plate shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

(8) A wrecker or towing business engaged in the process of towing motorized vehicles that have been wrecked, abandoned, salvaged or may be disabled may apply for a wrecker plate to be displayed on those vehicles being towed, provided the power unit is properly registered under this chapter. The registration fees for wrecker plates shall be as required in subsection (1) of this section for a vehicle one (1) and two (2) years old. All other fees required under [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, shall be in addition to the registration fee and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

(9) In addition to the annual registration fee in this section, there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and an annual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all special license plate programs for those license plates issued pursuant to sections [49-404A](#), [49-407](#), [49-408](#), [49-409](#), [49-414](#), [49-416](#), [49-418](#) and [49-418D](#), Idaho Code. For special plates issued pursuant to sections [49-406](#) and [49-406A](#), Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) but there shall be no annual renewal fee. For special plates issued pursuant to sections [49-415D](#), [49-417](#), [49-417A](#), [49-417B](#), [49-417C](#), [49-417D](#), [49-418A](#), [49-418B](#), [49-418C](#), [49-419](#), [49-419A](#), [49-419C](#), [49-419E](#), [49-420](#), [49-420A](#), [49-420B](#), [49-420C](#), [49-420D](#), [49-420E](#), [49-420J](#), [49-420K](#), [49-420L](#), [49-420M](#), [49-420N](#), [49-420O](#), [49-420P](#), [49-420Q](#), [49-420R](#), and [49-420S](#), Idaho Code, and any new special plate program effective on and after January 1, 2013, pursuant to section [49-402D](#), Idaho Code, there shall be an initial program fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and an annual program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The fees contained in this subsection shall be applicable to all new special plate programs and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration. The initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of special license plate programs, unless otherwise specified by law.

(10) Any vehicle that does not meet federal motor vehicle safety standards shall not be registered and shall not be permitted to operate on public highways of the state, as defined in section [40-117](#), Idaho Code, unless otherwise specifically authorized.

(11) In addition to annual registration fees as provided in this section, registrants may pay a fee to purchase an Idaho state parks passport authorizing resident motor vehicle entry into all Idaho state parks. Registrants may pay the fee for a one (1) year or two (2) year period of time. The fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for one (1) year and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for two (2) years. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the park and recreation fund and shall be subject to appropriation. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall not be considered a motor vehicle registration fee as provided in section 17, article VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

[49-402, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 71, p. 607; am. 1989, ch. 310, sec. 11, p. 785; am. 1989, ch. 318, sec. 3, p. 820; am. 1990, ch. 391, sec. 2, p. 1094; am. 1991, ch. 295, sec. 1, p. 770; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 10, p. 114; am. 1992, ch. 186, sec. 1, p. 578; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 2, p. 758; am. 1993, ch. 99, sec. 1, p. 249; am. 1993, ch. 135, sec. 2, p. 333; am. 1996, ch. 343, sec. 3, p. 1151; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 1, p. 383;

am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 8, p. 1209; am. 1999, ch. 315, sec. 1, p. 782; am. 1999, ch. 316, sec. 2, p. 790; am. 1999, ch. 320, sec. 5, p. 818; am. 1999, ch. 365, sec. 1, p. 963; am. 1999, ch. 374, sec. 1, p. 1021; am. 2000, ch. 50, sec. 1, p. 95; am. 2000, ch. 193, sec. 1, p. 477; am. 2000, ch. 200, sec. 1, p. 492; am. 2000, ch. 315, sec. 2, p. 1061; am. 2000, ch. 421, sec. 1, p. 1369; am. 2001, ch. 281, sec. 1, p. 1010; am. 2002, ch. 226, sec. 1, p. 651; am. 2002, ch. 254, sec. 1, p. 731; am. 2002, ch. 285, sec. 1, p. 829; am. 2003, ch. 16, sec. 11, p. 58; am. 2003, ch. 43, sec. 1, p. 165; am. 2003, ch. 45, sec. 2, p. 173; am. 2003, ch. 242, sec. 1, p. 624; am. 2004, ch. 78, sec. 1, p. 300; am. 2004, ch. 81, sec. 1, p. 307; am. 2004, ch. 301, sec. 2, p. 841; am. 2005, ch. 70, sec. 1, p. 244; am. 2005, ch. 102, sec. 1, p. 321; am. 2005, ch. 154, sec. 1, p. 481; am. 2005, ch. 183, sec. 4, p. 565; am. 2006, ch. 41, sec. 1, p. 119; am. 2006, ch. 118, sec. 1, p. 331; am. 2006, ch. 119, sec. 1, p. 334; am. 2006, ch. 176, sec. 1, p. 541; am. 2007, ch. 256, sec. 1, p. 760; am. 2008, ch. 150, sec. 1, p. 436; am. 2008, ch. 193, sec. 1, p. 605; am. 2008, ch. 198, sec. 5, p. 640; am. 2008, ch. 210, sec. 1, p. 664; am. 2008, ch. 409, sec. 3, p. 1129; am. 2009, ch. 11, sec. 19, p. 31; am. 2009, ch. 157, sec. 7, p. 466; am. 2009, ch. 196, sec. 1, p. 631; am. 2009, ch. 199, sec. 1, p. 637; am. 2009, ch. 287, sec. 1, p. 860; am. 2010, ch. 132, sec. 1, p. 280; am. 2010, ch. 140, sec. 1, p. 295; am. 2011, ch. 22, sec. 1, p. 62; am. 2011, ch. 151, sec. 24, p. 430; am. 2012, ch. 41, sec. 2, p. 128; am. 2012, ch. 64, sec. 1, p. 168; am. 2012, ch. 253, sec. 1, p. 697; am. 2013, ch. 88, sec. 1, p. 212; am. 2013, ch. 354, sec. 3, p. 967; am. 2014, ch. 13, sec. 1, p. 18; am. 2014, ch. 82, sec. 1, p. 225; am. 2015, ch. 8, sec. 1, p. 9; am. 2015, ch. 37, sec. 1, p. 76; am. 2015, ch. 341, sec. 1, p. 1276; am. 2016, ch. 47, sec. 23, p. 118; am. 2017, ch. 233, sec. 1, p. 570; am. 2018, ch. 253, sec. 2, p. 584; am. 2019, ch. 89, sec. 1, p. 217; am. 2020, ch. 42, sec. 1, p. 94; am. 2021, ch. 149, sec. 26, p. 417; am. 2024, ch. 187, sec. 1, p. 675.]

49-402A. UTILITY TRAILERS -- REGISTRATION, FEES AND TRANSFERS. (1) The department shall register a utility trailer for a period of one (1) year for a fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

(2) The department may register a utility trailer for a five (5) year period or for a ten (10) year period, and shall issue a license plate with the year of expiration designated by a validation sticker. Five (5) year registrations shall cost twenty dollars (\$20.00) and ten (10) year registrations shall cost thirty dollars (\$30.00) and shall be subject to staggered registration for the purpose of reregistration and notice of expiration.

(3) If ownership or interest in the trailer transfers as a result of a sale, neither the registration card nor plate can be transferred to another person. The registration card and plate shall remain in the possession of the transferor and may be transferred to another utility trailer owned by the transferor, and shall be valid until expiration of the original registration.

[49-402A, added 1989, ch. 318, sec. 4, p. 821; am. 1990, ch. 197, sec. 1, p. 439; am. 2013, ch. 88, sec. 2, p. 214.]

49-402B. OPTIONAL BIENNIAL REGISTRATION. (1) At the option of the applicant, any vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) (1) through (5) or [49-434](#) (1), Idaho Code, may be registered for a period of two (2) years for a fee that is double the fee currently assessed for annual registration of the vehicle in section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#) (1), Idaho Code.



(2) If any vehicle registered under a special license plate program is registered for a two (2) year period as provided in this section, the registrant shall also be required to pay the special programs fees for a two (2) year period.

(3) Any vehicle registered pursuant to section [49-435](#), Idaho Code, shall not be eligible for biennial registration.

(4) The additional fee collected for emergency medical services pursuant to section [49-452](#), Idaho Code, or project choice pursuant to section [49-454](#), Idaho Code, shall also be doubled for any registration issued under the provisions of this section.

(5) The administrative fee collected for issuance of a motor vehicle registration shall be the same as for an annual registration and shall not be doubled or in any way increased solely because of registration under the provisions of this section.

[49-402B, added 1999, ch. 90, sec. 2, p. 292; am. 2006, ch. 227, sec. 2, p. 679; am. 2023, ch. 51, sec. 1, p. 198.]

49-402C. SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAMS -- STANDARDIZED PLATE COLOR AND DESIGN. (1) It is the intent of the legislature that special license plates issued by the department be readily recognizable as plates from the state of Idaho without losing the uniqueness for which the special plate was designed and purchased. In addition, the legislature finds that the department can operate in a more efficient, cost-effective manner by conforming special plates to a basic color and design.

(2) No special license plates and no special license plate programs in existence on or before June 30, 1998, shall be affected by the provisions of subsections (2) through (5) of this section. On and after July 1, 1998, any new special license plate program authorized or any redesign of an existing special license plate shall use the same red, white and blue background as the standard issue of license plates described in section [49-443](#), Idaho Code, except that:

- (a) The identification of county shall be omitted;
- (b) The word "Idaho" shall appear on every plate;
- (c) The inscription "Scenic Idaho" may be omitted without legislative consideration and approval; and
- (d) No slogan shall be used that infringes upon, dilutes or compromises, or could be perceived to infringe upon, dilute or compromise, the trademarks of the state of Idaho, including, but not limited to, "Idaho Potatoes®," "Grown in Idaho™," "Famous Idaho Potatoes™" or "Famous Potatoes®."

The provisions of this section shall not apply to the plate designs issued pursuant to the provisions of section [49-417](#), Idaho Code.

(3) Any redesign required for a special plate to conform with legislative intent and the provisions of this section may be done in a manner similar to that used to produce the original design.

(4) The special plates shall conform in all other respects with the provisions of section [49-443](#), Idaho Code, relating to visibility requirements, display of registration number, time period for validity of plates, and reservation of plate numbers.

(5) Unless otherwise specifically provided, no special license plates shall be issued to motor vehicles with a registered maximum gross weight in excess of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds, or any motor vehicle registered under section [49-434](#) (5), Idaho Code, or section [49-435](#), Idaho Code.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2020, no new special license plate or special license plate program shall be established for the benefit of any entity that is not the state of Idaho or an agency of the state of Idaho. With respect to any special license plate program that is in existence on July 1, 2020, that has a non-profit agency as a recipient of the proceeds from the sales of such plate, if fewer than one thousand (1,000) plates are issued in the first year of the special plate program's existence, fewer than one thousand five hundred (1,500) plates are issued in the second year of the special plate program's existence, or fewer than two thousand (2,000) plates in the third or any subsequent year of such special plate program's existence, the department shall discontinue that special license plate program.

(7) With respect to a special license plate that has been discontinued prior to July 1, 2020, or is discontinued after that date for any reason, any existing plates may be renewed upon their expiration until the physical license plates must be replaced pursuant to section [49-443](#)(2), Idaho Code. No duplicate or replacement plates will be produced if such plates are lost or damaged.

[49-402C, added 1998, ch. 405, sec. 1, p. 1261; am. 1999, ch. 385, sec. 1, p. 1074; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 2, p. 191; am. 2002, ch. 285, sec. 2, p. 831; am. 2002, ch. 362, sec. 2, p. 1022; am. 2004, ch. 301, sec. 3, p. 843; am. 2014, ch. 38, sec. 6, p. 75; am. 2020, ch. 268, sec. 1, p. 778.]

#### 49-402D. SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PREQUALIFICATION PROCESS.

(1) (a) For any new special license plate program approved by the legislature, the program sponsor shall, before issuance of any such special license plate, meet the prequalification process outlined in this section. The program sponsor for any special plate program shall:

(i) Submit a financial plan for the use of the proceeds from the special license plate sales and certify that all such proceeds shall be deposited in the highway distribution account, except with respect to any new special plate that may be established for the benefit of an Idaho college or university pursuant to section [49-418A](#), Idaho Code, a military license plate, or a license plate for the benefit of the Idaho state board of education or specific education programs, grant funds, or initiatives administered by the Idaho state board of education; and

(ii) Designate an individual who shall be deemed responsible by the agency for certifying compliance with the requirements of this section and working with the department.

(b) The department is authorized and shall adopt and promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

(2) If the request for a special license plate is approved by the department, the following requirements, in addition to those set out in subsection (1) of this section, shall be met by September 1 prior to the next legislative session and prior to the issuance of any special license plates approved by the legislature.

(a) The applicant shall deposit estimated programming and administrative costs with the department to be utilized for programming costs of the specialty plate. Administrative costs in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) shall be nonrefundable.



(b) In addition to the requirements provided for in section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code, the applicant requesting a special license plate program shall provide to the department an acceptable plate design.

(c) The applicant shall transmit to the department a list of two hundred fifty (250) applicants, whose vehicles are currently registered in the state of Idaho, who intend to purchase the specialty plate when available, as evidenced by completing forms provided by the department.

(3) The department shall submit the completed applications for special license plate programs that meet the requirements of this section to the chairmen of the senate transportation committee and the house of representatives transportation and defense committee each year on behalf of the agency to be included for consideration in the next legislative session.

(4) On an annual basis, by December 1 of each calendar year, the sponsor of a special license plate program shall prepare an annual report, which shall be made available on request and shall be forwarded to the department. Such report shall include an accounting of revenues and expenditures associated with the funds collected for the special license plate program. The department shall compile and forward such reports to the chairmen of the senate transportation committee and the house of representatives transportation and defense committee by January 15 of each year. Failure of the agency to provide such report by the due date shall result in the discontinuation of the special license plate program sales on January 1. The provisions of this section shall exclude special plates established for the highway distribution account, an Idaho college or university pursuant to section [49-418A](#), Idaho Code, and military license plate programs.

(5) Any decision by the department that the special license plate program application does not meet the provisions of this section may be appealed to the director of the department. Such notice of appeal shall be made in writing within twenty (20) days of the notice of denial. For all denied applications, the department shall, at the next legislative session, report to the senate and house of representatives transportation committees on such denied applications and the reason for the denials.

[49-402D, added 2012, ch. 253, sec. 2, p. 699; am. 2013, ch. 85, sec. 1, p. 207; am. 2020, ch. 268, sec. 2, p. 779; am. 2021, ch. 321, sec. 35, p. 978; am. 2024, ch. 187, sec. 2, p. 677.]

49-402E. RENTAL FLEET REGISTRATION. (1) As used in this section "rental fleet" means more than twenty-five (25) motor vehicles that are:

- (a) Owned by a rental company;
- (b) Offered for rental without a hired driver through a rental agreement; and
- (c) Designated by the registered owner of the motor vehicle as a rental fleet vehicle at the time of registration.

(2) (a) On and after the effective date of this act, an owner that registers a motor vehicle, weighing sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds or less, under the provisions of [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, may obtain an alternative special registration card and rental car stickers for the license plates if the motor vehicle is owned by a rental company and maintained in the rental company's rental fleet.

(b) Although annual registration shall be required for each fleet vehicle, the registration card and rental car stickers for the license plates issued under paragraph (a) of this subsection are valid for the

life of the motor vehicle while the motor vehicle is maintained in the rental fleet.

(3) An owner that receives the alternative special registration card and rental car stickers for the license plates issued under this section shall renew the annual registration. If registration is not renewed, the registration shall be canceled.

(4) In addition to the registration fees collected under [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the department shall also collect an additional two dollars (\$2.00) for the initial registration for each vehicle registered under this section, which shall be deposited in the state highway account.

[49-402E, added 2015, ch. 90, sec. 1, p. 224.]

49-403. DISABLED VETERAN -- LICENSE PLATES. No fee shall be charged for the registration or reregistration of a motor vehicle owned by a veteran who has established his rights to benefits under the provisions of Public Law 662, 79th Congress, as amended, and Public Law 187, 82nd Congress, as amended. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds, nor to any vehicle registered under section [49-434](#)(5), Idaho Code. No fee shall be charged for the registration or reregistration of a motor vehicle owned by a veteran, who is at the time of the registration or reregistration receiving compensation from the veterans administration or in lieu thereof, from any of the armed forces of the United States, for one hundred percent (100%) service-connected disability or for any of the following specific disabilities: Loss or permanent loss of use of one (1) or both feet; loss or permanent loss of use of one (1) or both hands; loss of sight in both eyes or permanent impairment of vision in both eyes to the degree as to constitute virtual blindness. These provisions shall be considered applicable not only as to the vehicle originally purchased under this authorization, but also as to any vehicle subsequently purchased and owned by the same veteran, so long as the privilege shall not extend to more than one (1) vehicle at a time. Special license plates shall be issued for such a vehicle, identified by the inscription "D.V.", and a separate number series shall be used to further identify the license plates so issued. These license plates shall not be issued by the counties but shall be issued by the department. The plates shall be displayed in accordance with the procedure applicable to license plates set forth in section [49-428](#), Idaho Code. A vehicle displaying plates issued in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be afforded the same privileges specified in section [49-410](#)(7), Idaho Code. Together with a license plate issued pursuant to this section the department shall issue a special placard pursuant to section [49-410](#)(4), Idaho Code.

[49-403, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 72, p. 608; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 11, p. 116; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 3, p. 760; am. 1999, ch. 309, sec. 1, p. 768; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 3, p. 192; am. 2023, ch. 16, sec. 1, p. 120.]

