



DEALER ADVISORY

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

DATE: 04/11/2018	Dealer Advisory DE18-003
SUBJECT: Important Notice to All Licensed Dealers Regarding Purchase of Dealer License Plates	

Overview:

The Department will be updating the Florida Real-Time Vehicle Information System (FRVIS) for licensed dealers with the number of dealer license plates that have been approved for their dealership by the Garage Liability Insurance companies. FRVIS will not allow the Tax Collectors’ Offices to issue dealer license plates in excess of the authorized limit.

Details:

Currently, licensed dealers purchase dealer license plates at the Tax Collectors’ Office by submitting their Florida PIN number and a current copy of their Garage Liability Insurance policy certificate (GLI) that indicates the number of dealer license plates they have been authorized by the insurance company. Although Tax Collectors’ Offices can check the number of dealer license plates a dealer currently has, nothing in FRVIS would stop the issuance of more dealer license plates than are on the GLI certificate. Trailer dealers show a copy of their business affidavit from the dealer stating the dealer license plate(s) will only be used to demonstrate trailers for sale.

After this update to FRVIS, licensed dealers renewing their dealer license plates, or who need to purchase additional dealer license plates, will be required to provide a copy of their GLI certificate stating the number of approved dealer license plates to their local Regional Motorist Services Office. After the dealer provides the GLI certificate, the Department will record the number of dealer license plates authorized by the GLI company in the FRVIS. The system will not allow the Tax Collectors’ Offices to issue or renew dealer license plates in excess of the authorized limit.

Effective April 13, 2018, the Department will be implementing a pilot program in the counties serviced by the Jacksonville and Tampa Regional Motorist Services Offices to update FRVIS for licensed dealers with the number of dealer license plates approved by the GLI company as reflected on their GLI certificate.

Effective April 27, 2018, these changes will be implemented statewide and GLI certificates will no longer be accepted at the Tax Collectors’ Offices for the issuance of dealer license plates. Dealers will be required to submit their GLI certificate that states the number of approved dealer license plates to their local Regional Motorist Services Office.

The number of dealer license plates available to a dealer will be limited to the number listed on the certificate of insurance, and therefore, a dealer will not be authorized to purchase dealer license plates exceeding that number. If a dealer needs more dealer license plates than what is currently indicated on the certificate of insurance, they will need to contact their GLI company for modifications to their policy, and must present a modified certificate of insurance, with the increased number of dealer license plates indicated thereon, to the local Regional Motorist Services Office to be recorded in FRVIS.

Conclusion:

To avoid delays, dealers must ensure the Regional Motorist Services Office responsible for their dealership has been provided the GLI certificate stating the number of dealer license plates that have been authorized by the GLI company.