

**2200 Division of Motor Vehicles
Vehicle Services**

2279 Motor Vehicle Registration Plates (Formerly Reg. No. 79)

Whereas, Delaware laws provide that the Department shall be the agency for issuing authorized registration plates; and

Whereas, it is not considered feasible to allow motorists to purchase registration plates from any available source they may choose; and

Whereas, it is in the public interest that a certain amount of regulation must be exercised to maintain uniformity, integrity and control on the registration plates being displayed; and

Whereas, there is much public sentiment for continued recognition of historic plates;

1.0 Registration Plates

The following regulation is adopted effective May 1, 1986:

- 1.1 All authentic registration plates issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles are authorized by the Department of Public Safety for display on the rear of vehicles (pursuant to 21 **Del.C.** Section 2121), except for those plates specified under Paragraph 1.3 below.
- 1.2 All exact reproductions of Delaware registration plates issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles are authorized by the Department of Public Safety for display on the rear of vehicles.
- 1.3 Notwithstanding the provision of Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 no registration plate is authorized for display on the rear of a motor vehicle if any letter or number of the assigned registration number is less than three (3) inches in height. However, this paragraph shall not apply to those plates with a prefix of "PC" or "CL" or to those vanity plates issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles with suffixes that have smaller letters or numbers. This paragraph shall not apply to motorcycle or moped license plates since those plates are of a smaller configuration.
- 1.4 No vehicle shall be passed, at time of safety inspection, if the registration plate being displayed is not authorized pursuant to the provisions of this regulation.