49-403A. PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT -- LICENSE PLATES. (1) Purple heart recipient license plates are available to any applicant who is a veteran or an active or retired member of any of the armed forces of the United States, reserve forces, or Idaho national guard and who furnishes proof of entitlement by providing one (1) of the following documents:

- (a) A copy of form DD214 or equivalent document showing an award of the purple heart medal;
- (b) A copy of the certificate presented with the medal; or
- (c) A copy of the military order describing the award of the medal to the applicant.

(2) The applicant shall be charged the regular registration fee but shall not be charged the plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code. Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the purple heart recipient may transfer his plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. He may display the plates only after receipt of new registration from the department. A purple heart recipient may register multiple vehicles under the provisions of this section. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds, nor to any vehicle registered under section [49-434](#) (5), Idaho Code.

(3) Purple heart recipient license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued purple heart recipient license plates if the deceased purple heart recipient died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

(4) The purple heart recipient license plates shall be of a color and design acceptable to the military order of the purple heart association and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department.

(5) Effective January 1, 2015, for those purple heart recipients who are listed as an owner of the vehicle who also qualify as disabled pursuant to section [49-410](#), Idaho Code, the international accessible symbol will also appear on the purple heart license plates. Such requirements must be met upon application for the license plates. Those plates with the disability symbol shall be nontransferable to a surviving spouse, unless the requirements of section [49-410](#), Idaho Code, can be met by the spouse.

(6) A purple heart recipient who qualifies for a disabled veteran fee exemption under section [49-403](#), Idaho Code, shall have a choice between a purple heart recipient license plate or a disabled veteran license plate and shall not be charged a plate fee or a fee for registration or reregistration of the motor vehicle. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to the vehicle originally purchased under this authorization and also to any vehicle subsequently purchased and owned by the same veteran. The privilege shall not extend to more than one (1) vehicle owned by the veteran at a time.

[49-403A, added 1991, ch. 20, sec. 1, p. 43; am. 1992, ch. 26, sec. 1, p. 81; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 4, p. 760; am. 1998, ch. 329, sec. 1, p. 1061; am. 2000, ch. 37, sec. 1, p. 66; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 4, p. 193; am. 2014, ch. 51, sec. 1, p. 127; am. 2018, ch. 43, sec. 1, p. 107; am. 2021, ch. 148, sec. 1, p. 400; am. 2024, ch. 83, sec. 1, p. 379.]

49-403B. GOLD STAR -- LICENSE PLATES. (1) In this section:

- (a) "Qualifying cause of death" means a death of a person while serving in the armed forces of the United States on active duty as the division of veterans services may define by rule.

(b) "Qualifying family member" means a surviving spouse, parent, step-parent, child, stepchild, sibling, half-sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian:

- (i) Of a person who died due to a qualifying cause of death; or
- (ii) Who has been awarded a gold star lapel pin.

(2) Qualifying family members are eligible to apply for gold star license plates. As proof of eligibility, the applicant shall furnish to the department a statement from the division of veterans services certifying eligibility.

(3) The division of veterans services shall establish by rule the requirements for receipt of a certificate of eligibility, including proof of qualifying familial relationship to the deceased service member, the death of the service member due to a qualifying cause of death, or proof of having been awarded a gold star lapel pin.

(4) No special plate program fee shall be charged in addition to regular registration or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle owned by the spouse, parent, or stepparent of a service member who receives gold star license plates.

(5) A qualifying family member who is not the spouse, parent, or stepparent shall be charged the regular registration fee and plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code, and an additional fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this gold star license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited in the veterans support fund, section [65-209](#), Idaho Code, and shall be used to defray the costs of administration of the eligibility certification program and to provide programs to support veterans.

(6) Gold star license plates shall be used only on a motor vehicle owned by the qualifying family member.

(7) Whenever title or interest in a motor vehicle registered under this section is transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the qualifying family member may transfer the gold star license plates to another motor vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The qualifying family member may display the gold star license plates only after receipt of new registration from the department.

(8) A qualifying family member shall not register more than two (2) motor vehicles under this section. This section shall not apply to any motor vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds, nor to any vehicle registered under section [49-434](#)(5), Idaho Code.

(9) Gold star license plates may be retained and displayed on motor vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a qualifying family member. In addition, the surviving spouse is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued gold star license plates if the deceased qualifying family member died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the gold star license plates. Such plates shall be used only on a motor vehicle owned by the surviving spouse of the qualifying family member.

(10) The gold star license plates shall be of a color and design acceptable to the veterans affairs commission and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Gold star

license plates shall not be subject to discontinuance pursuant to section [49-402C](#) (6), Idaho Code.

[49-403B, added 2009, ch. 213, sec. 1, p. 672; am. 2022, ch. 157, sec. 1, p. 544.]

49-403C. PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE. (1) On and after January 1, 2015, any person who is the owner of a motorcycle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, may apply for and upon department approval receive a purple heart motorcycle license plate in lieu of a regular motorcycle license plate.

(2) Purple heart recipient license plates are available to any applicant who is a veteran or an active or retired member of any of the armed forces of the United States, reserve forces or Idaho national guard, and who furnishes proof of entitlement by providing one (1) of the following documents:

- (a) A copy of form DD214 or equivalent document showing an award of the purple heart medal;
- (b) A copy of the certificate presented with the medal; or
- (c) A copy of the military order describing the award of the medal to the applicant.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall be charged the plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code. Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the purple heart recipient may transfer his plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. He may display the plates only after receipt of new registration from the department. A purple heart recipient may register multiple vehicles under the provisions of this section.

(4) Purple heart recipient license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued purple heart recipient motorcycle license plates if the deceased purple heart recipient died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a motorcycle owned by the surviving spouse.

(5) The purple heart recipient motorcycle license plates shall be of a color and design acceptable to the military order of the purple heart association and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department.

(6) For those purple heart recipients who are listed as an owner of a motorcycle who also qualify as disabled pursuant to section [49-410](#), Idaho Code, the international accessible symbol will also appear on the purple heart motorcycle license plates. Such requirements must be met upon application for the motorcycle license plates. Those plates with the disability symbol shall be nontransferable to a surviving spouse, unless the requirements of section [49-410](#), Idaho Code, can be met by the spouse.

[49-403C, added 2014, ch. 51, sec. 2, p. 128; am. 2021, ch. 148, sec. 2, p. 401.]

49-404. NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS -- DISTINCTIVE PLATES. (1) In order to enhance visibility and identification of national guard members during mobilizations and emergencies, any active member of the Idaho national guard

residing in the state of Idaho may, upon application to the department, register not more than two (2) motor vehicles and receive for each vehicle distinctive national guard license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. The national guard license plates shall be designed, subject to the approval of the department, by the adjutant general. Proof of being an active member in the Idaho national guard must be furnished to the department before plates will be issued.

The Idaho national guard shall, prior to an individual's discharge from active duty in the national guard, require that the national guard license plates either be turned in to the department or exchanged for other proper license plates as a condition of discharge.

(2) Whenever a member of the Idaho national guard transfers or assigns his title or interest to a vehicle especially registered under the provisions of this section, the registration shall expire but the member may hold his national guard license plates which he may have reissued to him upon the payment of the required transfer fees. He may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the national guard member shall pay the plate fee specified in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code.

[49-404, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 73, p. 609; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 5, p. 761; am. 1993, ch. 135, sec. 3, p. 334; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 1, p. 418; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 5, p. 193.]

49-404A. MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE -- SPECIAL PLATES. (1) Any active member of the armed forces reserves of the United States who is the owner of a vehicle registered under section [49-402](#)(1) or section [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, may, upon application to the department, register not more than two (2) motor vehicles and receive for each vehicle special license plates in lieu of regular numbered plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. The special license plates shall be designated by the department with the word "RESERVIST" centered along the bottom edge and be numbered in sets of two (2) with a different number following appropriate letters as follows: United States Army Reserve: Army (number); United States Navy Reserve: Navy (number); United States Marine Corps Reserve: USMC (number); United States Air Force Reserve: USAF (number); and United States Coast Guard Reserve: USCG (number). Proof of being an active member in the United States armed forces reserves must be furnished to the department before special plates will be issued. Special license plates issued under this section shall be issued under the staggered registration process provided for in section [49-402](#)(1), Idaho Code, or the annual registration in section [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code.

(2) Any branch of the armed forces reserves of the United States shall, prior to an individual's discharge from duty in that branch of the armed forces reserve, require that the special armed forces reserve license plates either be turned back to the department or exchanged for other proper license plates as a condition of discharge.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial program fee and the annual program fee specified in section [49-402](#), Idaho Code.



The initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program which is provided to the public as a personal alternative to the standard license plate requirement. When a plate holder transfers or assigns his title or interest in the vehicle registered under this section, the registration shall expire, but the special plates may be transferred to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fee. Special plates shall only be displayed after receipt of the new registration.

(4) The design and numbering scheme of the military reservist special plate shall be coordinated by the department with representatives of the armed forces reserves. However, the department shall have the final approval of the plate design and numbering scheme to ensure conformity within existing issues of plates and to contain costs within the limit of the fees received from applicants.

[49-404A, added 1991, ch. 113, sec. 1, p. 240; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 6, p. 762; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 2, p. 385; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 2, p. 418; am. 1999, ch. 316, sec. 3, p. 793; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 6, p. 194.]

49-405. RADIO AMATEURS -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES. (1) In order to enhance visibility and identification of radio amateurs during times of emergency, any radio amateur residing in the state of Idaho may, upon application to the department, register one (1) motor vehicle per radio license issued by the federal government and receive for that vehicle special license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. The number on the plates shall be the same combination of figures and letters that make up the radio call sign of the amateur radio operator.

(2) The radio amateur license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The distinguishing features of the license plate shall be:

- (a) A representation of a radio tower emitting radio waves in the form of lightning bolts with the phrase "Amateur Radio" beneath it;
- (b) The phrase "CQ DE" spelled out in international Morse code; and
- (c) The phrase "Emergency Communication" at the bottom of the plate and underneath the call sign.

(3) The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the Idaho section of the American radio relay league. Any future design or redesign of the plate shall also be approved by the Idaho section of the American radio relay league. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be borne by the department.

(4) Proof of holding an amateur license from the federal communications commission must be furnished to the department before the plates will be issued. Should the amateur's radio license expire during any given year and not be renewed, the special license plates must be surrendered to the department and regular license plates obtained.

(5) Radio amateurs will notify the department at a time to be set by the department of their intention to procure special license plates under the terms specified in this section. Failure to do so will result in the amateur being required to accept regular license plates should the department be unable to procure the special plates. Special plates may still be procured when available, but amateurs will be subject to the usual transfer fee.

(6) Whenever an amateur transfers or assigns his title or interest to a vehicle especially registered, the registration shall expire but the amateur may hold his special license plates, which he may have reissued to him upon the payment of the required transfer fees. He may display the plates only after receipt of new registration from the department.

(7) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the plate fee specified in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code.

[49-405, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 74, p. 610; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 7, p. 763; am. 1994, ch. 278, sec. 1, p. 866; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 3, p. 419; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 7, p. 195; am. 2023, ch. 29, sec. 1, p. 147.]

49-406. IDAHO OLD TIMER -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM -- REGISTRATION AND STANDARD LICENSE PLATES. (1) Any motor vehicle manufactured prior to January 1, 1943, that is maintained to its original likeness using original-type parts and materials, without major modifications shall be known as an "Idaho Old Timer." Any motor vehicle which is altered from its original design is not an "Idaho Old Timer" as herein defined.

(2) Any motor vehicle which qualifies as an "Idaho Old Timer" shall be used for exhibits, parades, tours, club activities and such occasional use as is necessary for operation and maintenance of the vehicle, and shall not be used for business or commercial purposes or as customary and usual transportation.

(3) Applicants for a special "Idaho Old Timer" license plate shall pay an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the license plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code, for each "Idaho Old Timer" plate which shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. The initial program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account, and the plate manufacturing fee shall be deposited in the plate manufacturing account.

(4) Once every three (3) years, on a schedule set by the department, an ownership verification form shall be mailed to each plate holder on file with the department. The owner shall provide such information as is requested by the department to verify ownership of the vehicle(s) and that the special license plate(s) is still in use by the owner. A fee of three dollars (\$3.00) shall be charged by the department for each vehicle. This fee shall be deposited in the state highway account to defray costs of the license plate program. If the owner no longer has an interest in a vehicle(s) the owner may retain the plates as specified in subsection (7) of this section. If the ownership verification form is not returned by the date specified by the department, the registration record will be purged from the files of the department. Any further use of the plate is lost to the owner and the plate number becomes available for issue to another applicant.

The reissue of license plates as specified in section [49-443](#)(2), Idaho Code, shall not be required unless there is a general consensus among the majority of plate holders that a new plate design is needed. Representatives of the plate holders shall make the request known to the department. The cost of manufacturing a new design will be set by the department based upon the cost of manufacturing supplies and administering the reissue. The equivalent cost of each plate will be charged to each plate holder who purchases the new plate. If a new plate design is authorized, the design and color shall be approved by representatives of the interest group. The design, color and numbering scheme shall also be subject to approval of the department. The

existing plate design will be canceled and all plate holders, present and future shall purchase and display the new plate.

(5) An applicant for the special "Idaho Old Timer" plate shall execute an affidavit on a form provided by the department that the vehicle qualifies as an old timer and shall only be used for the purposes allowed.

The department shall have the authority to refuse to issue a plate and may demand the return of such plate if the applicant has failed to comply with the provisions of this section.

(6) If an "Idaho Old Timer" is to be used as customary and usual transportation, or for business or commercial purposes, the owner shall register the vehicle under the provisions of section [49-402](#), or section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, as applicable, and shall obtain and display the standard issue of license plates after payment of the plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code. It shall be permissible to display both the standard issue of plates and the special "Idaho Old Timer" plate.

(7) Whenever title or interest in an Old Timer vehicle is transferred or assigned, the transferor may retain the plates for use on another vehicle which qualifies by providing the information required in subsection (5) of this section and by paying the required transfer fee. If the vehicle is also registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) or section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, the provisions of section [49-431](#), Idaho Code, relating to the procedure for assignment and transfer of interest, shall apply.

[49-406, added 1993, ch. 99, sec. 3, p. 250; am. 1994, ch. 313, sec. 1, p. 996; am. 1995, ch. 109, sec. 1, p. 342; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 3, p. 385.]

49-406A. IDAHO CLASSIC -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM -- REGISTRATION AND STANDARD LICENSE PLATES. (1) Any motor vehicle or motorcycle which is at least thirty (30) years old that does not qualify as an "Idaho Old Timer" and that is maintained to its original likeness using original-type parts and materials, without major modifications shall be known as an "Idaho Classic." Any motor vehicle which is altered from its original design is not an "Idaho Classic" as herein defined.

(2) Any motor vehicle or motorcycle which qualifies as an "Idaho Classic" shall be used for exhibits, parades, tours, club activities and such occasional use as is necessary for operation and maintenance of the vehicle, and shall not be used for business or commercial purposes or as customary and usual transportation.

(3) Applicants for a special "Idaho Classic" license plate shall pay an initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the license plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code, for each Idaho classic plate which shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. The initial program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account, and the plate manufacturing fee shall be deposited in the plate manufacturing account.

(4) Once every three (3) years, on a schedule set by the department, an ownership verification form shall be mailed to each plate holder on file with the department. The owner shall provide such information as is requested by the department to verify ownership of the vehicle(s) and that the special plate(s) is still in use by the owner. A fee of three dollars (\$3.00) shall be charged by the department for each vehicle. This fee shall be deposited in the state highway account to defray costs of the license plate program. If the owner no longer has an interest in a vehicle(s) the owner may retain the plate as specified in subsection (7) of this section. If the ownership ver-

ification form is not returned by the date specified by the department, the registration record will be purged from the files of the department. Any use of the plate(s) is lost to the owner and the plate number becomes available for issue to another applicant.

The reissue of license plates as specified in section [49-443](#) (2), Idaho Code, shall not be required unless there is a general consensus among the majority of plate holders that a new plate design is needed. Representatives of the plate holders shall make the request known to the department. The cost of manufacturing a new design will be set by the department based upon the cost of manufacturing supplies and administering the reissue. The equivalent cost of each plate will be charged to each plate holder who purchases the new plate. If a new plate design is authorized, the design and color shall be approved by representatives of the interest group. The design, color and numbering scheme shall also be subject to the approval of the department. The existing plate design will be canceled and all plate holders, present and future shall purchase and display the new plate.

(5) An applicant for the special "Idaho Classic" plate shall execute an affidavit on a form provided by the department that the vehicle or motorcycle qualifies as an "Idaho Classic" and shall only be used for the purposes allowed.

The department shall have the authority to refuse to issue the plate and may demand the return of such plate if the applicant has failed to comply with the provisions of this section.

(6) If an "Idaho Classic" is to be used as customary and usual transportation, or for business or commercial purposes, the owner shall register the vehicle under the provisions of section [49-402](#), or section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, as applicable, and shall obtain and display the standard issue of license plates after payment of the plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code. It shall be permissible to display both the standard issue of plates and the "Idaho Classic" plate.

(7) Whenever title or interest in an Idaho classic motor vehicle or motorcycle is transferred or assigned, the transferor may retain the special plate for use on another vehicle which qualifies by providing the information required in subsection (5) of this section and by paying the required transfer fee. If the vehicle is also registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) or section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, the provisions of section [49-431](#), Idaho Code, relating to the procedure for assignment and transfer of interest, shall apply.

