

321.57 Operation under special plates.

1. A dealer owning any vehicle of a type otherwise required to be registered under this chapter may operate or move the vehicle upon the highways solely for purposes of transporting, testing, demonstrating, or selling the vehicle without registering the vehicle, upon condition that the vehicle display in the manner prescribed in sections 321.37 and 321.38 a special plate issued to the owner as provided in sections 321.58 to 321.62. Additionally, a new car dealer or a used car dealer may operate or move upon the highways a new or used car or trailer owned by the dealer for either private or business purposes without registering it if the new or used car or trailer is in the dealer's inventory and is continuously offered for sale at retail, and there is displayed on it a special plate issued to the dealer as provided in sections 321.58 to 321.62.
2. In addition, while a service customer is having the customer's own vehicle serviced or repaired by the dealer, the service customer of the dealer may operate upon the highways a motor vehicle owned by the dealer, except a motor truck or truck tractor, upon which there is displayed a special plate issued to the dealer, provided all of the requirements of this section are complied with.
3. Also a transporter may operate or move any vehicle of like type upon the highways solely for the purpose of delivery upon likewise displaying thereon like plates issued to the transporter as provided in these sections.
4. The provisions of this section and sections 321.58 to 321.62 shall not apply to any vehicles offered for hire, work or service vehicles owned by a transporter or dealer.
5. Manufactured or mobile home retailers licensed under chapter 322B may transport and deliver mobile homes or manufactured homes in their inventory upon the highways of this state with a special plate displayed on the mobile home or manufactured home as provided in sections 321.58 to 321.62.
6. A dealer licensed as a wholesaler for a new motor vehicle model under chapter 322 may operate a new motor vehicle of that model, owned by the wholesaler, upon the highway when there is displayed on the vehicle a special plate issued to the wholesaler as provided in sections 321.58 through 321.62 and when operated solely for the purposes of demonstration, show, or exhibition.

[SS15, § 1571-m14; C24, 27, 31, 35, § 4888, 4894, 4895; C39, § **5004.01**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 321.57; 82 Acts, ch 1251, § 12]

92 Acts, ch 1175, § 1; 97 Acts, ch 139, §5, 17; 98 Acts, ch 1121, §5, 9; 99 Acts, ch 188, §11; 2001 Acts, ch 153, §17, 18; 2002 Acts, ch 1063, §19; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §47

Footnotes

For applicable scheduled fine, see §805.8A, subsection 2, paragraph c