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## **NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS REGARDING GDL DECALS**

To All New and Used Vehicle Dealers:

Effective May 1, 2010, anyone under the age of 21 who holds a Special Learner's Permit, Examination Permit or Probationary License (formerly Provisional License) is required to affix a New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC)-approved red decal to the top left corner of the front and rear license plates of the vehicle they are operating.

This requirement is not specific to any particular vehicle registration and so, extends to Graduated Driver License (GDL) drivers operating vehicles with general registration "D" plates issued to licensed motor vehicle dealers. Customers taking vehicles for a demonstration drive or dealership employees and family members that are assigned motor vehicle dealer inventory to drive must also adhere to this requirement.

Since general registration "D" plates are issued in sets of one, it is only required that a decal be affixed to the single plate. The decal must be affixed in a corner of the license plate in such a way as to not totally or partially obscure the registration sticker or the letters and numerals of the plate itself. These decals are available at any MVC agency for \$4 per pair.

Dealers affixing temporary registrations (aka temp tags or temps) to a vehicle should advise the vehicle purchaser that, if a GDL license holder is going to operate the vehicle while the temp tag is affixed to the vehicle, a GDL decal must be affixed to the rear of the vehicle where the license plate will eventually be attached in such a way as to be clearly visible. It is not required that a decal also be affixed to the front of the vehicle while operating the vehicle with only a temp tag. If the vehicle is being operated with both a temp tag and a set of license plates, the GDL decal should be affixed to both the front and rear license plates while being operated by a GDL license holder.

Questions related to this notice may be directed to the Business Licensing Services Bureau, at (609) 292-6500 ext. 5014.