

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR  
COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU**

**NOTICE**  
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August 12, 2016

**TO:** All Commanding Officers

**FROM:** Department Traffic Coordinator, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

**SUBJECT:** LEGISLATIVE LICENSE PLATES - REMINDER

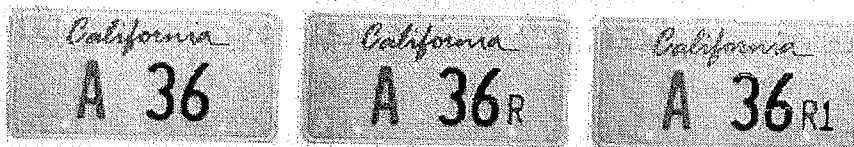
Since 1905, the State of California has required license plates on vehicles. The purpose of license plates is to identify the type of registration that has been assigned to a vehicle and provide law enforcement with a means of locating the owner through the DMV records. In the State of California, the DMV issues a variety of license plates ranging from standard license plates to government exempt license plates.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform Department personnel of the Legislative License Plates and the parking exemptions afforded to vehicles with these license plates.

**IDENTIFICATION OF LEGISLATIVE LICENSE PLATES**

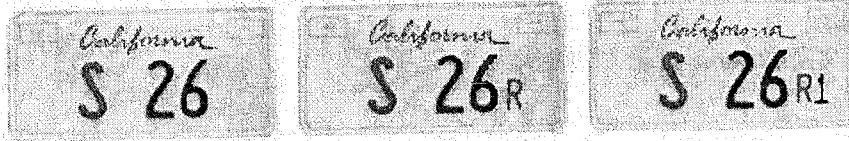
All Legislative Plates have a distinct appearance and the numbering/lettering serve a particular purpose. The following is an overview of these license plates:

- California State Assembly



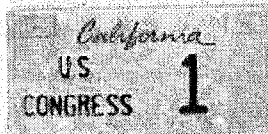
These plates are issued to current and retired members of the California State Assembly. The letter "A" represents Assembly and the number represents the Assembly district. When the small letter "A" (not shown above) is present, it indicates a second vehicle owned by the Assembly member. The small letter "R" when present, indicates a retired Assembly member. A small "1" after the "R", indicates a second vehicle owned by a retired Assembly member.

- California State Senate



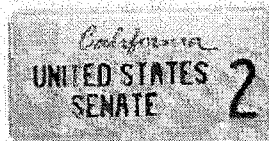
These plates are issued to current and retired members of the California State Senate. The letter "S" represents Senate and the number represents the Senate district. When the small letter "S" (not shown above) is present, it indicates a second vehicle owned by a Senator. The small letter "R", when present, indicates a retired Senator. A small "1" after "R", indicates a second vehicle owned by a retired Senator.

- United States House of Representatives



These license plates are issued to current members of the United States House of Representatives. The number represents the Congressional districts. The presence of a small "A", "B", or "C" indicates additional vehicles owned by a current member of Congress.

- United States Senator



These license plates are issued to either of the current United States Senators. The presence of a small "A", "B", or "C" indicates additional vehicles owned by a United States Senator.

## ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Department's parking enforcement of vehicles with Legislative Plates is based on the Los Angeles Department of Transportation government vehicle enforcement policy. When a government vehicle is parked at a location with parking restrictions, the following guidelines shall apply:

### Routine Business Parking Exemption

Any government vehicle conducting routine official business shall be granted the following courtesy exemptions from posted parking restrictions:

- Time Limit Parking (1 Hour, 2 Hour, etc.)
- Preferential Parking Districts
- Parking Meters

The aforementioned exemptions do not apply when the vehicle is parked closer than two blocks from the employee's work address. Furthermore, an employee residing or visiting an area that requires a Preferential or Overnight Parking Permit is not authorized to park on the street during the hours that "Permit Parking Only" is being enforced unless the employee is performing official business. No exemption will be granted to any vehicle parked so as to cause an immediate safety hazard.

**NOTE:** Any government vehicle or utility company vehicle is exempt from most parking regulations within an authorized construction zone while in use for routine construction or repair work and not to cause an immediate safety hazard.

### No Exemptions

No exemption will be granted to any legislative vehicle while on routine business for the following restrictions at any time:

- No Stopping Zones
- No Parking Zones
- No Closer to Two Blocks from Employees Work Address
- Alleys
- Commercial Loading Zones
- Tow Away Zones
- Red Curb
- Red Curb for Bus zones
- No Parking for Street Cleaning
- Passenger Loading Zones (White Zone)
- Handicapped Zones (Blue Zone)
- Fire Hydrants
- Taxi Zones
- Temporary No Parking or No Stopping Restrictions

It shall be the responsibility of the vehicle operator to ensure adherence to posted regulations. Compliance with the aforementioned restrictions is essential to the orderly and safe movement of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

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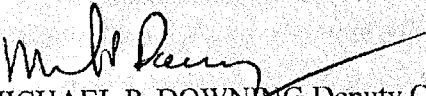
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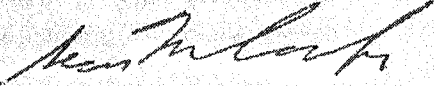
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When the government vehicle is occupied and in violation of any of the aforementioned parking restrictions, ask the operator to move the vehicle to a legal parking location. When the government vehicle is unattended with no activity and in violation of any of the aforementioned parking restrictions, the vehicle may be cited for the applicable California Vehicle Code or Los Angeles Municipal Code violation. In the event it becomes necessary to impound a governmental vehicle, a supervisor shall be requested prior to impounding.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-0690.

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