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SUBJECT: Legislative Changes

This letter contains information about new and amended laws from the 2023 Legislative Session. Unless otherwise stated, the law changes become effective **January 1, 2024**.

If you have any questions regarding the changes, please call DMV Customer Assistance (in Salem call 503-945-5000, in Portland call 503-299-9999, or call the DMV number listed in your local directory). For further information after January 1, 2024, you can visit the DMV website at www.oregondmv.com.

House Bill (HB) 2100 Transportation Funding - Vehicles

The 2023 Legislature increased certain vehicle and dealer fees and amended the registration period for motorcycles and mopeds.

Fees are effective January 1, 2024.

	Current Fee	New Fee
License Plate Transfer	\$6.00	\$30.00
Replacement Plate/Sticker	\$5 or \$10	\$12.00
VIN Inspection	\$7.00	\$9.00
Plate Fee – Single	\$12.50	\$13.00
Plate Fee – Pair	\$25.50	\$26.00
Recreation Trailer and Camper for each foot over 10 ft.	\$6.75 / ft. + \$81 base fee	\$7.00 / ft. + \$81 base fee
Motorhome 14 ft and under	\$86 base fee	\$86 base fee
Motorhome over 14 ft. for each foot over 10ft.	\$7.50 / ft. + \$126 base fee	\$8.00 / ft. + \$126 base fee

DMV will use the date of sale and registration period to determine which fees are owed. Oregon dealer transactions with a date of sale prior to January 1, 2024, will be charged previous fees until February 14, 2024. Transactions received after February 14, 2024, will be charged the new fees. Transactions for vehicles sold by a dealer on or after January 1, 2024, are subject to the new fees.

New registration fees apply to registration periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

Motorcycle and Moped Registration Period Changes

Prior to January 1, 2024, initial registration periods for motorcycles and mopeds are four years if registered with an MCO or MSO. Motorcycles and mopeds with registration periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, will be registered for two years.

DMV begins the registration period on a vehicle registered with an MCO or MSO based on the date the temporary registration permit was issued.

Business-Related Fee Changes

	Current Fee	New Fee
Document Processing Fee with EVR	\$150.00	\$250.00
Document Processing Fee without EVR	\$115.00	\$200.00
Integrator Fee	\$25.00	\$35.00

Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR) is available for Oregon dealers through a third-party integrator, Vitu. The new integrator fee will be owed to the integrator for transactions submitted through EVR on or after January 1, 2024.

Beginning January 1, 2024, dealers must ensure that document processing fees do not exceed the amount allowed.

For additional information on fees, see Chapter M, Fees, of the Title and Registration Handbook. The Title and Registration Handbook is online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/DMV/pages/dealers/titlereghndbk.aspx>

HB 2099 ODOT Omnibus Bill

Several sections of HB 2099 pertain to vehicle-related subjects or business.

Sections 24 - 24a: Voluntary Odometer

Effective September 24th, 2023, DMV no longer records voluntary odometer readings. If a voluntary odometer reading is provided to DMV, DMV employees will not enter the voluntary ODO, nor will DMV's computer system accept the reading. DMV will only enter and accept federally required odometer disclosures. If the vehicle model year is 2011 or newer and less than 20 years old, customers must provide an odometer disclosure.

Customers do NOT need an odometer disclosure for:

- Vehicles not manufactured with an odometer;
- Vehicles with model year 2010 or older;
- Vehicles that are not self-propelled, such as trailers or campers;
- Vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating over 16,000 pounds;
- Class 1 ATVs;
- Snowmobiles; and
- Title transfers when at least one owner is staying on the title.

The buyer and seller of a vehicle must complete the odometer disclosure for subject vehicles using:

- The space on the back of the title; or
- A Secure Odometer Disclosure form

If the customer buys a 2011 or newer vehicle and the title is lost or destroyed, the seller must get a replacement title, except in operation-of-law transactions. The odometer reading can be disclosed on the back of the new title.

