

(b) *The provisions of this section requiring that a registration card be carried in the vehicle to which it refers or by the person driving it do not apply if the card is used for the purpose of making application for transfer of registration of the vehicle.*

§ 3-410. *Registration plates to be furnished by the department.*

(a) *The department upon registering a vehicle shall issue to the owner one registration plate for a motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer, and two registration plates for every other vehicle, but the department may provide for the issuance of only one temporary registration plate for any type of vehicle.*

(b) *Every registration plate shall have displayed upon it the registration number assigned to the vehicle for which it is issued, the name of this State, which may be abbreviated, and the year number for which it is issued or the date of expiration thereof. The registration number shall be not less than 3 inches high, with each stroke not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in width, except that the number on plates for vehicles which require only one registration plate shall be not less than 1 inch high, with each stroke not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch in width. The registration number may consist of letters, numerals, or both. Registration plates SHALL NOT BE REFLECTORIZED BUT shall be manufactured of a material or processed material warranted to have a durability of not less than 5 years.*

(c) *The commissioner may order the continued use during subsequent registration years of registration plates which are valid during any current registration year, and after doing so shall issue, at the time a vehicle's registration is renewed, a validation tab to evidence payment of the vehicle's annual registration fee. The tab shall be displayed upon the plates of the vehicle in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.*

(d) *The department shall issue for every passenger motor vehicle rented without a driver the same type of registration plates as the type of plates issued for a private passenger vehicle.*

§ 3-411. *Display of registration plates.*

(a) *On vehicles for which two registration plates are issued one plate shall be attached in the front and the other in the rear of the vehicle. On vehicles for which one registration plate is issued the plate shall be attached to the rear of the vehicle.*

(b) *Every registration plate at all times shall be securely fastened in a horizontal position to the vehicle for which it is issued so as to prevent the plate from swinging and in a place and position to be clearly visible, and shall be maintained free from foreign materials and in a condition to be clearly legible.*

(c) *No person shall operate nor shall an owner permit to be operated on any highway of this State, any vehicle required to be registered hereunder, unless there shall be attached thereto and displayed thereon when and as required in this subtitle a valid registration plate or plates issued therefor by the department for the current registration period, and any validation tab issued pursuant to section 3-410(c), except as otherwise expressly permitted in this article.*