Section: 5. Motor Vehicle License Plate Classification and Requirements

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General:
- Every deaf or hard of hearing person may apply for a hearing impaired plate and/or request that a hard of hearing or deaf flag be indicated on his vehicle record. This plate can be issued to private passenger automobiles, commercial automobiles (if the automobiles are used ONLY by hearing impaired individuals), private minimum-use trucks/vans, and private buses. There is no limit on the number of hearing impaired plates a person can have.

Eligibility:
- Any deaf or hard of hearing applicant is eligible.

Requirements:
- Statement indicating a hearing loss shall be attested to by a medical physician, audiologist, or speech pathologist. The medical professional can also utilize the hearing section of the medical examination form DPSMV 2032.
- A disabled veteran must submit an affidavit from a Veterans Affairs service officer indicating that he has at least a 50% service connected disability.

Fees:
- The fee is the same as regular registration fees.
- $8.00 handling fee - due on all transactions except renewals.
- $3.00 - license transfer fee.
- No charge for disabled veterans who have at least a 50% service connected disability.

Notes:
- This plate may be transferred from one vehicle in applicant's name to another vehicle in applicant's name.
- Applications for Hearing Impaired license plates can be processed by any Motor Vehicle field office or by mail addressed to the Title Registration Unit, Headquarters Services.
- The "HI" flag will print on the vehicle registration.
- The “DF” flag will print on the vehicle registration.