

DMV UPDATE

Following is a summary of legislation that will go into effect July 1, 2009. If after review of this information you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

House Bill 1037:

Increases the fee for mailing license plates and decals and imposes a fee for the reassignment of a license plate.

The fee to mail decals will increase from \$.50 to \$1.00 per set of decals. The fee to mail a set of license plates will increase to \$5.00.

Whenever license plates (regular or special) are reassigned to a different vehicle, a \$5.00 reassignment fee will be assessed.

House Bill 1072:

Increases the (tourism) gross receipts tax.

Increases the 1 percent (tourism) gross receipts tax collected on motor vehicle rentals, to 1-1/2 percent. [This tax is collected year-around.] The tax will revert back to 1% in July of 2011.

House Bill 1133:

Provides for organization plates for motorcycles.

A resident owner of a motorcycle who has a SD Drivers License or ID can now get organization plates. The same criterion that applies to organization plates for vehicles applies to motorcycles.

House Bill 1150:

Changes the fees for temporary dealer license permits and provides a penalty provision for violations of the permit laws and regulations.

Instead of charging different fees for the different types of temporary dealer license permits, each permit fee will be uniform. If the permit is purchased prior to the event, the permit fee will be \$250; however, if the permit is purchased at the event, the fee will be \$500.

Anyone found in violation of our permit laws and regulations will be prohibited from obtaining a temporary dealer license permit for a period of one year from the date of the violation.

Senate Bill 32:

Implements a Highway Patrol license fee.

Provides for the assessment of a \$1.00 fee on each vehicle registered and licensed under SDCL 32-5, 32-9, and 32-10 (includes all noncommercial and commercial registrations). The fee will not be collected on boat or snowmobile registrations. The \$1.00 fee is dedicated to the administration of the Division of Highway Patrol.

Senate Bill 46:

Changes the name of adjustment training centers.

Any reference made to an adjustment training center will now be changed to community support provider. (Our reference is in 32-5-42.1, special plates).

Senate Bill 151:

Provides for special license plates for parents of members of the US Armed Forces who died while in service to this country.

Gold Star Parent license plates will be offered to a resident owner of a motor vehicle (noncommercial vehicle) who is a parent of a member of the US Armed Forces who died while in service or who died as a result of the service.

Eligibility of an applicant for the special plates will be done by requiring that the applicant furnish, along with the South Dakota Special License Plate application, a copy of the service member's DD1300 form; or if an overseas death, the overseas death certificate issued by the US Department of Military and Veteran Affairs; or if a service related death after discharge, verification from the US Military and Veteran Affairs that the service member's death was service related. If further verification is deemed necessary, the department will confirm information directly through the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. (The special license plate application is being revised to include the new plate and what is required.)

An applicant is restricted to two sets of the special plates.

Upon initial application, an applicant will pay a \$10 fee for the special plates, plus the vehicle's registration fees. In subsequent years, the applicant pays the registration fees, with no additional charge for the special plates.

