



**INFORMATION NOTICE**

**DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES**

<b>DATE: 07/02/2021</b>	<b>Information Notice (INFO) INFO21-012</b>
<b>SUBJECT: Permanent Registration Decal for Rental Car Companies</b>	

**Overview:**

Beginning July 1, 2021, rental car companies can choose a regular or permanent registration for their vehicles. If permanent is chosen, FLHSMV will issue a registration decal with "PM" printed on it in place of the month and year expiration. The paper registration will also have "Permanent Decal Issued" printed on it.

**Details:**

HB 1135 requires:

1. Vehicles taxed pursuant to s. 320.08(6)(a) may elect a permanent registration period, provided payment of the appropriate license taxes and fees occurs annually.
2. A registration license plate equipped with a validation sticker subject to a permanent registration period is permanently valid but shall become void if appropriate license taxes and fees are not paid annually.
3. For each permanent registration period occurring after the one in which the metal registration license plate is issued and until the license plate is required to be replaced, a validation sticker showing a permanent registration period shall be issued upon payment of the proper license tax amount and fees and is permanently valid, but shall become void if the proper license taxes and fees are not paid annually.

**Questions and Answers**

**1. When will FLHSMV be providing more information on how it will work?**

Prior to the implementation on 7/8.

**2. Most importantly how do companies convert vehicles in the fleet to fleet plate?**

Under this program, companies will not be issued a new 'fleet plate', but instead issued a PM decal to be placed on the vehicle's existing metal plate.

The option is only available in a Tax Collector Office or Private Tag Agency and is applicable to

decal issuances for originals, transfer registration ownership, transfers w/ renewals, renewals, corrections, registration recreates, personalized plate issuance and decal replacements. During the transaction, the registration clerk will be prompted the question “Does the registrant want a regular or permanent decal for this vehicle?” and they can choose yes or no. Each decal issuance transaction has a fee and rental car companies can opt in or out of the permanent registration through visiting a tax collector office or license plate agent office.

- Example 1: A rental car company renewed their registration in March 2021 and on July 2, 2021, they want to change to a permanent registration decal. The company can request a decal replacement and switch from a regular decal to a new PM decal for the vehicle.
- Example 2: A rental car company has regular registration and renews the registration after July 1, 2021. During the renewal, the clerk asks the company if they want a regular or permanent registration for the vehicle. The company chooses a permanent registration and is issued a PM decal for the vehicle.

The program is optional for rental car companies and they can choose a regular or permanent registration. If permanent is chosen, the department will issue a permanent registration decal for the license plate. The license plates will remain the same, however, the decal will be different. The yellow decal will have “PM” printed on it in place of the month and year expiration. The paper registration will have the usual vehicle registration information such as plate number and expiration date, but it will also have “Permanent Decal Issued” printed on it. The registration can be annual or biennial and license plate will continue to expire in ten (10) years.

**3. When can companies start the program?**

Provided the implementation is successful, the permanent registration option will be available on 7/9.

**4. Can companies convert regular decals they have to a permanent decal and transfer to a new vehicle?**

Companies can have a PM decal on a vehicle and transfer the plate and decal to another vehicle.

**5. When will FLHSMV be providing details the authorized registration agents?**

We will provide a technical advisory to all our motor vehicle agents the week of 6/28/2021. The software deployment will occur on 7/8/2021.

**Conclusion:**

If you need additional information, supervisors may contact their next level of management or the Field Support Help Desk.