[49-406A, added 1993, ch. 99, sec. 5, p. 251; am. 1994, ch. 313, sec. 2, p. 997; am. 1995, ch. 109, sec. 2, p. 344; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 4, p. 387.]

49-407. YEAR OF MANUFACTURE PLATE. Pursuant to rules of the department, any person who is the owner of a motor vehicle with any model year up to and through 1974 which is registered under section [49-402](#) (1), Idaho Code, or section [49-434](#) (1), Idaho Code, may display on the rear of the vehicle an authentic Idaho plate manufactured with a painted or embossed year matching the model year of the vehicle. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

In addition to the regular registration fees required in sections [49-402](#) (1), and [49-434](#) (1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial program fee and the annual program fee specified in section [49-402](#), Idaho

Code. All revenues from the initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account.

[49-407, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 76, p. 612; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 10, p. 765; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 5, p. 389; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 4, p. 420; am. 1999, ch. 316, sec. 4, p. 793; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 8, p. 196; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 2, p. 156.]

49-408. STREET ROD. (1) Any motor vehicle manufactured prior to the year 1949, or designed and manufactured to resemble such a vehicle and which has been certified as a street rod may be registered as a street rod under the provisions of this section. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

(2) Any street rod shall have all equipment in operating condition which was specifically required by law as a condition for its first sale after manufacture. No law requiring any particular equipment or specifying any standards to be met by motor vehicles shall apply to street rods unless it so specifically states.

(3) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the department for a special street rod automobile plate, accompanied by other documentation required in this section, the department shall issue to the applicant a special street rod automobile plate which shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. The registration certificate need not specify the weight of the street rod, and the plate issued shall bear no date but shall bear the inscription "Street Rod," "Idaho," a picture of a 1929 highway roadster, and the registration number issued for the street rod, and the plate shall be valid upon annual renewal under section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, as long as the vehicle is in existence. The plate will be issued for the applicant's use only for the particular vehicle, and in the event of a transfer of title, the transferor may hold the plate and transfer it to another qualifying street rod.

(4) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial program fee and the annual program fee specified in section [49-402](#), Idaho Code. All revenues from the initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account.

(5) The department has the power to revoke any registration issued under this section for cause shown for failure of the applicant to comply with the provisions of this section.

[49-408, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 77, p. 612; am. 1990, ch. 176, sec. 2, p. 375; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 11, p. 765; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 6, p. 389; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 5, p. 420; am. 1999, ch. 316, sec. 5, p. 794; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 9, p. 196; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 3, p. 156.]

49-408A. CUSTOM VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES. (1) Any motor vehicle that is a replica vehicle pursuant to section [49-123](#)(2)(n), Idaho Code, and is designed and manufactured to resemble a vehicle or motorcycle that would qualify for Idaho classic license plates pursuant to section [49-406A](#), Idaho Code, may be registered as a custom vehicle under the provisions of this section. The provisions of this section do not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

(2) A vehicle must be in compliance with Idaho law with respect to its equipment and operating condition to qualify for a custom vehicle license plate under this section.

(3) Upon receipt of an application on a form prescribed by the department for a custom vehicle license plate, accompanied by other documentation that may be required to verify that a vehicle qualifies under this section, the department shall issue to the applicant a custom vehicle license plate that shall be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. The registration certificate need not specify the weight of the custom vehicle. The license plate issued shall bear no date but shall bear the inscription "Custom Vehicle," "Idaho," and the registration number issued for the custom vehicle, and the license plate shall be valid upon annual renewal under section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, as long as the vehicle is in existence. The license plate will be issued for the applicant's use only for the particular vehicle, and, in the event of a transfer of title, the transferor may hold the license plate and transfer it to another qualifying custom vehicle.

(4) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial program fee and the annual program fee specified in section [49-402](#), Idaho Code. All revenues from the initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account.

(5) The department has the power to revoke any registration issued under this section for cause shown for failure of the applicant to comply with the provisions of this section.

[49-408A, added 2021, ch. 200, sec. 1, p. 549.]

49-409. PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, may apply to the department for personalized license plates in lieu of regular numbered plates except that this provision shall not apply to a vehicle registered under section [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, with a maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds or any vehicle registered under section [49-435](#), Idaho Code. In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) and (2), section [49-422](#), and section [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial program fee and the annual program fee specified in section [49-402](#), Idaho Code. All revenues from the initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account. The personalized license plates shall be of the same color and design as other license plates, and shall consist of numbers or letters, or any combination thereof, not exceeding seven (7) positions. No more than one (1) particular combination of letters and numbers shall be in existence at any one (1) time. The form for application of the plates will be as prescribed by the director who, at his discretion, may refuse to issue the plates.

(2) When personalized license plates are issued for a vehicle, the regular license plates for that vehicle belong to the registrant and may be transferred to another vehicle owned by the personalized plate applicant.

[49-409, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 78, p. 613; am. 1989, ch. 259, sec. 1, p. 635; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 12, p. 766; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 7, p. 390; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 6, p. 421; am. 1999, ch. 316, sec. 6, p. 794; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 10, p. 197; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 4, p. 157.]



49-410. SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND PLACARDS FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY -- PARKING PRIVILEGES -- PLACARDS FOR CERTAIN TEMPORARILY DISABLED PERSONS -- ENFORCEMENT. (1) Any person with a disability as defined in section [49-117](#), Idaho Code, or any parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability as defined in section [49-117](#), Idaho Code, without regard to the age of the dependent child, shall be eligible for the use of special license plates bearing the international accessible symbol, for any vehicle owned by such person or owned by a qualified parent or guardian, but excluding any commercial vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. The parking privileges granted under the provisions of subsection (7) of this section shall apply to any vehicle displaying special license plates or placard issued pursuant to this section.

(2) Registration and license plate fees for vehicles owned by a person with a disability or qualified parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability shall be as provided, respectively, in sections [49-402](#), [49-434](#)(1) and [49-450](#), Idaho Code. Nothing in this section shall be construed as abrogating provisions of section [49-445](#), Idaho Code. The use of the special placard issued under the provisions of subsection (4) of this section, shall not exempt the owner of a motor vehicle from otherwise properly registering and licensing the motor vehicle.

(3) Special license plates for persons with a disability and for the parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability shall be the same size and color as other license plates, and shall have displayed upon them the registration numbers assigned to the vehicle and to the owner. The plates shall be numbered in a manner prescribed by the department, but the plates shall display the international accessible symbol.

#### International Accessible Symbol

(4) The department shall issue a special placard bearing the international accessible symbol and other information the department may require to:

- (a) Any qualified person with a disability who does not own a motor vehicle;
- (b) Any qualified person with a disability who owns a motor vehicle, without regard to weight or use of the vehicle;
- (c) Any parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability who owns a motor vehicle without regard to weight or use of the vehicle;
- (d) Any business entity that is engaged in transportation of persons with a disability, which business shall not be required to submit a physician's certification. In addition to other application requirements, a business applicant shall sign a declaration that he is engaged in the transportation of persons with a disability. A business entity may include but not be limited to hospitals, nursing homes, federal, state and local governmental agencies and taxicabs; and
- (e) Any recipient of a disabled veteran license plate pursuant to section [49-403](#), Idaho Code.

(5) Any person or business issued a special placard shall affix the special placard to a motor vehicle in a conspicuous place designated by the department. The placard shall bear distinguishing marks, letters or numerals indicating the vehicle is utilized by a permanently disabled person. When the placard is affixed to a motor vehicle and the motor vehicle is transporting a person with a disability, special parking privileges are granted as provided in subsection (7) of this section.

(6) Application for special license plates, a special placard, or both as applicable and at the option of the applicant, shall be made upon a form furnished by the department and shall include a written certification by a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice professional nurse verifying that the applicant's stated impairment qualifies as a disability according to the provisions of section [49-117](#), Idaho Code.

(7) Any motor vehicle displaying special license plates for a person with a disability, without regard to the state of residence or displaying the special placard provided in subsections (4) and (8) of this section, shall be allowed to park for unlimited periods of time in parking zones or areas that are otherwise restricted as to the length of time parking is permitted, to park in spaces and zones designated for persons with a disability, and to park in any public parking space with metered parking without being required to pay any parking meter fee. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to those zones or areas in which the stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles is prohibited or which are reserved for special types of vehicles, to areas where vehicular parking is prohibited for periods in excess of forty-eight (48) hours, or to areas where parking is prohibited for certain periods of time in order to allow snow removal, street construction or maintenance or for other emergency purposes. Nothing herein shall prohibit the designation of parking spaces for use by disabled persons for unlimited periods of time.

(8) Any person who shall submit satisfactory proof to the department that he is so temporarily disabled as defined in section [49-117](#) (7) (b), Idaho Code, shall be entitled to receive for one (1) motor vehicle only, a special placard to be affixed to a motor vehicle in a conspicuous place designated by the department, bearing distinguishing marks, letters or numerals indicating that the vehicle is utilized by a temporarily disabled person. This special temporary placard shall be valid between one (1) and six (6) months depending on the written authorization of the licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice professional nurse and as specified by the department on the placard.

(9) Any use of the plate or placard by any person other than those meeting the definition of disability under section [49-117](#) (7) (b), Idaho Code, or as otherwise authorized by this section, to obtain parking shall constitute an infraction punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).

(10) Any person who unlawfully possesses, sells, copies, duplicates, distributes, or manufactures or aids and abets in the unlawful possession, sale, copying, duplicating, distributing or manufacturing of a special plate or placard is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days or by both. The court shall also impose as a term of the sentence a period not to exceed forty (40) hours of community service provided to a nonprofit organization which serves people with disabilities. The unlawfully obtained special plate or placard shall be subject to confiscation by law enforcement officials. Following conviction or dismissal, the special plate or placard confiscated by law enforcement shall be sent to the department.

Law enforcement officials and/or their designees as authorized by a city or county shall enforce the provisions of subsections (1) through (9) of this section and are empowered, using reasonable discretion, to check personal identification to determine if the user of the plate or placard is

authorized to use accessible parking privileges. Any fines collected shall be retained by the city or county whose law enforcement official issued the citation.

[49-410, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 79, p. 613; am. 1989, ch. 310, sec. 15, p. 789; am. 1990, ch. 159, sec. 1, p. 346; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 12, p. 117; am. 1994, ch. 264, sec. 4, p. 818; am. 1995, ch. 246, sec. 1, p. 815; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 7, p. 422; am. 1999, ch. 309, sec. 2, p. 768; am. 2000, ch. 32, sec. 1, p. 59; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 11, p. 197; am. 2003, ch. 162, sec. 2, p. 457; am. 2023, ch. 16, sec. 2, p. 121.]

49-411. DEALER AND MANUFACTURER PLATE -- FEES. (1) Any person conducting the business of manufacturing, buying, selling or dealing in vehicles, and licensed as a manufacturer of or a dealer in vehicles, and owning and operating any such vehicle upon any highway may, in lieu of registering each vehicle, obtain from the department upon application on the proper form and payment of the required fee, and attach to each vehicle, one (1) number plate as required for different classes of vehicles in section [49-434](#), Idaho Code. The special number plate shall bear a distinctive number assigned to the manufacturer or dealer, the name of this state, which may be abbreviated, and the year for which the plate is issued, together with words which may be abbreviated or a distinguishing symbol indicating that the plate is issued to a manufacturer or dealer.

(a) Dealer license plates shall be limited to two (2) license plates for up to twenty (20) vehicles sold during the previous dealer licensing period and one (1) license plate for each ten (10) additional vehicles sold during the previous dealer licensing period. Any new dealer who applies for a dealer license shall be eligible for the number of dealer plates requested based on the number of vehicles that the dealer estimates he will sell during the first year of licensure.

(b) Upon renewal of a dealer's license, the department may audit vehicle sales from previous years to determine the number of dealer plates that will be authorized for the current dealer licensing period.

(2) The fee to validate a dealer or manufacturer number plate shall be twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each validation sticker.

(3) All such fees shall be paid to the state treasurer and deposited to the state highway account.

(4) Laden dealer or manufacturer plates shall be available to licensed dealers and manufacturers operating vehicles with laden loads in furtherance of their business pursuant to section [49-1627](#)(5), Idaho Code. Such plates shall be exempt from the limit provisions of subsection (1) (a) of this section. The operating fee for a laden dealer or manufacturer plate will be equal to the fees for commercial vehicles pursuant to section [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, for twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Laden dealer and manufacturer plates are limited to a maximum combined gross vehicle weight of twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Temporary weight increase permits may be purchased pursuant to section [49-432](#)(2), Idaho Code.

[49-411, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 80, p. 615; am. 1994, ch. 246, sec. 1, p. 767; am. 1998, ch. 156, sec. 1, p. 533; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 5, p. 157; am. 2003, ch. 125, sec. 1, p. 375; am. 2011, ch. 72, sec. 1, p. 152.]

49-412. VEHICLE DEALER LOANER PLATE. (1) A dealer, owning a vehicle may obtain, upon application to the department upon a proper form and payment of

the fee required, and display on a vehicle loaned to a customer, a loaner vehicle number plate. The plate shall be the same design and numbering system as the plate issued for passenger vehicles or motorcycles.

(2) The fee for each loaner plate or registration sticker shall be as provided in section [49-402](#)(1), Idaho Code, for new vehicles.

(3) All such fees shall be paid to the state treasurer and deposited to the state highway account.

[49-412, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 81, p. 616; am. 1994, ch. 246, sec. 2, p. 767.]

49-414. LEGISLATIVE LICENSE PLATES -- FEES. (1) Special legislative license plates shall be issued by the department upon application and payment of the required fees. Each legislator is eligible to register and receive special license plates for one (1) vehicle whose registered maximum gross weight does not exceed twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. The registration period shall be for one (1) year, from January 1 through December 31, and may be renewed, as long as the legislator holds office. The plates shall bear either the inscription "House" or "Senate," shall contain a consecutive numbering from one (1) through the maximum number of members in each body with the numbers to be assigned by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate, and shall otherwise comply with the provisions of section [49-443](#), Idaho Code.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial program fee and the annual program fee as specified in section [49-402](#), Idaho Code. All revenues from the initial program fee and the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account.

[49-414, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 82, p. 616; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 13, p. 766; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 8, p. 390; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 8, p. 424; am. 1999, ch. 316, sec. 7, p. 795; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 12, p. 199; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 6, p. 158.]

49-415. FORMER PRISONER OF WAR LICENSE PLATES. (1) Any veteran, who was a prisoner of war (POW) of an armed enemy of the United States during active service in the armed forces of the United States, that service occurring during any portion of a recognized war period enumerated in this section, and who has been released or discharged from the armed forces under other than dishonorable conditions, may upon application to the department, register and receive for not more than two (2) motor vehicles, special former prisoner of war license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code. Whenever a former prisoner of war transfers or assigns his title or interest to a vehicle registered under this section the registration shall expire, but the former prisoner of war may hold the special plates and may have them transferred to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fee provided in section [49-431](#), Idaho Code. He may only display the plates after receipt of the new registration document from the department.

(3) Former prisoner of war license plates shall bear the words "Former Prisoner of War" and a declaration of the period of service, and shall in all other respects be as provided by law.

(4) Recognized war periods for the purpose of this section shall be any period of war recognized by the United States department of veterans affairs for the purpose of awarding federal veterans benefits as may be defined in title 38, U.S. code, chapter 1, section 101(11).

(5) Former prisoner of war license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased former prisoner of war. In addition, the surviving spouse of the deceased former prisoner of war is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued former prisoner of war license plates if the deceased former prisoner of war died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

[49-415, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 83, p. 616; am. 1991, ch. 219, sec. 2, p. 524; am. 1992, ch. 23, sec. 1, p. 71; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 14, p. 767; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 9, p. 424; am. 2000, ch. 37, sec. 2, p. 67; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 13, p. 199.]

49-415A. CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR LICENSE PLATES. (1) Congressional medal of honor license plates are available to applicants who furnish proof of entitlement by certification from the United States Veterans Administration attesting to their status as a congressional medal of honor recipient.

(2) The license plates shall be provided free of charge. The applicant shall pay the regular annual registration fees required by section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. If the plate holder transfers his title or interest to a vehicle registered under this section, the plates may be transferred to another vehicle owned by the plate holder. If the plates are unexpired, the plate holder shall be given credit for the unexpired portion of the registration fee against the new registration fee. The transfer fee specified by section [49-431](#)(1), Idaho Code, shall apply.

(3) These provisions shall apply to the vehicle to which the plates were originally issued and to any vehicle subsequently purchased and owned by the medal of honor recipient, except that the privilege shall not extend to more than two (2) vehicles at a time.

(4) Congressional medal of honor license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased congressional medal of honor recipient. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased congressional medal of honor recipient is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued congressional medal of honor license plates if the deceased congressional medal of honor recipient died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

[49-415A, added 1989, ch. 271, sec. 1, p. 659; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 15, p. 767; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 10, p. 425; am. 2000, ch. 37, sec. 3, p. 68; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 14, p. 200.]

49-415B. PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR SPECIAL PLATES. (1) Any veteran who was on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and assigned or sta-

tioned at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, or within three (3) miles of the island of Oahu on December 7, 1941, and who has been released or discharged from the armed forces under other than dishonorable conditions, may upon application to the department, register and receive for not more than two (2) motor vehicles, special Pearl Harbor survivor number plates in lieu of regular number plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged the plate fee required in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code. Whenever a qualifying survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, transfers or assigns his title or interest to a vehicle especially registered under this section, the registration shall expire, but the Pearl Harbor survivor may hold his special plates which he may have reissued to him upon the payment of the required transfer fees. He may only display those plates after receipt of a new registration from the department.

