

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Statutory Authority: 21 Delaware Code, Sections 302 and 303; 29 Delaware Code, Section 8404
(21 Del.C. §§302 & 303; 29 Del.C. §8404)

PROPOSED

PUBLIC NOTICE

2288 Special Group or Organization Registration Plates for Persons With Disabilities

Comment Period for Draft Regulations

Background

The Delaware Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is seeking public comment regarding the provision of Special License Plates for Persons with Disabilities.

Under Subchapter 2 of Chapter 21 of Title 21 of the Delaware Code, the DMV is authorized to issue special license plates to organizations and groups. The DMV is also authorized under Section 2134 of the same Title to issue special license plates for persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk. These plates feature the international person with disability wheelchair symbol. Some of these persons with disabilities may also wish to display their affiliation or support for an organization or group, while retaining their rights to consideration as a person with disabilities.

The draft regulations would authorize the DMV to design and issue special registration plates for groups and organizations that also include the international person with disability wheelchair symbol.

Public Comment Period

The Department will take written comments on the proposed Regulation for this alternative registration plate from February 1, 2015 through March 4, 2015. The proposed Regulation appears below.

Any requests for copies of the proposed Regulations, or any questions or comments regarding this document should be directed to:

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1.0 Design and Issue

The Division of Motor Vehicles may design and issue special registration plates for groups or organizations as defined in Delaware Code Title 21, Chapter 21, Subchapter 2, to include the international person with disability wheelchair symbol.

2.0 Special Plate Qualification

To qualify for a special registration plate under this Regulation, the applicant or a household member shall have 1 or more of the disabilities that are permanent with no prognosis for improvement as defined in 21 Del.C. §2134.

3.0 Specialty Plate Issuance

The person for whom a specialty plate is issued under this Regulation must be the driver of or a passenger in the vehicle bearing the special plate issued under this Regulation, whenever the vehicle parks in a parking space or zone restricted for use only by vehicles with a special license plate or placard for persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk.

4.0 Parking Access

A vehicle with a special plate issued under this Regulation may park in parking spaces or zones restricted for use by persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk.

5.0 Display Restrictions

Only passenger cars, station wagons, pickup trucks, motorcycles, panel van trucks and other motor vehicles that are reasonably used by persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk and that have a gross registered weight which does not exceed 10,000 lbs. may display a special plate issued under this Regulation.

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