Sections 16 - 19: Dealers

Sections 16 through 19 made the following changes pertaining to Oregon vehicle dealers:

- Defines “normal business hours” for dealer inspections. It specifies that DMV may make inspections during DMV’s normal business hours.
- Amends ORS 822.020 by clarifying expiration and renewal information for dealer certificates into a single statute.
- Establishes conditions for use of dealer plates and limiting use to specific business-related activities by including the requirement that the vehicle must be offered for sale and on display during normal business hours.
- Allows DMV Dealer Investigations to suspend, revoke, or place on probation any dealer who fails to pay a civil penalty within ten (10) days after the order becomes final, or for improper use of dealer plates.
- Establishes DMV authority to refuse to issue or renew a dealer certificate for unpaid civil penalties unless paid in full or until six years have passed since the date of the final order.

Sections 30 - 33: Transporters

Beginning January 1, 2024, issuance or renewal of a transporter certificate is changing from a one-year to a three-year period. The annual fee of \$150 is not increasing. However, DMV will begin collecting a three-year application fee of \$450. All original applications and renewals postmarked 01/01/2024, or later, will receive a three-year transporter certificate.

DMV can no longer issue more than ten (10) transporter plates per certified transporter. All plates in the transporter’s possession over ten must be returned to DMV. Transporters will notify DMV which ten transporter plates they will retain. If a transporter does not notify DMV of which plates they are retaining, DMV will make that determination, invalidate all plates in excess of ten and notify the transporter. The transporter will then be required to reconcile the plate information and return or replace plates.

DMV terminated all reciprocity agreements for transporter plates with other jurisdictions with which they had such agreements effective January 1, 2024. A termination of agreement letter was sent to the following 17 jurisdictions:

- Arizona
- California
- Florida
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Rhode Island
- Texas
- Virginia
- Wisconsin

This means Oregon transporters may not use Oregon transporter plates outside of Oregon. Other states’ transporters must obtain an Oregon trip permit to transport vehicles within Oregon. Violation or misuse of transporter plates is a Class D traffic violation issued to the driver.

Sections 20 - 23: Special Interest Plates, Plate Transfer Eligibility, & VIN Inspection Changes

Section 20 amends ORS 805.210, giving DMV authority to determine which plates may be used for special interest (permanent) registration.

Section 21 amends ORS 803.530, establishing DMV’s authority to determine which registration plates DMV no longer issues may be transferred to another vehicle.

Section 22 repeals ORS 805.242, which discontinues DMV requiring current use plates to be converted to a custom plate type before allowing transfer to another vehicle.

Section 23 amends ORS 805.212, granting DMV rule authority to designate VIN inspectors including law enforcement agencies, and allowing DMV to enter into agreements with law enforcement to perform inspections for compensation.

Sections 50 - 51: Consular Corps Plates

Sections 50 and 51 made changes regarding Consular Corps plates and went into effect September 24, 2023.

This portion of HB 2099 repeals ORS 805.117 which allowed certain individuals to register for an “honorary consul” corps registration plate. Consular Corps registration plates will remain valid until expiration and then cannot be renewed. Customers must replace their Consular Corps plate with another plate at the time of renewal.

Starting September 24, 2023, DMV no longer issues, transfers, or renews Consular Corps plates. DMV sent letters to current plate holders notifying them of the change and that their plates will be valid until expiration.

Senate Bill (SB) 256 Counterfeit Supplemental Restraint Systems

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that counterfeit airbags consistently malfunction, including nondeployment and sometimes expulsion of shrapnel. A single counterfeit airbag or supplemental restraint system (SRS) component can disrupt an entire SRS system and put occupants at risk for serious injury.

SB 256 prohibits the manufacture, sale, import, transfer or installation of a counterfeit automobile SRS component, noncompliant replacement part, or nonfunctional airbag, and provides a remedy under the Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA).