(3) Pearl Harbor survivor plates shall bear the characters: "Pearl Harbor Survivor" and shall in all other respects be as provided by law.

(4) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased Pearl Harbor survivor veteran. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased Pearl Harbor survivor veteran is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued Pearl Harbor survivor license plates if the deceased Pearl Harbor survivor veteran died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

[49-415B, added 1991, ch. 85, sec. 1, p. 190; am. 1992, ch. 26, sec. 2, p. 82; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 16, p. 768; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 11, p. 425; am. 2000, ch. 37, sec. 4, p. 68; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 15, p. 200.]

49-415D. SUPPORT OUR TROOPS PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2008, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive support our troops license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of support our troops license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the Idaho support our troops, inc.'s principal office located in Boise, Idaho, and shall be used by the Idaho support our troops, inc. as administrator of the funds, to provide support and assistance to the children, dependents and spouses



of military service members and armed forces members of the army, navy, air force, marine corps, national guard, space force, coast guard and air national guard and reserves.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The support our troops license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the board of directors of the Idaho support our troops, inc. and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho support our troops, inc.

(5) Sample support our troops license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the Idaho support our troops, inc.'s principal office located in Boise, Idaho, and shall be used to provide support and assistance to the children, dependents and spouses of military service members and armed forces members of the army, navy, air force, marine corps, national guard, space force, coast guard and air national guard and reserves.

[49-415D, added 2007, ch. 256, sec. 2, p. 762; am. 2024, ch. 266, sec. 2, p. 927.]

49-415G. IDAHO NORTH AMERICA PLATE -- SPECIAL PERMANENT OR BUSINESS LOGO. (1) Any person or business who is the owner of a trailer or semitrailer registered under the provisions of subsection (4)(a) of section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, may apply for and, upon department approval, may receive a special permanent or business logo license plate of the owner's company.

(2) In addition to the registration fee required in section [49-434](#)(4)(a), Idaho Code, an applicant for a business logo plate shall pay the estimated initial programming costs, which fees shall be deposited in the state highway account. The business logo plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code, and acceptable to the owner or business and shall be approved by the department and utilize a numbering system as determined by the department.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a trailer or semitrailer registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or reassigned, the plates issued pursuant to subsection (4)(a) of section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, are nontransferable and the registration fee is nonrefundable.

(4) The north America permanent trailer plate program shall be subject to the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code.

(5) Any specific business logo plate program created under this section shall be discontinued if no plates are issued under the program for two (2) consecutive years after the year of implementation.

(6) Sample special permanent or business logo license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), which shall be placed in the state highway account.

[49-415G, added 2009, ch. 330, sec. 1, p. 942.]

49-416. STATEHOOD CENTENNIAL LICENSE PLATES. (1) Statehood centennial license plates are available to owners of motor vehicles required to be registered under section [49-402](#)(1) or section [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, upon application at a county assessor's office or at the department. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of statehood centennial plates for other classes of vehicle registrations shall be as authorized by rule of the department. In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial program fee and the annual program fee as specified in section [49-402](#), Idaho Code. All revenues from such initial registration and annual renewal fees shall be deposited in the highway distribution account.

(2) The statehood centennial license plates shall be of a color and design approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system approved by the board. The statehood centennial license plates must be surrendered upon failure to pay the annual special fee and renewal fees.

(3) Any person who applies for statehood centennial license plates, may also apply for personalized numbers and/or letters on those plates, as provided for in section [49-409](#), Idaho Code.

[49-416, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 84, p. 617; am. 1990, ch. 385, sec. 1, p. 1062; am. 1991, ch. 205, sec. 1, p. 486; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 13, p. 118; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 17, p. 768; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 9, p. 391; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 12, p. 426; am. 1999, ch. 316, sec. 8, p. 795; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 16, p. 201.]

49-417. IDAHO WILDLIFE SPECIAL PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, may apply for any one (1) of three (3) Idaho wildlife special license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

(2) In addition to the regular operating fee, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the fish and game set-aside account pursuant to section [36-111](#), Idaho Code, for use in the nongame wildlife program. This fee shall be treated as a contribution to the nongame wildlife program, and shall not be considered a motor vehicle registration fee as described in section 17, article VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.

(a) The fish and game commission shall designate one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) of each initial fee and seventy-five cents (75¢) of each renewal fee from the elk wildlife special plate to the department of fish and game's wildlife disease laboratory program to be used for testing, surveillance and detection of diseases that may affect wildlife including, but not limited to, chronic wasting disease.

(b) The state controller shall annually, by August 1 of each year, transfer an amount equivalent to one dollar and twenty-five cents

(\$1.25) of each initial elk wildlife special plate and seventy-five cents (75¢) of each renewal elk wildlife special plate sold in the prior fiscal year from the fish and game set-aside account to the department of agriculture's livestock disease control fund to be used for testing, surveillance and detection of wildlife diseases and domestic livestock diseases that may affect wildlife including, but not limited to, brucellosis and chronic wasting disease.

(c) The state controller shall annually, by August 1 of each year, transfer an amount equivalent to two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of each initial cutthroat wildlife special plate and one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) of each renewal cutthroat wildlife plate sold in the prior fiscal year from the fish and game set-aside account to the department of parks and recreation fund established in section [67-4225](#), Idaho Code, for the construction and maintenance of nonmotorized boating access facilities for anglers.

Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. He may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department.

(3) Each Idaho wildlife license plate shall be of a color and design acceptable to the board of directors of the Idaho fish and wildlife foundation and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. The Idaho fish and wildlife foundation is authorized to design more than one (1) wildlife plate, but the department may not allow more than three (3) different designs to be in use at any one (1) time. Initial costs of the plate program including costs of plate design shall be paid by the Idaho fish and wildlife foundation.

(4) Sample Idaho wildlife plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account to be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty dollars (\$20.00) of the purchase fee shall be deposited in the fish and game set-aside account pursuant to section [36-111](#), Idaho Code, for use in the nongame wildlife program.

[49-417, added 1992, ch. 190, sec. 1, p. 593; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 13, p. 426; am. 1998, ch. 336, sec. 1, p. 1081; am. 1999, ch. 315, sec. 2, p. 784; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 17, p. 201; am. 2002, ch. 362, sec. 1, p. 1021.]

49-417A. IDAHO TIMBER SPECIAL PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, may apply for Idaho timber special license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds.

(2) In addition to the regular operating fee, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the department of lands fund for use in reforestation activities on state lands,

provided however, that prior to the beginning of any fiscal year, the state board of land commissioners may agree that funds made available under this section to the department of lands for the coming year would better further reforestation objectives of the management and conservation of forest resources on public and private lands in the state if expended for educational efforts set forth in this section.

Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. He may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department.

(3) The Idaho timber license plate shall be of a color and design acceptable to the members of the Idaho forest products commission and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the director of the department of lands from funds appropriated to that department.

(4) Sample Idaho timber plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be deposited in the department of lands fund for use in reforestation activities or educational efforts as set forth in this section.

(5) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee of each timber special license plate, and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each sample timber special license plate, shall be deposited with the state treasurer and credited to the department of lands. Funds so deposited and subsequently directed by the state board of land commissioners for educational efforts as set forth in this section shall be expended as agreed by the state board of land commissioners upon recommendations developed jointly by the department of lands and the Idaho forest products commission. Such efforts may include signs or other appropriate means designed to help build public understanding of reforestation or the management and conservation of forest resources on public and private lands in Idaho.

[49-417A, added 1995, ch. 186, sec. 1, p. 674; am. 1997, ch. 134, sec. 1, p. 402; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 14, p. 427; am. 1999, ch. 315, sec. 3, p. 785; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 18, p. 202.]

49-417B. IDAHO AGRICULTURE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2000, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, may apply for Idaho agriculture plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho agriculture plates for other vehicles may be authorized by rule of the board.

(2) In addition to the regular operating fee, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of the administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by warrant

on a monthly basis by the Idaho transportation department to Idaho ag in the classroom created by the provisions of section [57-815](#), Idaho Code.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho agriculture license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. That portion of the design which features Idaho agriculture shall be acceptable to the Food Producers of Idaho, Inc. and shall be approved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including the cost of plate design, shall be paid from the ag in the classroom account.

(5) Sample Idaho agriculture plates may be purchased from the department for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred by warrant on a monthly basis by the Idaho transportation department to Idaho ag in the classroom.

[49-417B, added 1999, ch. 374, sec. 2, p. 1024; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 19, p. 203; am. 2000, ch. 200, sec. 2, p. 493; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 7, p. 158; am. 2009, ch. 114, sec. 1, p. 368.]

49-417C. FAMOUS POTATOES LICENSE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2001, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special famous potatoes license plates in lieu of regular license plates. Availability of famous potatoes license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the Idaho potato commission created in [chapter 12, title 22](#), Idaho Code, and shall be used exclusively for the purposes described in subsection (17) of section [22-1207](#), Idaho Code.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The famous potatoes license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The distinguishing feature of the license plate shall be a representation of a prepared Idaho potato with a melting pat of butter. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the Idaho potato commission and shall be ap-

proved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho potato commission.

(5) Sample famous potatoes license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the Idaho potato commission. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-417C, added 2000, ch. 193, sec. 2, p. 478; am. 2004, ch. 188, sec. 6, p. 587.]

49-417D. IDAHO RANGELAND PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2009, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, may apply for Idaho rangeland plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho rangeland plates for other vehicles may be authorized by rule of the board.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of the administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to an Idaho rangeland resource commission account provided in section [58-1415](#), Idaho Code.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho rangeland license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. That portion of the design which features Idaho rangelands shall be acceptable to the Idaho rangeland resource commission and shall be approved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including the cost of plate design, shall be paid from the Idaho rangeland resource commission account.

(5) Sample Idaho rangeland plates may be purchased from the department for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the Idaho rangeland resource commission account.

[49-417D, added 2008, ch. 150, sec. 2, p. 437.]

49-418. VETERANS PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, may apply for and upon department approval receive special veterans license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of veterans plates for



other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) Proof of being a current or former member of the United States armed forces must be furnished to the department before special veterans plates will be issued. Acceptable proof shall be a copy of form DD214 or an equivalent document or statement from the department of veterans affairs.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fees required in section [49-402](#)(1) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, the applicant shall pay the initial program fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and the annual program fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as specified in section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, and the plate fee specified in section [49-450](#), Idaho Code. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial program fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the initial program fee and five dollars (\$5.00) of the annual program fee shall be deposited to the veterans cemetery maintenance fund created in section [65-107](#), Idaho Code, and shall be used to operate and maintain a state veterans cemetery.

(4) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(5) The veterans license plate design shall include the colors red, white and blue, shall designate one (1) of the five (5) branches of military service, and display either:

- (a) The word "VETERAN";
- (b) The name of a conflict or war period recognized by the United States department of veterans affairs for the purpose of awarding federal veterans benefits as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(11); or
- (c) For a current or former member of the United States armed forces who has served in Afghanistan or Iraq during the post 9/11 global operations period, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 4110A(c), the name of the post 9/11 global operations theater.

The license plate design shall comply with all applicable rules of the department and shall include a separate and distinct numbering system. The design, color, and numbering system shall be subject to approval of the department.

(6) Veterans license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a qualified veteran. In addition, provided that the deceased veteran met the criteria set forth above in this section, surviving spouses of qualified veterans shall be authorized to apply for and receive veterans plates and may retain, renew and display veterans plates for so long as the surviving spouse is within the definition set forth in 38 U.S.C. 101(3). There shall be no requirement that the veteran, while living, resided in Idaho or had applied for or received veterans plates. Such plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

[49-418 added 1996, ch. 413, sec. 1, p. 1375; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 15, p. 428; am. 1999, ch. 316, sec. 9, p. 796; am. 2000, ch. 37, sec. 5, p. 69; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 20, p. 204; am. 2000, ch. 464, sec. 1, p. 1437; am. 2011, ch. 66, sec. 1, p. 141; am. 2016, ch. 67, sec. 1, p. 204.]

49-418A. IDAHO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, may apply for special plates featuring one (1) of Idaho's colleges or universities. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho college and university special license plates for other vehicles may be authorized by rule of the board.

(2) In addition to the regular operating fee, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account to be used by the department to fund highway, road and bridge construction projects and to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. The department shall transfer twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of the initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the renewal fee for deposit to the institution designated on the license plate.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department.

(4) All special college and university plates shall be of a color and design comparable to the standard issue of license plates with blue numerals on a red, white and blue background and shall indicate the participating institution.

(a) The standard red, white and blue graphic shall be used, except that the word "Idaho" and "Famous Potatoes" shall appear on every plate, the identification of county shall be omitted, and the inscription "Scenic Idaho" may be omitted.

(b) Each college or university that chooses to participate in this program shall provide that portion of the design which features the particular institution and such design shall be acceptable to the president of the institution. For public colleges and universities, approval of the state board of education and board of regents of the university of Idaho shall also be required.

Each version of the special college and university plate featuring the participating college or university shall be approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including the cost of plate design, shall be paid by the participating college or university.

(5) The state board of education and board of regents of the university of Idaho shall adopt rules to account for receipt and distribution of revenues accruing to participating public colleges and universities from the special license plate program. Revenues from the special plate program shall be used to:

(a) Fund scholarships for Idaho residents attending that college or university.

(b) Match funds contributed in equal amounts from nonstate sources for academic programs, provided that such expenditures for public colleges and universities shall be subject to prior approval by the state board of education and board of regents of the university of Idaho.

(6) For the purposes of this section, nonpublic colleges and universities shall mean and are limited to: The College of Idaho located in Caldwell, Idaho; Northwest Nazarene University located in Nampa, Idaho; and Brigham Young University-Idaho located in Rexburg, Idaho.

(7) Sample college and university license plates may be purchased from the department for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be retained by the department for deposit to the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred by the department to the college or university designated on the license plate. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-418A, added 1997, ch. 277, sec. 1, p. 823; am. 1998, ch. 113, sec. 16, p. 429; am. 1999, ch. 315, sec. 4, p. 786; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 21, p. 205; am. 2005, ch. 61, sec. 1, p. 218; am. 2008, ch. 13, sec. 1, p. 17.]

49-418B. IDAHO YOUTH PLATES. (1) On or after January 1, 2000, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and upon department approval receive special Idaho youth license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho youth plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of the administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the county assessor's motor vehicle registration division of each county into the youth programs fund of the sheriff of that county, for use in implementation of prevention and early intervention programs for Idaho's at-risk youth including, but not limited to: (a) providing mentoring programs, (b) creating safe places and structured activities in nonschool hours, (c) fostering good health, (d) developing effective education opportunities for marketable career skills, and (e) providing an opportunity for youth to give back to their community.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho youth license plate shall be of a color and design comparable to the standard issue of license plates with blue numerals on a red, white and blue background, except that the word "Idaho" shall appear on each plate and the county designator shall be omitted to provide for distinguishing designs and slogans, acceptable to the Idaho association of counties, to be added to the plate. The design shall be approved by the department and shall utilize a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho association of counties.

(5) Sample Idaho youth license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be deposited in the sheriff's youth program fund of the county where the plate was purchased for the implementation of youth programs for at-risk youth. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-418B, added 1999, ch. 77, sec. 1, p. 221; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 22, p. 206; am. 2000, ch. 200, sec. 3, p. 494; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 8, p. 159.]

49-418C. FIREFIGHTERS LICENSE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2001, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special firefighters license plates in lieu of regular license plates. Availability of firefighters license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the Idaho fire chiefs association in Boise, Idaho, and shall be used exclusively for the fire safety education of firefighters, fire chiefs and the general public.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The firefighters license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The distinguishing feature of the license plate shall be a representation of firefighters in action. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the Idaho fire chiefs association and shall be approved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho fire chiefs association.

(5) Sample firefighters license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the Idaho fire chiefs association. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-418C, added 2000, ch. 50, sec. 2, p. 96.]

49-418D. MILITARY VETERAN MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE. (1) On and after January 1, 2006, any person who is the owner of a motorcycle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, may apply for and upon depart-

ment approval receive a military veteran motorcycle license plate in lieu of a regular motorcycle license plate.

(2) Proof of being a current or former member of the United States armed forces must be furnished to the department before a military veteran motorcycle plate will be issued. Acceptable proof shall be a copy of form DD214 or an equivalent document or statement from the department of veterans affairs.

(3) In addition to the annual registration fee required in section [49-402](#) (3), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the initial issuance of a plate, and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial program fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the annual program fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special motorcycle license plate program. Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of the initial program fee and five dollars (\$5.00) of the annual program fee shall be deposited to the veterans cemetery maintenance fund created in section [65-107](#), Idaho Code, to operate and maintain a state veterans cemetery.

(4) Whenever title or interest in a motorcycle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plate to another motorcycle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plate on another motorcycle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(5) The military veteran motorcycle license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. In addition, there shall be no decals to indicate the veteran's branch of service or the period of duty served; the plate shall display the words "Scenic Idaho" at the top and "Veteran" at the bottom of the plate; and the license plate design shall be approved by the department and any portion of the design which represents veterans shall be acceptable to the administrator of the Idaho division of veterans services and a unique numbering system shall be utilized by the department.

