

# DIR TEE Licenses

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A few of those special environmental license plates with customized legends deemed "offensive" have been recalled, the director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles announced yesterday.

Robert Cozens said only nine sets were recalled out of about 138,000 issued. Most of them had letter combinations found offensive by

Americans of Japanese descent.

Among those recalled, said Cozens, were plates reading NIP, JAP, JAPJAG, and JAPCAD. Others were cancelled for being otherwise offensive, specifically FAHQ and UPURZZ.

A DMV spokesman said a recently reported combination of FK NXN would be recalled, but only if a complaint were lodged. Some observers suggest the plate refers to the president.

But director Cozens contended the "extremely small number of plates cancelled out of 138,000 issued indicates that our screening system is very effective."

The environmental plates, which may be purchased for \$25 extra, help generate money for state programs to combat pollution and preserve the environment.

Authority to cancel offensive plates is contained in recently enacted legislation.

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