257.245 General distinguishing number and special plates for manufacturer, transporter, or dealer; application; proof; issuance; duration; fee.

Sec. 245. (1) Any manufacturer, transporter, or dealer may make application to the department upon the appropriate form for a general distinguishing number and for 1 or more special plates. The applicant shall also submit proof of his status as a bona fide manufacturer, transporter, or dealer as may reasonably be required by the department.

(2) The department, upon granting the application, shall issue a special plate with a general distinguishing number assigned to the applicant and displayed on the special plate. The distinguishing number for a special plate shall be different from every other special plate.

(3) A manufacturer or transporter may make application on a form prescribed by the secretary of state for 1 or more special plates, which special plates shall be valid for 3 years. Upon approval of the application, the fee for 1 or more special plates shall be 3 times the annual fee assessed under section 803.