

Dealer Bulletin

January 25, 2007

Blue plates to be replaced beginning Jan. 1

Beginning Jan. 1, the Department of State is replacing the blue standard license plate with a new plate that has blue letters, a blue bar along the top and a white reflective background. Required under Public Act 177 of 2006, the new plate is issued whenever vehicle owners renew, transfer or replace their blue plate. The following information will assist you in processing vehicle sales and in answering any questions that your customers might raise.

1. **Replacing the blue plate:** A standard blue plate may no longer be transferred to another vehicle. Instead, a new standard plate will be issued to replace the blue plate. There is no cost for the new standard plate except for the transfer fee. Customers also have the option of selecting another type of plate, such as the new Spectacular Peninsulas plate for \$5 or the university or special-cause fundraising plates for \$35.
2. **BFS-4 temporary registration:** Please make sure you have plenty of BFS-4 temporary registrations (paper license plates) on hand. These may be purchased at any Secretary of State office at a cost of five forms for \$5. When processing a vehicle sale involving a blue plate transfer, issue a paper plate. This will allow the customer to drive while the vehicle's title and paperwork is processed. Please notify customers as soon as their new plate arrives and either mail it to them or make arrangements to have them pick up it from the dealership. **NOTE:** Please contact your local Secretary of State office for expedited RD-108 processing if the customer's temporary registration is nearing expiration.
3. **Disability plates:** A BFS-4 temporary registration should be issued to customers who are transferring a standard blue disability plate. Please inform them that the disability placard may be used for parking until their new disability plate arrives in the mail. If they do not have a placard, one may be obtained at no cost at any Secretary of State office.
4. **Personalized and amateur radio operator blue plates:** Customers with a blue personalized or amateur radio operator plate will receive the new standard personalized or amateur radio operator plate with the same letter and number configuration as the old one. The new plate will be mailed by the Department of State to the vehicle owner within two weeks.
5. **Great Lakes Splendor and Auto Centennial plates:** The Great Lakes Splendor plate is no longer issued by the department beginning Jan. 1. Customers with Great Lakes Splendor and Auto Centennial plates may continue to renew and transfer them. A \$5 fee is due if they wish to purchase the new standard or Spectacular Peninsulas plate to replace their Great Lakes Splendor or Auto Centennial plates.
6. **Disposing of the blue plate:** Once their new plate arrives, customers may keep their blue plate as a collectable. Or they may dispose of it by cutting it in half or bending off a corner. Recycling might be another option. Customers should check with their local recyclers for more information.

By working together to successfully implement these changes, we will improve our license plate system and enhance public safety. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the Department of State Information Center at 888-SOS-MICH (888-767-6424) or go online to www.Michigan.gov/sos.



Blue Standard Plate
No Longer Issued



New Standard Plate Available
January 1, 2007



New "Spectacular Peninsulas"
Plate Available January 1, 2007



Not Available After January 1, 2007.
Owners May Renew and Transfer.