

761—401.8(307,321) Reassignment or surrender of special registration plates.**401.8(1) *Reassignment.***

a. A vehicle owner or lessee who has special registration plates assigned to a currently registered vehicle may request that the plates or the plate character sequence be reassigned to another currently registered vehicle owned or leased by that person or owned or leased by another person, provided the assignee is eligible for the special registration plates.

b. To reassign plates to a vehicle owned or leased by another person, a written request for reassignment signed by both the assignor and assignee must be submitted to the county treasurer of the assignee's county of residence. The special registration plates will be issued to the assignee by the county treasurer in exchange for the registration plates previously issued.

401.8(2) *Qualifying events requiring surrender or reassignment.* Special registration plates issued to a person are to be surrendered to the county treasurer in exchange for regular registration plates within 30 days of a qualifying event. Alternatively, a person may request reassignment of the plates within 30 days of a qualifying event. A qualifying event includes the following:

- a.* The person is no longer eligible for the plates.
- b.* The person has sold or transferred the vehicle to another person.
- c.* The person was the lessee of the vehicle and the lease was terminated.
- d.* The person died, except to the extent that Iowa Code section 321.34 permits another person to retain such plates on the vehicle.

401.8(3) *Fees due.* If the vehicle was exempt from the payment of regular registration fees due to the type of special registration plates issued, the vehicle becomes subject to the payment of regular registration fees on the first day of the month following the date of the event that made the person ineligible or the person's death. The regular registration fees will be prorated for the remaining unexpired months of the registration year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 307.12(1)“j,” 321.34 and 321.40.

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