

44.045 Motor vehicles, purchase for state use -- License plates -- Markings and administrative regulations. (Effective July 15, 2026)

- (1) A passenger motor vehicle or vehicles may be purchased by the Finance and Administration Cabinet for the use of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.
- (2) Motor vehicles, including passenger motor vehicles, may be purchased by the Finance and Administration Cabinet as are deemed necessary by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or by the secretary of the Transportation Cabinet for the discharge of the authorized duties and functions of the various agencies of the state. The vehicles shall be used for official purposes only and for no other purposes. The assignment of passenger motor vehicles to specific individuals shall be discouraged but may be made upon approval by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet of a written request to make the assignment by the head of the agency involved.
- (3)
 - (a) All motor vehicles purchased pursuant to this section shall be issued official license plates and shall bear on one (1) door on each side the great seal of the Commonwealth, and the words "For official use only."
 - (b) It shall not be necessary that the vehicles purchased pursuant to subsections (1), (4), and (5) of this section bear the seal and the words.
- (4)
 - (a) The Department of Revenue, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, and the Department of Law may, upon approval by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet of a written request by the head of the agency involved, register a vehicle or vehicles under KRS 186.020 and be issued regular license plates.
 - (b) Except as provided in KRS 16.060 and 16.070 involving off-duty police employment by officers or individuals employed as Trooper R Class or CVE R Class, the vehicles shall be used for investigatory purposes only and for no other purposes.
- (5) The Administrative Office of the Courts may register a vehicle or vehicles used by Justices and Judges of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals under KRS 186.020 and be issued regular license plates.
- (6) The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A necessary to govern the use of those state-owned vehicles acquired pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- (7) Any person violating subsections (2) and (4) of this section shall, on conviction, be subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS 44.990.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (6/26/2007). 2005 Ky. Acts ch. 85, relating to the creation and organization of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, instructs the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose

names have been changed in that Act. Such a correction has been made in this section.

Legislative Research Commission Note (8/18/2011). 2009 Ky. Acts ch. 12, relating to the reorganization of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, instructs the Reviser of Statutes to correct statutory references to agencies and officers whose names have been changed in that Act. Such a correction has been made in subsection (6) of this section.