

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ATTN: Erin Ruby

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

In the drafting instructions, the statutory change directed by the instructions may be inconsistent in part with the rationale described for the change. Under current law (both before and after the 2011 Budget Act), DOT *must* include a symbol on dealer plates that allows the various plates issued to a dealer to be distinguished from each other. In contrast, this bill might be read to allow DOT to decline to issue dealer plates that are distinguishable from each other if DOT chooses.

It is unclear from the proposed language provided to me whether or not DOT would issue the sticker and, if not, whether DOT has authority to prevent stickers from being used. I believe modifications should be made so that the answers to these questions are apparent from the statutory language.

In section 9148 (9i) of the Biennial Budget Act (Act 32), DOT is required to include a proposal to establish a registration plate decal or sticker system under which decals or stickers would be issued centrally by a 3rd-party vendor and would carry an identification marker specific to the registration plate or vehicle for which the decal or sticker is issued. Upon approval of the proposal, DOT must implement the proposal. I am uncertain whether the proposal will include dealer plates, but you may wish to confer with DOT on this issue.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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