

REFERENCE TITLE: manufacturer plates; proof of contract

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Senator Dunn

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-4539, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
MANUFACTURER LICENSE PLATES.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-4539, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-4539. Manufacturer unladen truck and passenger vehicles;
5 registration exemption

6 A. An unladen truck or passenger vehicle that is owned by a
7 manufacturer and that is of a type otherwise required to be registered is
8 exempt from registration while the vehicle is BEING used according to this
9 section. The vehicle may be operated under owner responsibility on public
10 highways and streets if the vehicle displays in the manner prescribed in
11 section 28-2354 a manufacturer unladen truck and passenger vehicle test
12 license plate or plates issued to the owner as provided in this section.

13 B. A person shall not use a manufacturer unladen vehicle test
14 license plate on the following manufacturer owned unladen trucks or
15 passenger vehicles:

- 16 1. A leased or rented vehicle owned by the manufacturer.
- 17 2. A vehicle carrying more than three hundred pounds of cargo.
- 18 3. A work or service vehicle.
- 19 4. A vehicle that has been sold.
- 20 5. A laden vehicle designed for the transportation of cargo.

21 C. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, the
22 manufacturer, a full-time employee of the manufacturer in connection with
23 the manufacturer's business, a person who has permission of a full-time
24 employee or a person contracted and designated by the manufacturer to
25 operate the vehicle for business purposes may use a manufacturer unladen
26 vehicle test license plate on a vehicle. The use authorized by this
27 subsection includes operation of the vehicle as personal use
28 transportation if it is assigned to a manufacturer or full-time employee
29 or contracted person on a full-time use basis, ~~and~~ if a record of the
30 assignment is made as provided in section 28-4542 AND IF THE RECORD, OR
31 OTHER EVIDENCE OF A CONTRACT AND DESIGNATION BETWEEN THE MANUFACTURER AND
32 THE PERSON, IS PRESENT INSIDE THE VEHICLE.