**Section 5040.320 License Plates**

a) Each vehicle, except as otherwise provided in this Section, shall display valid Illinois license plates that are distinct from plates issued to the general public.

b) Conventional plates will be issued as allowed by law (see the State Vehicle Identification Act [30 ILCS 610]) and when necessary to meet operational needs.

c) All requests for conventional plates must be justified by the requesting agency head and approved by CMS. Requests will be granted upon a showing of the following:

1) The agency head details why the conventional plate is necessary for the operations of the agency and how it complies with the referenced statute.

2) The agency head must certify that the vehicle bearing the conventional plate will be used substantially full-time in functions requiring the conventional plate. Occasional needs should be satisfied by private vehicle rental.

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