

186.180 Duplicate receipts and plates -- Clerk's fees -- Cancellation of registration and issuance of new plates upon loss of plate -- Reporting of lost plates -- Issuance of plates upon removal from one county to another -- Reinstatement after revocation under KRS 186A.040 -- Proof of insurance. (Effective January 1, 2027)

- (1) (a) If an owner loses his or her copy of a registration or transfer receipt, the owner may obtain a duplicate from the county clerk who issued the present owner's copy of the receipt if:
 1. Proof of insurance on the motor vehicle in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 is provided to the county clerk, except that proof of insurance shall not be required for duplicates applied for by motor vehicle dealers as defined in KRS 190.010;
 2. The owner files an affidavit, upon a form furnished by the cabinet; and
 3. The owner pays to the county clerk a fee established by the cabinet by administrative regulation under KRS 186.017.
 - (b) When an owner's copy of any registration or transfer receipt shows that the spaces provided thereon for noting and discharging security interests have been exhausted, the owner may obtain a duplicate from the county clerk who issued the receipt if:
 1. The owner surrenders his or her copy of the current receipt to the county clerk;
 2. Proof of insurance on the motor vehicle in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 is provided to the county clerk, except that proof of insurance shall not be required for duplicates applied for by motor vehicle dealers as defined in KRS 190.010; and
 3. The owner pays to the county clerk a fee established by the cabinet by administrative regulation under KRS 186.017.
 - (c) Any security interest which has been discharged as shown by the records of the clerk or upon the owner's copy of the current receipt shall be omitted from the duplicate receipt to be issued by the county clerk.
- (2) (a) If an owner loses a registration plate, the owner shall:
 1. Surrender his or her registration receipt to the county clerk from whom it was obtained; and
 2. File a written statement as to the loss of the plate.
 - (b) The owner shall be issued another registration receipt and a plate or plates, which shall bear a different number from that of the lost plate, if:
 1. Proof of insurance on the motor vehicle in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 is provided to the county clerk; and
 2. The owner pays to the county clerk:
 - a. Three dollars (\$3) for each plate; and
 - b. A fee established by the cabinet by administrative regulation under KRS 186.017 to the county clerk for his or her services.

- (c) The county clerk shall:
 - 1. Retain the owner's statement;
 - 2. Retain a copy of the owner's proof of insurance;
 - 3. Make a notation on the triplicate copy of the surrendered registration receipt stating the number of the registration receipt replacing it; and
 - 4. Forward the original copy of the surrendered receipt to the cabinet.
- (d) The cabinet shall:
 - 1. Immediately cancel the registration corresponding to the number of the lost plate; and
 - 2. Report the cancellation to the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police.
- (e) Any person finding a lost registration plate shall deliver it to the cabinet or to any county clerk for forwarding it to the cabinet.
- (3) (a) If an owner moves from one (1) county into another county of the Commonwealth, the owner may obtain from the county clerk of his or her county of residence a new registration receipt and new registration plate bearing the name of the county of residence if:
 - 1. The owner surrenders his or her current registration receipt and current registration plate to the county clerk;
 - 2. Proof of insurance on the motor vehicle in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 is provided to the county clerk; and
 - 3. The owner pays a fee established by the cabinet by administrative regulation under KRS 186.017 to the county clerk, of which the county clerk shall be entitled to retain sixty percent (60%) and the cabinet shall be entitled to forty percent (40%).
- (b) The surrendered receipt and plate shall be destroyed by the county clerk.
- (4) If an owner's registration is revoked under KRS 186A.040(5)(b), the owner may have his or her registration reinstated by the county clerk who issued the present owner's copy of the receipt if:
 - (a) The owner pays to the county clerk the reinstatement fee required under KRS 186.040(8); and
 - (b) The owner provides proof of insurance on the motor vehicle in compliance with KRS 304.39-080 to the county clerk.
- (5) The owner of a motor vehicle that has the vehicle's registration revoked under KRS 186.290 shall pay to the clerk a fee of twenty dollars (\$20), which shall be equally divided between the county clerk and the cabinet.
- (6) Proof of insurance for a personal motor vehicle shall be determined by the county clerk as provided in KRS 186A.042.

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