DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU

NOTICE
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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Department Traffic Coordinator, Transit Services Bureau

SUBJECT: NEW LICENSE PLATE CONFIGURATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice is to advise Department personnel about an upcoming change to the configurations of letters and numbers on automobile license plates issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The current lettering and numbing sequences for automobile license plates issued in the State of California will soon be depleted. As a result, the DMV will be adopting a reverse automobile configuration to remedy the problem.

PROCEDURES

Effective November 2025, newly-manufactured automobile license plates will contain a reverse configuration and assign the number "7" as the new File Code. The new automobile plates will be configured as follows: three numbers, three letters, and a single number.

The new series of plates with the reversed configuration sequences are as follows: 000AAA1 through 999ZZZ9. The letters I, O, and Q have been excluded from the first and third alphabet positions of the configuration.

The below illustration shows the new configuration and the current configuration:

File Code	Inventory Description	Configuration/Character/Position (N = Numeric; and, A = Alphabetic)						
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
7	Reverse Automobile (New)	N	N	N	A	A	A	N
A	Automobile (Existing)	N	A	A	A	N	N	N

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