257.217a Registration plate inscribed with official amateur radio call letters; application; proof; fees; issuance of plate for vehicle bearing registration issued pursuant to MCL 257.801(1)(a) or (p); use on other vehicle as misdemeanor; surrender of registration plate; submission of application; expiration date.

Sec. 217a. (1) A person who holds an unexpired technician, general, conditional, advanced, or extra class amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission may make application directly to the secretary of state for a registration plate inscribed with the official amateur radio call letters of the applicant as assigned by the Federal Communications Commission.

(2) The applicant shall prove to the satisfaction of the secretary of state that the applicant holds an unexpired amateur radio license. In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall pay a service fee of $2.00. The $2.00 fee must be credited to the transportation administration collection fund created under section 810b through October 1, 2023. A registration plate may be issued under this section for a motor vehicle that bears a registration taxed under section 801(1)(a) or (p).

(3) If a registration plate issued under this section is used on a vehicle other than the vehicle for which the registration plate was issued, the owner of the registration plate is guilty of a misdemeanor and the registration plate must be surrendered to the secretary of state. A holder of a registration plate whose amateur radio license is not in full force and effect shall immediately surrender the registration plate issued under this section to the secretary of state and obtain a regular registration plate.

(4) An application for a registration plate issued under this section must be submitted to the secretary of state under section 217. The expiration date for plates issued under this section is the date determined under section 226.