[49-418D, added 2004, ch. 78, sec. 2, p. 302; am. 2006, ch. 120, sec. 1, p. 337.]

49-419. IDAHO SNOWSKIERS PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 1999, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and upon department approval receive special Idaho snowskier license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho snowskier license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the division of

tourism [and promotion] fund within the department of commerce for use in general promotion of Idaho's ski industry.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho snowskier license plate shall be of a color and design comparable to the standard issue of license plates with blue numerals on a red, white and blue background, except that the word "Idaho" shall appear on each plate and the county designator shall be omitted to provide for distinguishing designs and slogans, acceptable to the Idaho ski areas association, to be added to the plate. The design shall be approved by the department and shall utilize a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho ski areas association.

(5) Sample Idaho snowskier license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be deposited in the division of tourism fund within the department of commerce for use in general promotion of Idaho's ski industry. Any moneys expended by the department of commerce for promotion of Idaho's ski industry shall be done in consultation with the Idaho ski area association. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-419, added 1998, ch. 129, sec. 2, p. 482; am. 1999, ch. 315, sec. 5, p. 787; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 23, p. 207; am. 2002, ch. 180, sec. 1, p. 526.]

49-419A. IDAHO SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2000, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and upon department approval receive Idaho sawtooth national recreation area license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho sawtooth national recreation area plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fees required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the park and recreation fund established in section [67-4225](#), Idaho Code, for use in the maintenance of parks and facilities. This fee shall be treated as a contribution to the outdoor recreation program and shall not be considered a motor vehicle registration fee as described in section 17, article VII, of the constitution of the state of Idaho.



(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho sawtooth national recreation area license plate design shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. That portion of the design which features the Idaho sawtooth national recreation area shall be acceptable to the sawtooth society and shall be approved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including the cost of the plate design, shall be paid by the sawtooth society.

(5) Sample Idaho sawtooth national recreation area plates may be purchased from the department for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the park and recreation fund for use in the maintenance of parks and facilities. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-419A, added 1999, ch. 365, sec. 2, p. 965; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 24, p. 208; am. 2000, ch. 200, sec. 4, p. 495; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 9, p. 160.]

49-419C. IDAHO WHITE WATER RAFTING PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2004, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special Idaho white water rafting license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho white water rafting license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the tourism and promotion fund of the department of commerce, and shall be used by the department of commerce for the general education and promotion of Idaho's white water rivers and the rafting and kayaking industries. The department of commerce shall confer with the consulting panel representing white water river communities and the rafting and kayaking industries before expending any moneys from the fund that were received into the fund from revenue derived from this special license plate program.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho white water rafting license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the department of commerce and the consulting panel representing Idaho's white water river communities and the rafting and kayaking industries, and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the department of commerce. Not more than fifteen percent (15%) of all revenues made available to the department of commerce from the sale and renewal of Idaho white water rafting license plates shall be used by the department of commerce to pay for the costs of the plate design and for those administrative expenses necessarily incurred by operation of the general education and promotion program.

(5) Sample Idaho white water rafting license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the tourism and promotion fund of the department of commerce and shall be used for the general education and promotion of Idaho's white water rivers and the rafting and kayaking industries. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-419C, added 2003, ch. 242, sec. 2, p. 625.]

49-419E. IDAHO MOUNTAIN BIKING PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2011, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and upon department approval, receive special Idaho mountain biking license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho mountain biking license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of the plates and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited by the state treasurer in a dedicated fund in the department of parks and recreation or any successor state agency or department thereto which fund shall be used by any such agency or department exclusively for the preservation, maintenance and expansion of recreational trails within the state of Idaho and on which mountain biking is permitted.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of a new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho mountain biking license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the department

of parks and recreation or any successor agency or department thereto, and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho mountain bike trail preservation association.

(5) Sample Idaho mountain biking license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be deposited in a dedicated fund within the department of parks and recreation or any successor state agency or department thereto and which fund shall be used by any such agency or department exclusively for the preservation, maintenance and expansion of recreational trails within the state of Idaho and on which mountain biking is permitted.

[49-419E, added 2010, ch. 132, sec. 2, p. 282.]

49-420. IDAHO SNOWMOBILE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 1999, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and upon department approval receive special Idaho snowmobile license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho snowmobile license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the Idaho department of parks and recreation state snowmobile account established pursuant to section [67-7106](#), Idaho Code.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho snowmobile license plate shall be of a color and design comparable to the standard issue of license plates with blue numerals on a red, white and blue background, except that the word "Idaho" shall appear on each plate and the county designator shall be omitted to provide for distinguishing designs and slogans, acceptable to the Idaho state snowmobile association, to be added to the plate. The design shall be approved by the department and shall utilize a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho state snowmobile association.

(5) Sample Idaho snowmobile license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be

deposited in the state snowmobile account within the department of parks and recreation. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-420, added 1998, ch. 260, sec. 1, p. 862; am. 1999, ch. 315, sec. 6, p. 788; am. 2000, ch. 87, sec. 25, p. 209.]

49-420A. IDAHO STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2002, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special Idaho state capitol commission plates in lieu of regular license plates.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho state capitol commission plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited by the state treasurer in the capitol maintenance reserve fund established in section [67-1610A](#), Idaho Code, and shall be used exclusively for the purposes of [chapter 16, title 67](#), Idaho Code.

(4) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code, the Idaho state capitol commission license plate shall be of a color and design acceptable to the Idaho state capitol commission, except that the word "Idaho" shall appear on each plate and the county designator shall be omitted to provide for distinguishing designs and slogans. The design shall be approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho state capitol commission.

(6) Sample Idaho state capitol commission license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be deposited in the Idaho capitol endowment income fund. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-420A, added 2001, ch. 281, sec. 2, p. 1012; am. 2005, ch. 309, sec. 1, p. 960; am. 2008, ch. 14, sec. 1, p. 20; am. 2013, ch. 111, sec. 4, p. 267.]

49-420B. LEWIS AND CLARK COMMEMORATIVE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2001, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other sec-

tion of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special Lewis and Clark commemorative plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Lewis and Clark commemorative plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the governor's Idaho Lewis and Clark trail committee fund created in section [67-8601](#), Idaho Code, and shall be used exclusively for the purposes described in section [67-8601](#), Idaho Code.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Lewis and Clark commemorative license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. That portion of the design which features Lewis and Clark and other commemorative aspects of their trail and journeys shall be acceptable to the governor's Lewis and Clark advisory board, and shall be approved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid from the Lewis and Clark trail committee fund.

(5) Sample Lewis and Clark commemorative license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the governor's Idaho Lewis and Clark trail committee fund. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-420B, added 2000, ch. 200, sec. 5, p. 496; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 10, p. 161.]

49-420C. PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2003, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special peace officer memorial license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of peace officer memorial license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five

dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the Idaho peace officers memorial fund in the Idaho community foundation, and shall be used exclusively for the Idaho law enforcement memorial and families of peace officers killed in the line of duty.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The peace officer memorial license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The distinguishing feature of the license plate shall be a representation of the Idaho peace officer memorial logo. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the Idaho peace officer memorial board, and shall be approved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho police chiefs association.

(5) Sample peace officer memorial license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the Idaho peace officers memorial fund in the Idaho community foundation. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[49-420C, added 2002, ch. 285, sec. 3, p. 832.]

49-420D. APPALOOSA LICENSE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2003, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other provision of law for which the purchase of a special license plate is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive special Appaloosa license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds. Availability of Appaloosa license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit to the Appaloosa horse club, and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of funding youth horse programs within the state of Idaho.



(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Appaloosa license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. That portion of the design which features an Appaloosa shall be acceptable to the Appaloosa horse club, and shall be approved by the department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Appaloosa horse club.

(5) Sample Appaloosa license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the Appaloosa horse club. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[(49-420D) 49-420C, added 2002, ch. 285, sec. 3, p. 832; am. & redesign. 2003, ch. 16, sec. 12, p. 59.]

49-420E. IDAHO CORVETTE PLATES. (1) On and after January 1, 2003, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and upon department approval receive special Idaho corvette license plates in lieu of regular license plates.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho corvette license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the initial fee and ten dollars (\$10.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) of each initial fee and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the valley corvettes charitable support fund, and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of supporting charitable activities within the state of Idaho.

(4) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(5) The Idaho corvette license plate shall be of a color and design comparable to the standard issue of license plates with blue numerals on a red, white and blue background, except that the word "Idaho" shall appear on each plate and the county designator shall be omitted to provide for distinguishing designs and slogans, acceptable to the valley corvettes of Idaho, to be added to the plate. The design shall be approved by the department and shall utilize a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of

the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the valley corvettes of Idaho.

(6) Sample Idaho corvette license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), ten dollars (\$10.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and twenty dollars (\$20.00) of which shall be transferred to the valley corvettes charitable support fund. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the valley corvettes charitable support fund.

[ (49-420E) 49-420C, added 2002, ch. 285, sec. 3, p. 832; am. & re-desig. 2003, ch. 16, sec. 13, p. 60.]

49-420J. SELWAY-BITTERROOT WILDERNESS PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, may apply for and upon department approval receive special Idaho Selway-Bitterroot wilderness license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Selway-Bitterroot wilderness plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the Selway-Bitterroot foundation and shall be used by the foundation for the purpose of assisting in the stewardship of the Idaho Selway-Bitterroot wilderness and surrounding wildlands of north central Idaho.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The license plate design shall be acceptable to the Selway-Bitterroot foundation and shall be approved by the department and shall utilize a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Selway-Bitterroot foundation.

(5) Sample Idaho Selway-Bitterroot wilderness license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to the Selway-Bitterroot foundation.

[49-420J, added 2010, ch. 140, sec. 2, p. 297; am. 2014, ch. 97, sec. 30, p. 290.]

49-420K. IDAHO AVIATION FOUNDATION PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, may apply for and upon department approval receive special Idaho aviation foundation license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provi-

sions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho aviation foundation plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the Idaho aviation foundation and shall be used by the foundation for grants relating to the maintenance, upgrade and development of airstrips and for improving access and promoting safety at backcountry and recreational airports in Idaho.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The license plate design shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section 49-402C, Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the Idaho aviation foundation and shall be approved by the department and shall use a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho aviation foundation.

(5) Sample Idaho aviation foundation license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to the Idaho aviation foundation.

[49-420K, added 2011, ch. 22, sec. 2, p. 63.]

49-420L. IDAHO TERRITORY SESQUICENTENNIAL PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, may apply for and upon department approval receive special Idaho territory sesquicentennial license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho territory sesquicentennial plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited by the department to the respective county historical society or designated entity in which the vehicle is registered and shall be used by such county historical society or designated entity to fund projects related to the Idaho territory sesquicentennial or to fund

other projects that protect and preserve the heritage and cultural resources of the county.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The license plate design shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be approved by the department and shall use a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Lewiston historic preservation commission.

(5) Sample Idaho territory sesquicentennial license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to the county historical society where the vehicle is registered.

[49-420L, added 2012, ch. 64, sec. 2, p. 170.]

49-420M. IDAHO 4-H PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, may apply for and upon department approval receive special Idaho 4-H license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho 4-H plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the University of Idaho foundation, friends of 4-H division, and shall be used by the division for 4-H youth development programs across Idaho for the purpose of funding educational 4-H events, securing supplemental resource materials, providing scholarship and leadership training opportunities and integrating additional STEM-based programming into curriculum offerings to better prepare Idaho youth for future careers.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The license plate design shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the University of Idaho foundation, friends of 4-H division, and shall be approved by the department and shall use a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs

of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the University of Idaho foundation, friends of 4-H division.

(5) Sample Idaho 4-H license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to the University of Idaho foundation, friends of 4-H division.

[49-420M, added 2014, ch. 82, sec. 2, p. 227.]

49-420N. ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive rocky mountain elk foundation license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of rocky mountain elk foundation license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit with the rocky mountain elk foundation office in Boise, Idaho, and shall be distributed by the rocky mountain elk foundation, as administrator of the funds, to support efforts of the foundation such as the education of its members and the public about habitat conservation, the value of hunting, hunting ethics and wildlife management, contributions toward habitat enhancement, wildlife management and research projects, promotion of outdoor skills, including shooting, survival and hunting skills programs, as well as the allocation of funds for larger projects and programs of the national rocky mountain elk foundation that benefit Idaho.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The rocky mountain elk foundation license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the rocky mountain elk foundation and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the rocky mountain elk foundation.

(5) Sample rocky mountain elk foundation license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to the rocky mountain elk founda-

tion's office in Boise, Idaho, and shall be used for purposes as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

[49-420N, added 2015, ch. 37, sec. 2, p. 78.]

49-4200. IDAHO FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION PLATES. (1) On and after July 1, 2015, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive Idaho friends of the national rifle association license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho friends of the national rifle association license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit with the national rifle association foundation Idaho state grant fund. The national rifle association foundation Idaho state grant fund is restricted to utilization of received funds within the state of Idaho.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho friends of the national rifle association license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. That portion of the design that features the Idaho friends of the national rifle association design shall be acceptable to the secretary of the national rifle association. The design shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho friends of the national rifle association.

(5) Sample Idaho friends of the national rifle association license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to the national rifle association foundation Idaho state grant fund. The national rifle association foundation Idaho state grant fund is restricted to utilization of received funds within the state of Idaho. No additional fee shall be charged for personalizing sample plates.

[(49-4200) 49-420N, added 2015, ch. 8, sec. 2, p. 11; am. and redesign. 2016, ch. 47, sec. 24, p. 120.]



49-420P. IDAHO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive Idaho Rotary International license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of Idaho Rotary International license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in [chapter 4, title 49](#), Idaho Code, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer for deposit with the Boise Southwest Rotary Foundation, which in turn will distribute the funds between the three (3) state districts: Boise Southwest Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5080 Charitable Programs, Inc., and District 5400 Charitable Programs, Inc. The Boise Southwest Rotary Foundation shall distribute funds generated by license plate purchasers in each district to that district. The moneys shall be used solely for charitable efforts in Idaho, and none can be used for club activities or administrative costs.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may only display the plates on another vehicle upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The Idaho Rotary International license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. That portion of the design that features the Idaho Rotary International design shall be acceptable to the Boise Southwest Rotary Foundation and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Boise Southwest Rotary Foundation.

(5) Sample Idaho Rotary International license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to the Boise Southwest Rotary Foundation and shall be used for purposes as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

[49-420P, added 2018, ch. 253, sec. 1, p. 583.]

49-420Q. PET FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATES. (1) Any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed may apply for and, upon department approval, receive pet friendly license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maxi-

mum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of pet friendly license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies, and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in this chapter, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be deposited in the Idaho humane society's pet lovers fund and used in accordance with the provisions of subsection (5) of this section.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The pet friendly license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to the Idaho humane society and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the Idaho humane society.

(5) Sample pet friendly license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be deposited in the Idaho humane society's pet lovers fund. A committee of five (5) members shall be appointed by the board of directors of the Idaho humane society to designate recipients of disbursements from the fund. The committee members shall serve two (2) year terms and shall include one (1) licensed Idaho veterinarian, one (1) certified veterinarian technician, and three (3) representatives of the rescue, sheltering, and animal welfare community unaffiliated with the Idaho humane society. Subsequent appointments to the committee shall be made by the committee. The committee shall meet once per year to designate recipients of moneys from the Idaho humane society's pet lovers fund, which recipients may include Idaho licensed veterinarians, Idaho animal shelters, or Idaho nonprofit organizations. At the direction of the committee, moneys in the fund shall be disbursed to recipients designated by the committee and used to provide assistance with veterinary services, prioritizing canine and feline spay and neuter services, to low-income residents of Idaho. The Idaho humane society, the committee members, and any organization represented by a serving committee member shall be ineligible to receive disbursements from the fund.

[49-420Q, added 2019, ch. 89, sec. 2, p. 219.]

49-420R. CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES. (1) Effective January 1, 2021, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive choose life license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehi-

cle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of choose life license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies, and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in this chapter, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program. Twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to Choose Life Idaho, Inc., and shall be used in Idaho to provide grant dollars to support life-affirming pregnancy resource centers in order to help pregnant women choose life for their babies and to encourage adoption as a positive choice for women with unplanned pregnancies.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The choose life license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code. The design and any slogan on the plate shall be acceptable to Choose Life Idaho, Inc., and shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by Choose Life Idaho, Inc.

(5) Sample choose life license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to Choose Life Idaho, Inc., to be used for the purpose stated in subsection (2) of this section.

[49-420R, added 2020, ch. 42, sec. 2, p. 96.]

49-420S. DON'T TREAD ON ME LICENSE PLATES. (1) Effective January 1, 2025, any person who is the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, or registered under any other section of law for which the purchase of special plates is allowed, may apply for and, upon department approval, receive don't tread on me license plates in lieu of regular license plates. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds. Availability of don't tread on me license plates for other vehicles shall be subject to the rules, policies, and procedures of the department.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee required in this chapter, the applicant shall be charged a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for the initial issuance of plates, and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) upon each succeeding annual registration. Thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the initial fee and thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of the renewal fee shall be deposited in the state highway account and shall be used to fund the cost of administration of this special license plate program, including the initial plate design for the plate provided for in this section. Except for the reimburse-

ment of initial plate design costs as provided for in subsection (4) of this section, twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) of each initial fee and twelve dollars (\$12.00) of each renewal fee shall be transferred by the state treasurer to the firearms safety grant fund established in section [33-1628](#), Idaho Code.

