

**General Services Department
Transportation Services Division
Criteria for Requesting Exemption to Vehicle Decals**

Agencies wishing to acquire exemptions from vehicle decals need to make sure that they are able to satisfy the statutory requirements for the exemption. A written request addressed to the TSD Director must include the following information:

- must be vehicle specific identified by G plate #
- must list drivers **w/**
 - drivers licenses numbers
 - DD certification and expiration date
- Department's statutory citations identifying your organization as having law enforcement powers.

The following Statutes are used to make the decision on vehicle exemptions.

15-8-6. State Vehicles; use; markings; state government plates.

C. Except as provided in Subsections E and F of this section, all state vehicles shall be marked as state vehicles. Each side of the vehicles shall be marked, in letters not less than two inches in height, with the following designation of ownership: "State of New Mexico,....Department" or "State of New Mexico Department of" and naming the department using the vehicle.

D. Except as provided in Subsections E and F of this section, all state vehicles shall have specially designed government registration plates.

E. Only state vehicles used for legitimate undercover law enforcement purposes are exempt from the requirements of Subsections C and D of this section. All other state vehicles owned or in the custody of state agencies that have law enforcement functions shall be marked and have state government registration plates.

F. A state agency may seek custody of state vehicles as an exception to Subsection B of this section or an exemption to the provisions of Subsection C of this section by making a written request to the director, specifying the reasons for the proposed custody or exemption. The director may approve the custody or exemption, in writing, indicating the duration and any conditions of the custody or exemption.

Submit your request in writing to the following address;

General Services Department
Transportation Services Division
Mike Unthank, Director of Operations
1990 Siringo Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Your written request may also be faxed to 505-476-1905 or emailed to mike.unthank@state.nm.us