

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Statutory Authority: 21 Delaware Code, Section 2121; 29 Delaware Code, Section 8404
(21 Del.C. §2121 & 29 Del.C. §8404)
2 DE Admin. Code 2261

FINAL

ORDER

2261 Changing of License Plate Numbers and Establishing a Fee for Such Change

2 DE Admin. Code 2261 allows DMV to establish a service fee for changing a license plate number on a vehicle at the owner's request. Under Subchapter 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 21 of the **Delaware Code**, the DMV is authorized to issue license plates to vehicles. Since the switching of license plates is at the owner's request it creates additional work for DMV. 2 DE Admin. Code 2261 references other fees that in 21 **Delaware Code**. HB 140 recently updated these fees so this Administrative Code is being updated to reflect the new fees in HB 140.

Findings of Fact

Based on Delaware law and the record in this docket, I make the following findings of fact:

1. The proposed regulation is not in conflict with Delaware law.
2. The proposed regulation is an appropriate exercise of the Department's responsibilities and authority.

Decision and Effective Date

Based on the provisions of 21 **Del.C.** §2121; 29 **Del.C.** §8404, I hereby adopt 2 **DE Admin. Code** 2261 as set forth in the version attached hereto, to be effective on December 1, 2015.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 5th day of November 2015.
Jennifer Cohan, Secretary of Transportation

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1.0 License Plate Numbers

Whereas, the Division of Motor Vehicles has changed license plate numbers for many vehicle owners during the past few years just to give such owner a different number; and

Whereas, this service is not required since the vehicle is properly registered with a license plate, but is an effort by the Division of Motor Vehicles to satisfy the customer; and

Whereas, the number of requests are rapidly increasing and causing extra work on all employees;

2.0 Fees

2.1 Be it resolved that effective immediately the following fees are to be assessed for a change of license plate on a vehicle already registered with a Delaware license plate which is valid or has expired within the immediate past 12 months.

\$6.00 <u>\$10.00</u>	Duplicate Plate and Validation Sticker
\$25.00 <u>\$35.00</u>	Title Fee (\$35.00 <u>\$55.00</u> for Title with Lien)
\$15.00	Service Fee
\$46.00 <u>\$60.00</u>	TOTAL

* **Note:** Title Fee was increased from ~~\$45.00~~ \$25.00 and from ~~\$25.00~~ \$35.00 for Title with Lien by HB ~~253~~ 140 of the 1448th General Assembly.

2.2 This new fee does not alter existing fees for other types of title transactions, such as: tag retentions; new titles for vehicles for which the tag has expired over 1 year; or new registration.

19 DE Reg. 527 (12/01/15) (Final)