(3) Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the owner may transfer the special plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. The owner may display the plates on another vehicle only upon receipt of the new registration from the department.

(4) The don't tread on me license plate shall be of a color and design in accordance with the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code, and shall include the Gadsden flag on a bright yellow background with the image of a rattlesnake and the words "don't tread on me." The design shall be approved by the Idaho transportation department utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department. Initial costs of the plate program, including costs of plate design, shall be paid by the state board of education and shall be reimbursed from the initial moneys distributed to the firearms safety grant fund established in section [33-1628](#), Idaho Code.

(5) Sample don't tread on me license plates may be purchased for a fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), thirteen dollars (\$13.00) of which shall be deposited in the state highway account and seventeen dollars (\$17.00) of which shall be transferred to the firearms safety grant fund established in section [33-1628](#), Idaho Code, to be used for the purpose stated in that section.

[49-420S, added 2024, ch. 187, sec. 3, p. 678.]

49-421. REGISTRATION CARDS. (1) Upon the registration of a vehicle, the registering agency shall issue to the owner, as defined in section [49-116](#)(4), Idaho Code, a registration card that shall contain the date issued, the registration number assigned the owner and to the vehicle, the name and address of the owner, a description of the registered vehicle, identification number, and any other information the department may require.

(2) The owner, upon receiving a registration card, shall validate proof of compliance with the insurance requirements of section [49-1229](#), Idaho Code.

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

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

[(49-421) 49-419, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 85, p. 618; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 14, p. 119; am. and redesisg. 1998, ch. 129, sec. 1, p. 481; am. 2000, ch. 304, sec. 2, p. 1036; am. 2020, ch. 125, sec. 1, p. 385; am. 2021, ch. 171, sec. 4, p. 478.]

49-422. REGISTRATION FEES -- MANUFACTURED HOMES AND TOWED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. (1) The fees for registering manufactured homes or towed recreational vehicles shall be four dollars (\$4.00). In addition to the registration fee, and as a prerequisite to registering there shall be an assessment levied on each manufactured home for ad valorem tax as provided in [chapter 3, title 63](#), Idaho Code. An applicant for a manufactured home registration shall be required to exhibit the general property tax receipt

for the year of registration before a license may be issued. An applicant for a towed recreational vehicle registration shall be required to obtain the recreational vehicle annual license as required in section [49-445](#), Idaho Code, in conjunction with the registration required in this section. It shall be unlawful for any manufactured home or towed recreational vehicle to be moved on any highway without first being registered. The registration fees collected as specified in this section shall be paid to the assessor of the county where the registration was purchased. Fifty percent (50%) of the registration fees shall be placed in the county current expense fund and the balance of the fees shall be deposited in the highway distribution account.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to new manufactured homes being transported either prior to first sale at retail or to the initial setup location of the original purchaser.

[49-422, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 86, p. 618; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 15, p. 119; am. 1996, ch. 322, sec. 46, p. 1077; am. 1999, ch. 170, sec. 1, p. 459.]

49-425. LOST CERTIFICATE OR LICENSE PLATE -- DUPLICATES. In the event that any license plate or registration card issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be lost, mutilated, or become illegible, the person to whom the plate or registration card is issued shall make immediate application for and obtain a duplicate or replacement upon furnishing information of fact satisfactory to the department and upon payment of the required fees. The fee for duplicate or replacement plates is provided in sections [49-450](#) and [49-202](#)(2)(f), Idaho Code, for a replacement registration card whether issued in print or electronically.

[49-425, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 87, p. 619; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 16, p. 120; am. 2000, ch. 320, sec. 4, p. 1087; am. 2020, ch. 125, sec. 2, p. 385.]

49-426. EXEMPTIONS FROM OPERATING FEES. The provisions of this chapter with respect to operating fees must not apply to:

(1) Motor vehicles owned or leased by the United States, the state, a city, a county, any department thereof, any political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state, any taxing district of the state, any state-registered nonprofit subscription fire protection unit, or any organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, organized for the operation, maintenance, or management of an irrigation project or irrigation works or system or for the purpose of furnishing water to its members or shareholders, but in other respects the provisions of this chapter are applicable.

(2) Farm tractors, implements of husbandry, manufactured homes that qualify for an exemption under the provisions of section [49-422](#), Idaho Code, road rollers, wheel-mounted tar buckets, portable concrete or mortar mixers, wheel-mounted compressors, tow dollies, portable toilet trailers, street sweepers, other construction equipment, forestry equipment, lawn and grounds equipment, and similar devices as determined by the department that are temporarily operated or moved upon the highways need not be registered under the provisions of this chapter, nor will implements of husbandry be considered towed units under registration of vehicle combinations as defined in section [49-108](#)(2), Idaho Code. In addition, self-propelled wheelchairs, three-wheeled bicycles, wheelchair conveyances, golf carts,

lawn mowers, and scooters operated by persons who by reason of physical disability are otherwise unable to move about as pedestrians are exempt from registration requirements under the provisions of this chapter. Motorcycles and off-highway vehicles need not be licensed under the provisions of this chapter or numbered pursuant to the provisions of sections [67-7122](#) and [67-7124](#), Idaho Code, if they are being used exclusively in connection with agricultural, horticultural, dairy and livestock growing and feeding operations, or used exclusively for snow removal purposes. Travel upon the public highways must be limited to travel between farm or ranch locations. Motorcycles and off-highway vehicles used for this purpose must meet the emblem requirements of section [49-619](#), Idaho Code.

(3) Off-highway vehicles licensed pursuant to this chapter and numbered pursuant to section [67-7122](#) or [67-7124](#), Idaho Code, and those vehicles exempt from licensing and numbering pursuant to subsection (2) of this section are permitted to operate on:

(a) All highways that are not state highways and that are not interstate highways;

(b) Any non-full access-controlled state highway within the boundaries of a municipality and extending one (1) mile from such boundary lines where the posted speed limit is sixty (60) miles per hour or less; and

(c) Any non-full access-controlled state highway outside of municipalities where the posted speed limit is sixty-five (65) miles per hour or less for continuous distances of no more than five (5) miles for the limited purpose of connecting between OHV trails, obtaining access to or from an OHV trail, or to access necessary services such as fuel, lodging, food and beverage, and maintenance.

(4) Off-highway vehicles licensed pursuant to this chapter and numbered pursuant to section [67-7122](#) or [67-7124](#), Idaho Code, and those vehicles exempt from licensing and numbering pursuant to subsection (2) of this section must be permitted to cross a highway, except interstate highways and full access-controlled state highways, at a public road intersection and at any point where an OHV trail intersects, provided the vehicle comes to a full and complete stop before making the crossing and yields to any highway traffic.

(5) The operation of off-highway vehicles licensed pursuant to this chapter and numbered pursuant to section [67-7122](#) or [67-7124](#), Idaho Code, and those vehicles exempt from licensing and numbering pursuant to subsection (2) of this section are not permitted on interstate highways and full access-controlled state highways, provided that the Idaho transportation board may designate sections of such state highways upon which off-highway vehicles may travel.

(6) The Idaho transportation board may, after sufficient public notice is given and a public hearing held, designate sections of state highways that are closed or limited to off-highway vehicle use. The Idaho transportation board must deliver written notice to the director of the Idaho department of parks and recreation at least thirty (30) days before the public hearing and must accept and consider any comment from the director of the Idaho department of parks and recreation received within the thirty (30) day period or at the public hearing.

(7) Any political subdivision of the state of Idaho may, but only after sufficient public notice is given and a public hearing held, adopt local ordinances or resolutions designating highways or sections of highways under its jurisdiction that are closed or limited to off-highway vehicle use. No-



tice of any such public hearing must be delivered in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance to the director of the Idaho department of parks and recreation. A political subdivision must accept and consider any comment from the director of the Idaho department of parks and recreation received within the thirty (30) day period or at the public hearing.

(8) When operating an off-highway vehicle upon highways, off-highway vehicles must not travel at speeds greater than the posted speed limit or forty-five (45) miles per hour, whichever is less.

(9) The requirements of [title 18](#) and chapters 2, 3, 6, 8, 12, 13, and 14, [title 49](#), Idaho Code, apply to the operation of off-highway vehicles upon highways.

(10) Off-highway vehicles may be used on highways located on state lands or federal lands that are not part of the highway system of the state of Idaho, provided the numbering requirements of section [67-7122](#) or [67-7124](#), Idaho Code, are met.

[49-426, added 2021, ch. 171, sec. 3, p. 476; am. 2022, ch. 205, sec. 1, p. 665.]

49-427. REGISTRATION CARD TO BE CARRIED. The registration card issued for a vehicle required to be registered by the provisions of this chapter shall, while the vehicle is being operated upon a highway, be in the possession of the driver or carried in the vehicle and be subject to inspection by any peace officer. For drivers of commercial vehicles registered pursuant to section [49-434](#) or [49-435](#), Idaho Code, an electronic format of the registration card is permitted.

[49-427, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 89, p. 621; am. 2020, ch. 125, sec. 3, p. 386.]

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

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

(b) Vehicles displaying year of manufacture, old timer, classic car, street rod, or custom vehicle license plates shall be allowed to display one (1) plate attached to the rear of the vehicle.

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

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

License plates shall be displayed during the current registration year. The annual registration sticker for the current registration year shall be displayed on each license plate, except for trailers, semitrailers, and commercial vehicles over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds under the provisions of sections [49-434](#) and [49-435](#), Idaho Code. For the purposes of this title, the license plates together with the registration stickers shall be considered as license plates for the year designated on the registration sticker. For purposes of this chapter, a validation sticker issued to the operator of an all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, or motorbike under the provi-

sions of sections [67-7122](#) and [67-7124](#), Idaho Code, shall be considered the registration sticker.

(2) Every license plate shall at all times be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned to prevent the plate from swinging, be at a height not less than twelve (12) inches from the ground, measuring from the bottom of the plate, be in a place and position to be clearly visible, and be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible, and all registration stickers shall be securely attached to the license plates and shall be displayed as provided in section [49-443](#) (4), Idaho Code.

[49-428, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 90, p. 621; am. 1990, ch. 391, sec. 3, p. 1095; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 18, p. 121; am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 9, p. 1211; am. 2008, ch. 409, sec. 5, p. 1132; am. 2009, ch. 287, sec. 2, p. 862; am. 2020, ch. 125, sec. 4, p. 386; am. 2021, ch. 149, sec. 28, p. 420; am. 2021, ch. 200, sec. 2, p. 550.]

49-429. DISPLAY OF COPY OF APPLICATION PENDING RECEIPT OF LICENSE PLATE. When an owner chooses to display special license plates, upon payment of required fees the department or the assessor shall issue to the applicant a copy of the application. The copy must be displayed in a suitable place on the rear window of a motor vehicle, or if a motorcycle, displayed on the motorcycle. The copy shall constitute compliance with the provisions of this chapter until such time as the license plates are received from the department. The copy of the application shall not have any value as compliance with the provisions of this chapter from and after the receipt of the license plates from the department.

[49-429, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 91, p. 621; am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 10, p. 1211.]

49-430. REGISTRATION TO BE RENEWED. (1) Reregistration of vehicles shall be accomplished annually or by registration period in the same manner as the original registration and upon the payment of the required fee. The director may extend this date as to individuals, counties or the state for not to exceed forty-five (45) days for good cause shown.

(2) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be an infraction.

[49-430, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 92, p. 622; am. 1989, ch. 310, sec. 17, p. 791.]

49-431. ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER OF INTEREST -- PROCEDURE. (1) Whenever the owner of a vehicle registered under the provisions of sections [49-402](#) and [49-402A](#), Idaho Code, transfers or assigns his title or interest thereto, the registration card and license plate shall remain with and in the possession of the transferor, and before the license plate shall be displayed upon another vehicle owned by the transferor, the transferor shall have that vehicle registered as provided for in section [49-401A](#), Idaho Code. The transfer fees collected shall be paid to the county treasurer where the vehicle is registered and deposited in the county current expense fund or in the state highway account if the transfer is made by the department.

(a) For all vehicles registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#) (1), Idaho Code, the transferor shall pay the registration fee as specified in that subsection less the registration fee already paid,

plus a transfer fee of five dollars (\$5.00). If the transferor shall have an older vehicle to be registered, the transferor shall pay a transfer fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

(b) For vehicles registered in accordance with subsections (2) through (4) of section [49-402](#), Idaho Code, the operating fee shall be the fee specified in those subsections, plus a transfer fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

(c) For utility trailers registered under the provisions of section [49-402A](#), Idaho Code, the original registration shall continue until its expiration date, upon payment of a transfer fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

(2) For all vehicles registered under the fee schedule in section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, except proportionally registered vehicles under section [49-435](#), Idaho Code, the transferor shall pay the registration fee as specified in that section less the registration fee already paid, plus a transfer fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

(3) For all vehicles registered under section [49-435](#), Idaho Code, the transferor shall pay the registration fee as specified in section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, apportioned according to the provisions of section [49-435](#), Idaho Code, less the apportioned fee previously paid plus a transfer fee of eight dollars (\$8.00).

(4) In the event of a transfer by operation of law of the title or interest of an owner in and to a vehicle registered as specified in sections [49-402](#), [49-402A](#), [49-434](#) and [49-435](#), Idaho Code, as upon inheritance, devise or bequest, order in bankruptcy or insolvency, execution sale, repossession upon default in performing the terms of a lease or executory sales contract, or otherwise, the registration shall expire and the registration card and plates shall be surrendered to the department. The vehicle shall not be operated upon the highways until and unless the person entitled thereto shall apply for and obtain a new registration card and plates in accordance with the provisions of section [49-401A](#), Idaho Code. However, an administrator, executor, trustee or other representative of the owner, or a sheriff or other officer, or legal representative of any such person may operate or cause to be operated any vehicle upon the highway from the place of removal or place where formerly kept by the owner to a place of keeping or storage, provided the place of removal and place of destination are both located within the state of Idaho, and after obtaining a written permit from the department of the local police authorities having jurisdiction of the highways and upon displaying in plain sight upon the vehicle a placard bearing the name and address of the person authorizing and directing such movement, the placard to be plainly readable from a distance of one hundred (100) feet during daylight.

[49-431, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 93, p. 622; am. 1989, ch. 318, sec. 5, p. 822; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 19, p. 121; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 18, p. 769; am. 2007, ch. 22, sec. 1, p. 39.]

#### 49-432. TEMPORARY REGISTRATION FOR RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS -- FEES.

(1) (a) When a vehicle or combination of vehicles subject to registration is to be moved on the public highways in the state of Idaho, the department may issue a permit in lieu of registration for any vehicle or combination of vehicles upon the payment of a fee as set forth in the following schedule:

- (i) One-hundred-twenty (120) hour permit
  - Single vehicle .....\$60.00

- Combination of vehicles, where such combination of vehicles includes more than one (1) unregistered vehicle.....\$120.00
- (ii) Fuel permit .....\$60.00
- (iii) Thirty (30) day unladen weight permit .....\$60.00
- (b) If an annual registration is purchased within thirty (30) calendar days of issuance of a permit under paragraph (a) (i) or (iii) of this subsection, the amount of the permit fee shall be applied to the registration fee. No portion of a permit fee is subject to refund.
- (2) (a) Permits to operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles in excess of the registered maximum gross vehicle weight up to a maximum of one hundred twenty-nine thousand (129,000) pounds gross vehicle weight shall be:
- (i) One hundred twenty (120) hour permit to increase gross weight .....\$50.00
- (ii) Thirty (30) day permit to increase gross vehicle weight:

Maximum Registered Gross Weight of Vehicle (Pounds)	Temporary Permitted Maximum Gross Weight (Pounds)					
	80,000	86,000	96,000	106,000	116,000	129,000
50,001-60,000	\$225	\$250	\$275	\$300	\$325	\$350

(b) The permit issued pursuant to this subsection 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. At the time of purchasing a permit, the applicant may purchase additional permits in any combination that does not exceed a maximum of ninety (90) days.

(3) Permits issued pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be limited to three (3) per vehicle in a calendar year, except for those permits provided for in subsection (1) (a) (ii) and (iii) of this section. The provisions of this subsection with respect to limiting the number of permits issued shall not apply to transporters and wreckers as defined in sections [49-121](#) and [49-124](#), Idaho Code, or to laden dealer and manufacturer plates as provided for in sections [49-411](#) (4) and [49-1627](#) (5), Idaho Code.

(4) A temporary permit shall be readily available in a form required by the rules of the board at all times while the vehicle is being operated.

(5) Any permit issued pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be purchased prior to movement of the vehicle on a highway, and such permit shall be in addition to and available only to a vehicle that is currently and validly registered in Idaho pursuant to section [49-432](#) (1), [49-434](#) (1), [49-434](#) (8) (c) or [49-435](#), Idaho Code.

(6) The department may select vendors to serve as agents on state highways for the purpose of selling permits where fixed ports of entry do not adequately serve a respective highway entering the state. The vendor shall be remunerated at the rate of three dollars (\$3.00) per permit sold, and he shall collect the fees specified in this section and pay the fees to the department. The vendor shall guarantee payment by giving a bond to the state in a sum as shall be fixed by the board, the premium on the bond to be paid by the department.

