

7403.0900 SPECIAL PLATES ASSIGNMENT, RETENTION, TRANSFER.

Subpart 1. **In general.** Special plates, as specified in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168, are assigned by the division to an owner for the exclusive use on the vehicle described in the application.

Subp. 2. **Transfer.** Special plates may be transferred to another vehicle owned by the applicant upon:

- A. written notification, on a form prescribed by the registrar, to the registrar;
- B. payment of the prescribed transfer fee as provided by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168; and
- C. registration of the vehicle in Minnesota.

Subp. 3. **Election to transfer plates.** If an owner sells a vehicle to which special plates have been issued, the owner may elect to transfer the special plates with the vehicle to an eligible buyer or vehicle. Eligibility is determined by the particular provision in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168, governing the issuance of the particular special plate. The buyer of the special plates shall submit the necessary information, on a form prescribed by the registrar, to verify eligibility for the special plates.

Upon transferring the special plates to an eligible buyer, the owner automatically assigns to the buyer the right to reserve that combination of characters and the right to any refund of the personalized plate fees.

Special plates are considered assigned to the buyer of the vehicle unless the owner elects to retain the plates according to the procedures in subpart 4.

Subp. 4. **Election to retain plates.** If an owner sells a vehicle to which special plates have been issued and elects to retain the special plates, it is the responsibility of the owner or the owner's agent to apply for regular plates before the vehicle is sold. However, the owner is not required to obtain regular plates before the vehicle is sold if the owner notifies the department, in writing:

- A. of the disposition of the special plates;
- B. whether the owner will retain the rights to the plate combination; and
- C. if the vehicle will be sold to:
 - (1) a junk yard, scrap yard, insurance company, or salvage pool because the vehicle was severely damaged or because the vehicle will be dismantled or destroyed;
 - (2) an out-of-state buyer and plates will be secured in the buyer's home state;or
 - (3) a buyer who holds special plates for the buyer's own use.

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 17 SR 1892]

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