There is an exception for an unrepaired deployed airbag, or an airbag installed in a vehicle that is declared a total loss or is a totaled vehicle, or for which the owner has a salvage certificate or similar title from another state. Selling, leasing, trading, or transferring a vehicle with an SRS, airbag, or other objects that do not comply with the Federal Motor Safety Standard, No. 208, 49 C.F.R. 571.208, is not an offense until the installation work is completed and the vehicle is returned to the operator, or the vehicle title is transferred for on-road use.

Direct consumer complaints to the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) Consumer Protection Program, 1-877-877-9392, <https://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection/>.

SB 780 – Unlawful Fender Height Modification

SB 780 creates an offense of unlawful vehicle fender height modification when the front fender is four (4) or more inches higher than the rear fender when operated on a highway. This offense does not apply to vehicles carrying heavy loads that alter the fender height or to vehicles participating in a parade. Violation of this law will result in a Class C traffic violation. However, if the modification contributes to an accident, the offense is a Class A traffic violation.

SB 889 – Class IV ATV Re-Defined, Windshield Wiper Requirement

SB 889 changes the definition of Class IV All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) to be in line with the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) definitions by adding tires designed for off-road use, increasing allowable weight, and decreasing maximum width. The law also requires windshield wipers on a Class IV ATV if the vehicle is operated on a highway and the top edge of the windshield is at least six (6) inches above the steering wheel; or when operated off-highway, the windshield must be unobstructed.

HB 3001 – Gold Star Family Plate Fee Waiver

HB 3001 waives fees for the Fallen Hero roadside memorial highway sign if the applicant is a Gold Star Family member and waives the surcharge for the Gold Star Family Veteran Recognition plate. HB 3001 appropriates \$5,000 from the general fund to pay the Gold Star Family Veteran Recognition plate surcharge and \$20,000 for the cost to erect and maintain the Fallen Hero Roadside memorial signs if the applicant is a Gold Star Family member.

SB 569 – Closed Captioning

SB569 requires all “places of public accommodation” that have a TV display with audio to turn on closed captioning, provided it has the capability of doing so. Any location with multiple TVs must have closed captioning on at least 50% of the TVs. Text must be white on a black background. Closed captioning is not required on TVs where sound is not in use. The Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI) is responsible for creating training and developing guidance for the use of closed captioning, along with enforcement.

Laws and Administrative Rules Adopted Prior to 2023, Effective January 1, 2024

- **SB 300 – Oregon Tow Board Fee (2021 Legislative Session)**
The 2021 Legislature approved SB 300 which created the State Board of Towing. In September 2023, the State Board of Towing approved an administrative rule that allows collection of a \$100 fee from each certified tow truck owner registered in Oregon. DMV will add the \$100 fee to each tow certificate issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.
- **HB 2017: Phase IV - Trip Permit Fees**
The fees for a light vehicle trip permit and recreational vehicle (RV) trip permits are increasing January 1, 2024. All other trip permit fees are not increasing.

Trip Permits	New Fee
DMV Light Vehicle Trip Permit (304)	\$35
RV Trip Permit (305) each	\$35
RV Trip Permit (305) 25/book	\$875
Dealer Light Vehicle Trip Permit (306) 25/book	\$875
Dealer Light Vehicle Trip Permit (306A) 5/book	\$175

- **HB Vietnam Veterans of America or Non-Commissioned Officer Association (NCOA) Plates - Eligibility**

Effective January 3, 2024, customers applying for original Vietnam Veterans of America or Non-Commissioned Officer Association (NCOA) plates must prove eligibility. All Vietnam Veterans of America or NCOA plates issued prior to January 2024 may be renewed or replaced by the current plate owner without proving eligibility. If a customer purchases a vehicle with Vietnam Veterans of America or NCOA plates, they must prove eligibility to retain the plates. If the new owner is not eligible, they must remove the plates and obtain replacements of another type. These changes are administrative in nature and are not associated with any items of legislation.