[49-432, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 94, p. 623; am. 1998, ch. 265, sec. 1, p. 876; am. 2001, ch. 176, sec. 1, p. 599; am. 2001, ch. 355, sec. 2, p. 1244; am. 2003, ch. 315, sec. 1, p. 860; am. 2006, ch. 58, sec. 1, p. 182; am. 2008, ch. 336, sec. 1, p. 924; am. 2009, ch. 336, sec. 1, p. 973; am. 2010, ch. 330, sec. 1, p. 876; am. 2011, ch. 72, sec. 2, p. 153; am. 2023, ch. 3, sec. 1, p. 5.]

49-434. OPERATING FEES. (1) There shall be paid on all commercial vehicles, noncommercial vehicles, and on all farm vehicles having a maximum gross weight not in excess of sixty thousand (60,000) pounds, an annual registration fee or a staggered registration fee for the purpose of reregistration 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

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).

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

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

(a) Trailer or semitrailer in a combination of vehicles .....\$15.00

(b) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight of two thousand (2,000) pounds or less .....\$8.00

(c) Rental utility trailer with a gross weight over two thousand (2,000) pounds .....\$15.00

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

(a) For trailers and semitrailers, the nonexpiring registration fee shall be ninety-nine dollars (\$99.00). The license plate shall remain on the trailer or semitrailer until the registration is canceled or revoked. No part of the fee is subject to refund. However, the registrant may transfer the nonexpiring plate and registration to another trailer or semitrailer titled to the registrant if the original registration date is prior to July 1, 2009. The registration document shall be the official record of the status of the nonexpiring registration, and no registration fee shall be required after the initial registration is paid. No validation sticker shall be issued for license plates assigned

under this section. The owner may be issued an electronic copy of the registration card issued pursuant to this section.

(i) Registration of a trailer or semitrailer based in another jurisdiction may be issued when the registrant provides a valid jurisdiction title or ownership document and certification statement, and no title transfer will be required.

(ii) Periodic verification will be made to confirm ownership status. Failure of the owner to comply with the verification request to confirm ownership within thirty (30) days shall result in cancellation of the permanent plate registration.

(b) Idaho-based trailer manufacturers may purchase trailer and semitrailer registration from the department. The manufacturer may issue the annual registration to foreign-based purchasers utilizing a manufacturer's certificate of origin or manufacturer's statement of origin as proof of ownership. If the foreign-based purchaser subsequently obtains an Idaho nonexpiring registration as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection prior to annual registration expiration, the amount of the annual registration fee shall be applied to the nonexpiring registration fee provided that the customer acquires a title for such vehicle.

(c) For rental utility trailers, the registrant may prepay the annual registration for an additional one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) years, but in no event shall the optional registration period extend beyond five (5) years. The fee shall be as specified in subsection (3) (b) or (c) of this section. The owner shall be issued a registration card or may request such card to be sent electronically. The expiration date shall be reflected on such registration card. The license plate shall become void if the owner's interest in the rental utility trailer changes during the five (5) year period. If the owner fails to enter the rental utility trailer on the annual renewal application during the five (5) year period, the registration record shall be purged. Any unexpired plate shall be returned to the department if it is not entered on the renewal application.

(5) A fleet registration option is available to owners who have twenty-five (25) or more commercial or farm vehicles or any combination thereof. Such owners may register all of their company vehicles with the department in lieu of registering with a county assessor. To qualify, the fleet must be owned and operated under the unified control of one (1) person and the vehicles must be physically garaged and maintained in two (2) or more counties. Fleet registration shall not include fleets of rental vehicles. The department shall provide a registration application to the owner, and the owner shall provide all information that the department determines is necessary. The department shall devise a special license plate numbering system for fleet-registered vehicles as an alternative to county license plates. The fleet registration application and all subsequent registration renewals shall include the physical address where a vehicle is principally used, garaged and maintained. The fleet owner shall report the physical address to the department upon initial registration, on each renewal, and at any time a vehicle registered under this option is permanently transferred to another location.

(6) If the ownership of a vehicle changes during the registration period, the original owner may transfer the plate to another vehicle. The remaining fee shall be credited against the cost of the new registration. Re-



funds may be given for any unexpired portion of the vehicle registration fee if the plate is not transferred by the owner to another vehicle. Any request for refund shall include surrender of the license plate and registration document, if a physical document was issued. Owners of vehicles registered under the international registration plan may request a refund of the unexpired portion of the Idaho vehicle registration fee by presenting evidence from the base jurisdiction that the license plate and registration document, if a physical document was issued, have been surrendered. A license plate shall not be transferred to another owner when the ownership of a vehicle changes. The owner shall obtain a replacement plate, if required, and a printed or electronic registration document when a plate is lost, destroyed, or becomes illegible.

(7) An administrative fee of four dollars (\$4.00) shall be paid and deposited to the state highway account on all registrations completed by the department under subsection (1) or (8) (a) of this section. Vehicles registered under subsection (8) (b) of this section shall pay the fee provided in section [49-435](#)(2), Idaho Code.

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

(a) If the owner registers vehicles under the international registration plan (IRP), the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by the total miles an owner operated a fleet of vehicles on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho and in all other jurisdictions in the preceding year, as defined in section [49-117](#), Idaho Code, and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle within a fleet.

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

(c) If the owner is not registering vehicles under the international registration plan, the appropriate mileage column shall be determined by the total miles the owner operated each of the vehicles to be registered on roads and highways in the state, county, city and highway district systems in Idaho in the preceding year and by the maximum gross weight of each vehicle.

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
60,001-62,000	\$223	\$ 511	\$ 789	\$1,068	\$1,560
62,001-64,000	\$251	\$ 576	\$ 890	\$1,205	\$1,760
64,001-66,000	\$280	\$ 642	\$ 992	\$1,342	\$1,960
66,001-68,000	\$309	\$ 707	\$1,093	\$1,479	\$2,160
68,001-70,000	\$337	\$ 773	\$1,194	\$1,615	\$2,360
70,001-72,000	\$366	\$ 838	\$1,295	\$1,752	\$2,560
72,001-74,000	\$394	\$ 904	\$1,396	\$1,889	\$2,760
74,001-76,000	\$423	\$ 969	\$1,498	\$2,026	\$2,960
76,001-78,000	\$451	\$1,035	\$1,599	\$2,163	\$3,160
78,001-80,000	\$480	\$1,100	\$1,700	\$2,300	\$3,360
80,001-82,000	\$494	\$1,133	\$1,751	\$2,368	\$3,460
82,001-84,000	\$509	\$1,165	\$1,801	\$2,437	\$3,560
84,001-86,000	\$523	\$1,198	\$1,852	\$2,505	\$3,660
86,001-88,000	\$537	\$1,231	\$1,902	\$2,574	\$3,760
88,001-90,000	\$551	\$1,264	\$1,953	\$2,642	\$3,860
90,001-92,000	\$566	\$1,296	\$2,004	\$2,711	\$3,960
92,001-94,000	\$580	\$1,329	\$2,054	\$2,779	\$4,060
94,001-96,000	\$594	\$1,362	\$2,105	\$2,848	\$4,160
96,001-98,000	\$609	\$1,395	\$2,155	\$2,916	\$4,260
98,001-100,000	\$623	\$1,427	\$2,206	\$2,985	\$4,360
100,001-102,000	\$637	\$1,460	\$2,257	\$3,053	\$4,460
102,001-104,000	\$651	\$1,493	\$2,307	\$3,121	\$4,560
104,001-106,000	\$666	\$1,526	\$2,358	\$3,190	\$4,660
106,001-108,000	\$680	\$1,558	\$2,408	\$3,258	\$4,760
108,001-110,000	\$694	\$1,591	\$2,459	\$3,327	\$4,860
110,001-112,000	\$709	\$1,624	\$2,510	\$3,395	\$4,960
112,001-114,000	\$723	\$1,657	\$2,560	\$3,464	\$5,060
114,001-116,000	\$737	\$1,689	\$2,611	\$3,532	\$5,160
116,001-118,000	\$751	\$1,722	\$2,661	\$3,601	\$5,260
118,001-120,000	\$766	\$1,755	\$2,712	\$3,669	\$5,360
120,001-122,000	\$780	\$1,788	\$2,763	\$3,738	\$5,460
122,001-124,000	\$794	\$1,820	\$2,813	\$3,806	\$5,560
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, 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 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 registration fee shall be paid in three (3) equal installments on dates as billed by the department.

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

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

[49-434, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 96, p. 625; am. 1989, ch. 310, sec. 18, p. 791; am. 1989, ch. 318, sec. 6, p. 823; am. 1990, ch. 197, sec. 3, p. 441; am. 1991, ch. 295, sec. 2, p. 772; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 21, p. 123; am. 1992, ch. 253, sec. 1, p. 738; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 19, p. 771; am. 1993, ch. 273, sec. 1, p. 914; am. 1993, ch. 399, sec. 1, p. 1463; am. 1994, ch. 246, sec. 3, p. 767; am. 1994, ch. 311, sec. 2, p. 979; am. 1997, ch. 51, sec. 1, p. 87; am. 1998, ch. 108, sec. 1, p. 368; am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 11, p. 1212; am. 2000, ch. 62, p. 134; am. 2000, ch. 418, sec. 7, p. 1340; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 11, p. 162; am. 2001, ch. 185, sec. 1, p. 643; am. 2001, ch. 353, sec. 1, p. 1235; am. 2001, ch. 355, sec. 3, p. 1245; am. 2007, ch. 23, sec. 1, p. 41; am. 2009, ch. 330, sec. 2, p. 942; am. 2013, ch. 88, sec. 3, p. 215; am. 2013, ch. 153, sec. 1, p. 356; am. 2015, ch. 341, sec. 2, p. 1278; am. 2020, ch. 125, sec. 5, p. 386.]

49-434A. PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY OPERATING FEES. Any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles operated in Idaho for which the proper registration and operating fees in Idaho have not been paid under the provisions of section [49-432](#), [49-434](#) or [49-435](#), Idaho Code, shall have committed a misdemeanor punishable as provided in section [49-1013](#), Idaho Code, and shall, upon discovery, be subject to the following additional penalties:

Seizure and detention for up to seventy-two (72) hours by any law enforcement agency or port of entry personnel of the vehicle and its entire cargo if the cargo does not consist of perishable food products or livestock;

(1) Release from detention shall be accomplished only by presentation of proper evidence that the applicable fees have been paid; or

(2) Off-loading of any cargo onto a properly licensed and registered vehicle.

[49-434A, added 1994, ch. 291, sec. 1, p. 912; am. 1995, ch. 251, sec. 1, p. 826; am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 12, p. 1216; am. 2005, ch. 182, sec. 1, p. 557.]

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

(2) The department shall register the vehicle so described and identified and may issue license plates or other suitable identification device for each vehicle listed in the application upon payment of the fees required under subsections (1) and (8) of section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, and an additional identification charge of eight dollars (\$8.00) per vehicle. The fees collected for the additional identification shall be deposited to the state highway account. A registration card shall be issued in print or electronically for each proportionally registered vehicle appropriately identifying it, which shall be carried and available on an electronic device or in or upon the vehicle identified at all times.

(3) Fleet vehicles so registered and identified shall be deemed to be fully licensed and registered in this state for any type of movement or operation.

(4) The right to the privilege and benefits of proportional registration of fleet vehicles extended by this section, or by any contract, agreement, arrangement or declaration made under the authority provided in section [49-201](#), Idaho Code, shall be subject to the condition that each fleet vehicle proportionally registered shall also be proportionally or otherwise properly registered in at least one (1) other jurisdiction during the period for which it is proportionally registered in this state.

(5) No provision of this section relating to proportional registration of fleet vehicles shall be construed as requiring any vehicle to be proportionally registered if it is otherwise registered in this state for the operation in which it is engaged, including regular registration or temporary trip permit.

[49-435, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 97, p. 628; am. 1991, ch. 295, sec. 3, p. 774; am. 1992, ch. 261, sec. 20, p. 773; am. 1994, ch. 246, sec. 4, p. 771; am. 1994, ch. 311, sec. 3, p. 982; am. 2000, ch. 418, sec. 8, p. 1346; am. 2007, ch. 90, sec. 24, p. 261; am. 2020, ch. 125, sec. 6, p. 391.]

49-437. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT -- FEES FOR REMAINING PORTION OF YEAR. (1) When a motor vehicle registered under section [49-434](#) or [49-435](#), Idaho Code, has once been registered and during the year of that registration increases the maximum gross weight, the higher fee due for the weight increase shall be offset by the fee already paid. The fee already paid and the fee due shall be prorated by one-twelfth (1/12) for each month already expired in the registration period. The difference between the two (2) fees shall be the balance due for the remainder of the registration period. If an owner changes the weight during a registration period, the weight change shall not result in a refund of the fees already paid.

(2) If a motor vehicle is not operated on any highway during the first months of a registration period, the owner may at any time thereafter be registered for the remainder of the registration period on payment of all fees, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, as provided in this chapter, less one-twelfth (1/12) of such fees for each full calendar month which has expired prior to registering, but in no event shall the minimum fee be less than five dollars (\$5.00).

[49-437, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 99, p. 632; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 23, p. 127; am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 14, p. 1220; am. 2000, ch. 418, sec. 11, p. 1348; am. 2007, ch. 22, sec. 2, p. 40; am. 2014, ch. 38, sec. 7, p. 76.]

49-438. PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT OR PERMITTED MAXIMUM REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT. (1) Any person who shall operate, cause, permit, or suffer to be operated upon any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross weight in excess of the registered maximum gross weight of the vehicle specified in this title shall have committed a violation under the infraction or misdemeanor provisions of section [49-1013](#), Idaho Code.

(2) Any person who shall operate, cause, permit, or suffer to be operated upon any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a gross weight in excess of the registered maximum gross weight not authorized by a valid permit issued pursuant to section [49-432](#), Idaho Code, shall have com-

mitted a violation under the infraction or misdemeanor provisions of section [49-1013](#), Idaho Code.

[49-438, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 100, p. 633; am. 1991, ch. 295, sec. 5, p. 779; am. 1993, ch. 273, sec. 3, p. 921; am. 2000, ch. 418, sec. 12, p. 1349; am. 2001, ch. 355, sec. 4, p. 1249.]

49-439. AUDIT GUIDELINES. (1) The state tax commission on behalf of the department may audit an owner of motor vehicles subject to fees pursuant to this chapter.

(2) Every owner whose fees are computed as specified in section [49-434](#) or [49-435](#), Idaho Code, except those registering under subsection (8) (c) of section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, for over fifty thousand (50,000) miles driven, shall maintain records and permit the state tax commission to inspect the records upon request to substantiate that the actual miles traveled, if using a mileage schedule in subsection (8) (c) of section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, are less than the maximum mileage schedule.

(3) When the records are maintained outside this state by owners engaged in transportation in this state, the owner shall reimburse the state tax commission for reasonable expenses incurred by the state tax commission in conducting audits of those records and accounts at the out-of-state location. The owner or the state tax commission may request that the records be presented at a place within the state designated by the state tax commission. The records must be presented by a representative of the owner who is familiar with the records and who is responsible for the safekeeping of the records.

(4) Every owner is required to maintain records for the current year and the three (3) years immediately preceding. If an assessment has been made, such audit assessment may be collected by a proceeding in court within a period of three (3) years after the assessment or a final order entered pursuant to subsection (7) of this section.

(5) An owner who fails to maintain records as required by the provisions of this section may have the registration of all vehicles registered under section [49-434](#) or [49-435](#), Idaho Code, suspended until such time as adequate records as required by the provisions of this section are provided. In the event that the owner does not produce records, the state tax commission may generate a notice of deficiency based on an estimate of the operation. The state tax commission shall develop a methodology to be used to calculate a notice of deficiency based on an estimate of the operation. That methodology shall be in accordance with the international registration plan and international fuel tax agreement guidelines.

(6) The state tax commission shall provide the carrier with notice of deficiency and the opportunity to use the appeals process prior to a suspension. An owner may contest a notice of deficiency made by the state tax commission within thirty (30) days from receipt of the notice by filing an appeal in accordance with sections [63-3045](#), [63-3045B](#), [63-3047](#), [63-3048](#) and [63-3049](#), Idaho Code.

(7) An owner, as identified by the state tax commission, who fails to pay any audit assessment due is subject to suspension of vehicle registrations. A reinstatement fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) shall be imposed in addition to a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of audit assessment determined to be due, plus interest of one percent (1%) of the amount of the audit assessment due for each month or fraction thereof after the original registration fee became due. An order suspending the vehicle registration



shall be mailed to the owner by the department. The suspension shall be canceled if the payment due is made, plus penalty and interest, along with the reinstatement fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) per carrier within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the suspension order. The reinstatement fees shall be deposited to the state highway account. The department shall not reregister or permit a vehicle to operate on a trip permit until all audit assessments, penalties and interest have been paid.

[49-439, added 1993, ch. 138, sec. 1, p. 342; am. 2000, ch. 418, sec. 13, p. 1349; am. 2004, ch. 234, sec. 2, p. 691.]

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

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

Every license plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the vehicle and its owner and the name "Idaho," which may be abbreviated. The plates issued under the provisions of section [49-402](#)(1), Idaho Code, and the required letters and numerals, including an identification of the county in which the motor vehicle to which the plates will be affixed is registered, shall be of sufficient size to be plainly readable from a distance of seventy-five (75) feet during daylight, and each license plate and registration sticker shall be treated with a fully reflectorized material according to specifications prescribed by the board.

(2) License plates shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years beginning with the date of issuance of new plates. At the end of the ninth year, the registered owner shall receive notice of the date upon which the plates will expire.

