

the words "deputy sheriff" would require a plate twelve inches by eighteen inches.

If this type of registration were pursued throughout the State, it would require the issuance of several hundred special oversized tags. This is true since there are many persons designated as deputy sheriffs throughout the State and, in fact, many of the county sheriffs appoint deputies who have no real official duties but are appointed, to a large extent, on a courtesy basis. Under this legislation, a sheriff could have a special plate issued to a friend to be displayed on his privately owned vehicle simply by designating that friend a deputy sheriff.

I would also like to point out that the request for the issuance of special tags on publicly owned vehicles is unusual and that many law enforcement agencies request conventional tags to hide their identity therefore making it easier for them to enforce the law. In some cases, these law enforcement agencies request that the tag number be kept confidential because of the nature of their work.

Because of the objections outlined above, I feel that it would be undesirable for me to place my signature on this legislative Act.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,
Governor.