

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Dealer & Agent Services

To: All Municipalities

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Re: LD 1562 / Specialty Plates – MV-51

As of July 12th, 2010, The State of Maine no longer enacted several laws. The following law changes are generating a lot of questions. Please see our notes to help clarify what is needed.

LD 1562 was the Bureau's departmental bill. It makes a number of changes to Title 29.

- 1. Amends §502 sub-§2 to no longer require that the registration document be returned when a registration is transferred, discontinued or cancelled.***

****** Note *** The exception to this rule are IRP Registrations. If a customer doesn't have the yellow registrations, towns will be able to get the required information from (1) their own records (2) contacting INFORME or (3) contacting BMV for the information needed. Customers will NOT be required to purchase a \$2.00 duplicate just to have it thrown away.***

****** Note *** If your town has not yet signed up for INFORME, we would strongly encourage you to do so. This is a FREE service offered to all municipalities. This service is available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. This service allows you unlimited access to Registration and Title information. If you need assistance with this free service, or would like more information, please call INFORME at 877-212-6500. You will be provided with a log-on and password to use this service. The Web-Address for INFORME is <http://www.informe.org/subscribe/subscribe.html>***

I have also been asked to once again to remind everyone concerning the MV-51's.

While you are filling out the MV-51, it is very important you indicate on the MV-51 how many sets of the specialty plates you currently have in your inventory. The stockroom is unable to ship any orders for specialty plates unless the quantity of the specialty plate inventory being requested is provided on the form. This information is critical as it allows the stockroom to manage inventory levels and maintain enough materials for all municipalities while minimizing costs.

Since the delivery of ordered plates has been streamlined, most municipalities should wait until their inventory is between 3 to 5 sets of plates (depending upon the size of the municipality) prior to ordering additional inventory. Delivery of plates may occur within 2 to 3 days and every effort will be made to ensure municipalities receive inventories when needed.

The revised MV-51 (rev. 12/09) has a space that allows you to indicate how many sets of the specialty plates you have in inventory. You can continue to use the old version until the supply in the Stockroom has been depleted. When using the old MV-51 form, you would indicate the number of specialty plates in your inventory in the column marked "plate type". See example:

Plate Type	Class	Quantity Ordered	On Hand
Breast Cancer	BC	5	2

The new MV-51 form can be downloaded by going to the MMA website at:

<http://www.memun.org/members/clerk/MotorVehicle/index.htm>

Please log into the website using your username and password. Then go to the directory and look for the column that has the MV-51 form.

Your assistance in avoiding ordering excess inventory is appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give us a call @ 624-9000, ext. 52163