

281.724 Driveaway plates -- Fees -- Administrative regulations.

- (1) (a) A driveaway business that holds a proper driveaway certificate issued under KRS 281.630 may apply for a driveaway plate with the county clerk in each county in which his or her principal office or place of business, branch office, sub-agent, or agency is located.
- (b) A driveaway plate allows a vehicle that has a valid registration of a declared gross vehicle weight to be operated in driveaway service and shall be reusable until the driveaway plate expires or is revoked.
- (c) The registration fee for initial issuance and annual renewal of a driveaway plate is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and is payable to the county clerk.
- (2) Upon receipt of the one hundred fifty dollar (\$150) fee, the county clerk shall issue a certificate of registration and one (1) driveaway plate. The county clerk shall furnish each driveaway business that holds a driveaway plate registered under this section with additional driveaway plates upon the payment of a thirty-five dollar (\$35) fee for each additional plate requested. Fifteen dollars (\$15) of this fee shall be retained by the county clerk for each additional plate issued.
- (3) A driveaway plate issued under this section shall:
 - (a) Not be used on a vehicle operated on a highway except for the purpose of transporting vehicles in transit;
 - (b) Not be used by tow truck operators transporting wrecked, disabled, abandoned, improperly parked, or burned vehicles; and
 - (c) Be used only by owners, corporate officers, agents, or employees of the business to which the plate was issued.
- (4) Holders of a driveaway plate shall keep a record of each trip made using a driveaway plate. This record shall include the:
 - (a) Vehicle identification number of the vehicle;
 - (b) Origin and destination of the vehicle;
 - (c) Total number of miles traveled; and
 - (d) Dates traveled.
- (5) Driveaway plates issued under this section shall annually expire on December 31.
- (6) If a driveaway certificate is revoked or not renewed, all driveaway plates issued under this section to the driveaway business holding that driveaway certificate shall be returned to the cabinet.
- (7) The cabinet shall be responsible for the issuance and cancellation of driveaway plates under this section, and the enforcement of this section, except for the normal responsibilities of law enforcement agencies. The cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to administer this section.

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