For specialty license plate programs discontinued pursuant to the provisions of section [49-402C](#), Idaho Code, a registrant with a specialty license plate currently registered under the program may use such license plate for up to ten (10) years from the date of issuance. This provision is intended to permit the use of the specialty plate by the registrant regardless of the number of persons who purchase the specialty plate. The registrant shall be required to pay the special plate program fees provided

for specialty plates pursuant to this chapter. Such fees shall be deposited into the state highway account. For purposes of section [49-434](#), Idaho Code, as it applies to commercial vehicles, and section [49-435](#), Idaho Code, the department shall provide new plates bearing the same number or, upon request from the registered owner, the next available number.

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

The provisions of this subsection shall apply only to vehicles registered under the provisions of section [49-402](#)(1), Idaho Code, and section [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code, as it applies to noncommercial vehicles.

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

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

(6) For license plates that are lost, stolen, mutilated, or illegible, the owner shall apply for a duplicate or substitute. The assessor shall also furnish for each registration, and to validate the license plate, a pressure-sensitive, uniquely numbered, color-coded red, white or blue registration sticker, except for trailers and semitrailers registered under the provisions in section [49-434](#), Idaho Code. License plates issued for state, county and city motor vehicles shall be valid for ten (10) years pursuant to subsection (2) of this section and remain on the vehicle for which issued from year to year and need no renewal or validation sticker.

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

(8) The department shall furnish a printed or an electronic copy of the registration card to every owner whose vehicle is registered under sections [49-434](#) and [49-435](#), Idaho Code.

(9) The board shall have authority to require the return to the department of all license plates and registration stickers upon termination of the lawful use of them by the owner.

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

[49-443, added 1992, ch. 186, sec. 3, p. 579; am. 1996, ch. 396, sec. 2, p. 1327; am. 1997, ch. 129, sec. 10, p. 391; am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 15, p. 1221; am. 2001, ch. 73, sec. 12, p. 165; am. 2007, ch. 23, sec. 2, p. 45; am. 2008, ch. 409, sec. 6, p. 1132; am. 2013, ch. 96, sec. 1, p. 233; am. 2014, ch. 38, sec. 8, p. 76; am. 2016, ch. 121, sec. 1, p. 353; am. 2020, ch. 86, sec. 1, p. 230; am. 2020, ch. 125, sec. 7, p. 392; am. 2021, ch. 321, sec. 36, p. 979.]

49-443B. LICENSE PLATES FOR STATE VEHICLES AND VEHICLES BELONGING TO TAXING DISTRICTS. (1) License plates for state vehicles and vehicles belonging to taxing districts shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years pursuant to section [49-443](#)(2), Idaho Code, and shall remain on the vehicle to which it is issued until transferred to another vehicle or until it is canceled by the department. The department shall be reimbursed by state agencies and the taxing districts for the cost of providing license plates. The department may develop rules to administer this license plate program.

(2) Each license plate issued pursuant to this section shall bear a designator to identify the agency, entity or office to which a vehicle belongs or, for trailers or motorcycles, to specify the plate type. Any vehicle with a license plate issued pursuant to this section that does not comply with the provisions of this subsection as of the effective date of this act shall be reregistered, subject to a reregistration fee of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50), within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act. The designators shall be as follows:

Designator	Agency, entity, office, or plate type
A	Trailer (all weights); small plate
C	School district or miscellaneous city or county agencies, entities or offices
D	Highway district
F	Fire district
G	Fish and game
H	Department of health and welfare
ISP	Idaho state police
J	Department of commerce or department of labor
L	Law enforcement
M	Motorcycle; small plate
P	City police
R	Department of parks and recreation
SO	Sheriff's office
T	Department of transportation
X	Miscellaneous state agencies, entities or offices
Y	Irrigation district
Z	Department of lands

(3) Personalized or specialty license plates are exempt from the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.

[49-443B, added 1992, ch. 35, sec. 27, p. 130; am. 2014, ch. 38, sec. 9, p. 78; am. 2018, ch. 93, sec. 3, p. 200; am. 2020, ch. 86, sec. 2, p. 232.]

49-444. RECREATION VEHICLE REGISTRATION. An applicant for a recreational vehicle registration shall be required to obtain a recreational vehicle annual license as provided in sections [49-445](#) through [49-448](#), Idaho Code, in conjunction with the registration. Truck campers need not be registered before the county assessor can issue a recreational vehicle annual license.

[49-444, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 104, p. 638; am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 16, p. 1223.]

49-445. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ANNUAL LICENSE. (1) There is levied and there shall be collected an annual license fee on each recreational vehicle in Idaho, except recreational vehicles in possession of a manufacturer or dealer and offered for sale or resale. If the recreational vehicle is registered as a motor vehicle under the provisions of this chapter, the annual license fee imposed in this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of the motor vehicle registration fees. Initial license fees for recreational vehicles shall be prorated on a monthly basis for a new owner. Subsequent renewals of the annual license shall require annual fees regardless of the registration date.

(2) The annual license fee imposed upon each recreational vehicle shall be eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) for a market value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less, and an additional five dollars (\$5.00) for each additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or portion of it, of market value.

(3) Payment of the annual license fee shall license the recreational vehicle for a calendar year, irrespective of the month in which it is registered, change of ownership of the vehicle, or change of county of residence of the owner. The recreational vehicle annual license shall expire midnight December 31 of each year.

(4) The license sticker shall be placed on the rear of the recreational vehicle in a manner that is completely visible and shall be kept in a legible condition at all times.

(5) A recreational vehicle that conformed with the definition of a park model recreational vehicle in section [49-117](#), Idaho Code, when new, may be:

- (a) Titled under the provisions of [chapter 5, title 49](#), Idaho Code; and
- (b) Licensed and registered under the provisions of this chapter unless it:
  - (i) Is permanently attached to a foundation;
  - (ii) Has an attached building addition; or
  - (iii) Has been substantially modified in such a way that it no longer meets the definition of a park model recreational vehicle in section [49-117](#), Idaho Code.

[49-445, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 105, p. 639; am. 1993, ch. 286, sec. 1, p. 974; am. 2013, ch. 17, sec. 1, p. 27; am. 2017, ch. 134, sec. 7, p. 319.]

49-446. COUNTY ASSESSOR TO ADMINISTER AND COLLECT LICENSE FEE. (1) The county assessor shall administer and collect the recreational vehicle annual license fee.

(2) Market value of recreational vehicles shall be determined by the county assessor according to the rules and regulations of the state tax commission. Whenever indices are available, the rules and regulations shall use any standard industry indices of retail value of recreational vehicles to determine market value.

[49-446, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 106, p. 640.]

49-447. DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION. The department of parks and recreation shall devise and provide to county assessors suitable identification stickers for attachment to or placement on recreational vehicles to indicate that the annual recreational vehicle license fee has been paid. The sticker shall be of suitable size and design for easy identification, and shall show the year and month of the year in which the license expires. The department shall also provide suitable license forms and all other forms required for the purpose of licensing and shall prepay all charges including mailing fees. Each recreational vehicle license shall be filed annually by the department under a distinctive number assigned to the vehicle and alphabetically under the name of the owner.

[49-447, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 107, p. 640; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 28, p. 130.]

49-448. DISPOSITION OF FEES. Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the revenues received from the annual license fees imposed by section [49-445](#), Idaho Code, for recreational vehicle registration shall be paid over monthly to the county treasurer, to be distributed as follows:

(1) Two dollars (\$2.00) from each recreational vehicle license sold shall be apportioned to the county current expense fund, which shall be deemed necessary costs of collection and administration;

(2) From the balance remaining, ninety-nine percent (99%) shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in a fund known as the "state recreational vehicle fund," which is established in the state treasury, and one percent (1%) shall be distributed to the search and rescue fund created in section [67-2913](#), Idaho Code;

(3) One hundred percent (100%) of the revenues received from the annual license fees for the registration of each park model recreational vehicle of such size and weight as to require a special highway movement permit shall be apportioned to the county current expense fund where the park model recreational vehicle is located.

[49-448, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 108, p. 640; am. 1989, ch. 310, sec. 20, p. 795; am. 1993, ch. 286, sec. 2, p. 974; am. 2000, ch. 186, sec. 2, p. 458; am. 2017, ch. 134, sec. 8, p. 320.]

49-449. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION UPON NOTICE OF THEFT. Whenever the owner of any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer which is stolen files an affidavit with a law enforcement agency alleging such fact, the department shall cancel the registration of such vehicle upon the request of the owner.

[49-449, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 109, p. 641; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 29, p. 130; am. 1998, ch. 392, sec. 17, p. 1223.]

49-450. ADDITIONAL FEE FOR EACH PLATE ISSUED. In addition to the vehicle registration fee provided by law, whenever any plate is issued for vehicle registration, there shall be charged a fee of three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$3.75) per plate, which shall be deposited into the plate manufacturing account created in section [49-450A](#), Idaho Code. The actual cost of producing and distributing license plates and the fifty cents (50¢) per plate fee designated to the Idaho heritage trust for the use of the copyrighted design provided for in section [49-443](#)(1), Idaho Code, shall be paid from the plate manufacturing account. The difference between deposits into the account and disbursements out of the account not anticipated for future production cost increases, shall be transferred by the state controller from the plate manufacturing account to the highway distribution account as established in section [40-701](#), Idaho Code, for apportionment as designated in that section. Funds designated to the Idaho heritage trust shall be matched with equal funds from other sources for funding projects designed to preserve Idaho's historic resources.

[49-450, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 110, p. 641; am. 1989, ch. 263, sec. 1, p. 642; am. 1990, ch. 233, sec. 1, p. 666; am. 1996, ch. 397, sec. 1, p. 1329; am. 2005, ch. 160, sec. 1, p. 492; am. 2017, ch. 233, sec. 16, p. 573.]

49-450A. PLATE MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT. There is hereby created in the state treasury an account to be known as the "plate manufacturing account" for the purpose of paying the actual cost to produce and distribute license plates and to pay costs related to use of the centennial design on the license plate. All moneys in this account are hereby continuously appropriated to the department. Any additional funds required to pay plate production and distribution costs will be transferred by the state controller from the state highway account. Once an adequate cash balance has accumulated in the plate manufacturing account, the state controller will transfer funds from the plate manufacturing account to reimburse the state highway account.

[49-450A, added 1989, ch. 263, sec. 2, p. 642; am. 1990, ch. 233, sec. 2, p. 666; am. 1994, ch. 180, sec. 89, p. 487; am. 2005, ch. 160, sec. 2, p. 493; am. 2017, ch. 233, sec. 17, p. 573.]

49-451. VEHICLE LICENSE COST RECOVERY FEE -- LIMITATIONS. (1) A car rental company may include separately stated surcharges, fees or charges in a rental agreement, which may include, but shall not be limited to, vehicle license cost recovery fees, airport access fees, airport concession fees and all applicable taxes.

(2) If a car rental company includes a vehicle license cost recovery fee as a separately stated charge in a rental transaction, the amount of the fee shall represent the car rental company's good-faith estimate of the car rental company's daily charge as calculated by the car rental company to recover its actual total annual motor vehicle licensing, titling, registration, plating and inspection costs.

(3) If the total amount of the vehicle license cost recovery fees collected by a car rental company under this section in any calendar year exceeds the car rental company's actual costs to license, title, register and plate motor vehicles and have the same inspected for that calendar year, the car rental company shall retain the excess amount and adjust the estimated



average per vehicle licensing, titling, registration, plating and inspection charge for the following calendar year by a corresponding amount.

(4) For purposes of this section, "vehicle license cost recovery fee" means a charge that may be separately stated and charged on the rental contract in a vehicle rental transaction originating in this state to recover costs incurred by a car rental company to license, title, register, plate and inspect rental vehicles.

[49-451, added 2010, ch. 262, sec. 1, p. 664.]

49-452. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FEE. (1) An emergency medical services fee of one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) shall be collected in addition to each motor vehicle registration fee amount collected under the provisions of this chapter, with the exception of those vehicles proportionally registered under section [49-435](#), Idaho Code. Twenty-five cents (25¢) of the fee shall be retained by the county of residence for use in funding local emergency medical service costs. One dollar (\$1.00) of the fee shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the emergency medical services fund established in section [56-1018](#), Idaho Code.

(2) For vehicles registered under the provisions of section [49-402B](#), Idaho Code, the fee shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50). Fifty cents (50¢) of the fee shall be retained by the county of residence for use in funding local emergency medical services costs. Two dollars (\$2.00) of the fee shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for deposit in the emergency medical services fund established in section [56-1018](#), Idaho Code.

[49-452, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 112, p. 641; am. 1990, ch. 139, sec. 1, p. 315; am. 1999, ch. 90, sec. 3, p. 292; am. 2001, ch. 110, sec. 50, p. 399.]

49-453. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM FEE. A motorcycle safety program fee of six dollars (\$6.00) shall be collected in addition to each motorcycle registration fee assessed pursuant to section [49-402](#), Idaho Code. Such fees shall be deposited to the motorcycle safety program fund established in section [33-4904](#), Idaho Code.

[49-453, added 2005, ch. 308, sec. 2, p. 960.]

49-454. PROJECT CHOICE FEE. (1) A project choice program fee of three dollars (\$3.00) shall be collected in addition to each registration fee assessed pursuant to section [49-402](#)(1), (2) or (3), [49-411](#), [49-412](#) or [49-434](#)(1), Idaho Code. Such fees shall be deposited to the Idaho law enforcement fund established in section [67-2914](#), Idaho Code.

(2) The project choice program fee shall be collected and deposited pursuant to subsection (1) of this section for registrations for calendar year 2007 and thereafter.

(3) The project choice fee shall be used, subject to appropriation, exclusively for the purposes of creating a career ladder within the Idaho state police and to provide salaries to encourage the hiring and retention of trained and qualified employees for Idaho state police positions. Idaho state police personnel who have participated in and benefited from the use of the project choice fee, as of July 1, 2010, shall continue to participate in and benefit from the project choice fee while employed by the Idaho state police. Provided however, that beginning July 1, 2010, the use of the project

choice fee shall be restricted in the following manner: the project choice fee shall be used exclusively for the purposes of creating a career ladder for commissioned officers, dispatch personnel and forensic personnel within the Idaho state police; and to provide salaries to encourage the hiring and retention of trained and qualified commissioned officers, dispatch personnel and forensic personnel.

[49-454, added 2006, ch. 227, sec. 1, p. 679; am. 2010, ch. 177, sec. 1, p. 365.]

49-456. VIOLATIONS OF REGISTRATION PROVISIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person:

(1) To operate or for the owner to permit the operation upon a highway of any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer that is not registered and that does not have attached and displayed the license plates assigned to it for the current registration year, subject to the exemptions allowed in sections [49-426](#), [49-431](#) and [49-432](#), Idaho Code.

(2) To operate or for the owner to permit the operation on state and federal lands or upon highways, or sections of highways, as permitted under section [49-426](#) (3) and (4), Idaho Code, any all-terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle or motorbike that does not have a valid and properly displayed restricted license plate issued pursuant to this chapter and attached validation sticker issued pursuant to section [67-7122](#) or [67-7124](#), Idaho Code, subject to the exemptions allowed in section [49-426](#) (2), Idaho Code.

(3) To display or cause or permit to be displayed, or to have in possession, any registration card or license plate knowing the same to be fictitious or to have been canceled, revoked, suspended or altered.

(4) To lend or knowingly permit the use by one not entitled to any registration card or license plate issued to the person so lending or permitting that use.

(5) To fail or refuse to surrender to the department, upon demand, any registration card or license plate that has been suspended, canceled or revoked.

(6) To use a false or fictitious name or address in any application for the registration of any vehicle, or for any renewal or duplicate, or knowingly to make a false statement or conceal a material fact or otherwise commit a fraud in any application.

[49-456, added 1988, ch. 265, sec. 114, p. 642; am. 1992, ch. 35, sec. 31, p. 131; am. 2008, ch. 409, sec. 7, p. 1134; am. 2009, ch. 157, sec. 9, p. 469; am. 2021, ch. 149, sec. 29, p. 420.]

49-457. ELECTRIC VEHICLE FEE -- PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLE FEE. (1) An electric vehicle fee of one hundred forty dollars (\$140) shall be collected in addition to all other registration fees assessed pursuant to this chapter on each electric vehicle registered. Provided however, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to neighborhood electric vehicles as defined in sections [49-115](#) and [49-123](#), Idaho Code.

(2) A plug-in hybrid vehicle fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) shall be collected in addition to all other registration fees assessed pursuant to this chapter on each plug-in hybrid vehicle registered.

(3) All fees provided for in this section shall be deposited to the highway distribution account as established in section [40-701](#), Idaho Code, and shall be apportioned as provided for in that section.

(4) For purposes of this chapter, "electric vehicle" means a vehicle powered only by a form of electricity and "plug-in hybrid vehicle" means a motor vehicle with a hybrid propulsion system that operates on both electricity obtained from the grid and traditional fuel.

[49-457, added 2015, ch. 341, sec. 3, p. 1282; am. 2017, ch. 43, sec. 1, p. 63.]

49-458. MILITARY VEHICLES. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, a vehicle built for the United States armed forces may be registered and operated on public highways of this state, because such vehicles were manufactured in accordance with department of defense military safety standards. A federal form 97 shall be provided at the time of registration. If no federal form 97 is available, the applicant may apply for a conditional title.

[49-458, added 2018, ch. 237, sec. 1, p. 556.]