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Massachusetts 2016 LOW NUMBER PLATE LOTTERY **Applications Now Being Accepted**

BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the MassDOT Registrar of Motor Vehicles is now accepting applications for the 2016 Low Number Plate Lottery online or by U.S. mail.

Starting this year, for the first time ever, customers will be able to enter the lottery online by visiting: <https://secure.rmv.state.ma.us/myPlateLotto/>. Mail-in applications are available for download at www.MassRMV.com, or at Registry branch office locations across the Commonwealth. **Applications must be received online or postmarked by August 26, 2016, in order for the applicant to be eligible.**

“The low plate lottery is our customers’ favorite time of the year at the RMV,” said Registrar Erin Deveney. “We are excited to have streamlined our application process this year to allow for online submissions, making it easier for our customers to enter the lottery. Not only can our customers skip the line by doing over 23 transactions at www.MassRMV.com, now they can also skip the stamp and enter the lottery electronically.”

This year, there are 183 plates that are part of the low plate lottery, surpassing the large pool of plates offered in 2015. Annually, approximately 6,800 applications are received. With the addition of the new online entry form, an increase of applications is expected for 2016. Applicants for the low number lottery should note that there is no fee to apply,

however, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a fee to receive the license plate and there is a standard registration fee.

Available low plate numbers for this year's lottery include 1H, 7J41Z, Q49, X77, 1972, and 2007.

Low number plates must be renewed every two years.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV's website for details of the drawing, date, time and location of the event. By law, all winners must be announced by September 15, 2016, and the names of winners will be posted to the Registry website.

The RMV reminds customers that more than 23 Registry services are available online: www.MassRMV.com. Customers can visit the website for the latest news and also follow the RMV on Twitter @MassRMV.

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