



Follow-up Analysis of Permanent License Plates Owned by State and Non-State Entities

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Overview

- Follow-up to Report 2011-07, *Inadequate Data and Fleet Information Management Weaken Accountability for North Carolina's Vehicles*
 - Provide the status of the initial reconciliation of vehicle registration records of state-owned (yellow) license plates
 - Address questions on number and type of non-State entities with permanent silver license plates

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Background: Findings from Report 2011-07

- North Carolina lacks a central source of information for the number and cost of state-owned motor vehicles
- Agencies and institutions lack the information needed to determine the appropriate size of their fleets
- Other states have recognized similar problems with the management of state-owned motor vehicles

Background: Recommendations from Report 2011-07

- Direct state agencies and institutions to update vehicle registration records for all state-owned vehicles
- Require agencies and institutions to collect and report vehicle data to a fleet management information system

Background: Committee Reaction to Report 2011-07

- Number of silver license plates and types of registering entities
- DMV oversight of insurance and vehicle inspections for permanent license plates

Types of Permanent License Plates

State Entities



Yellow

Non-State Entities



Silver

Reconciliation of State-Owned License Plates

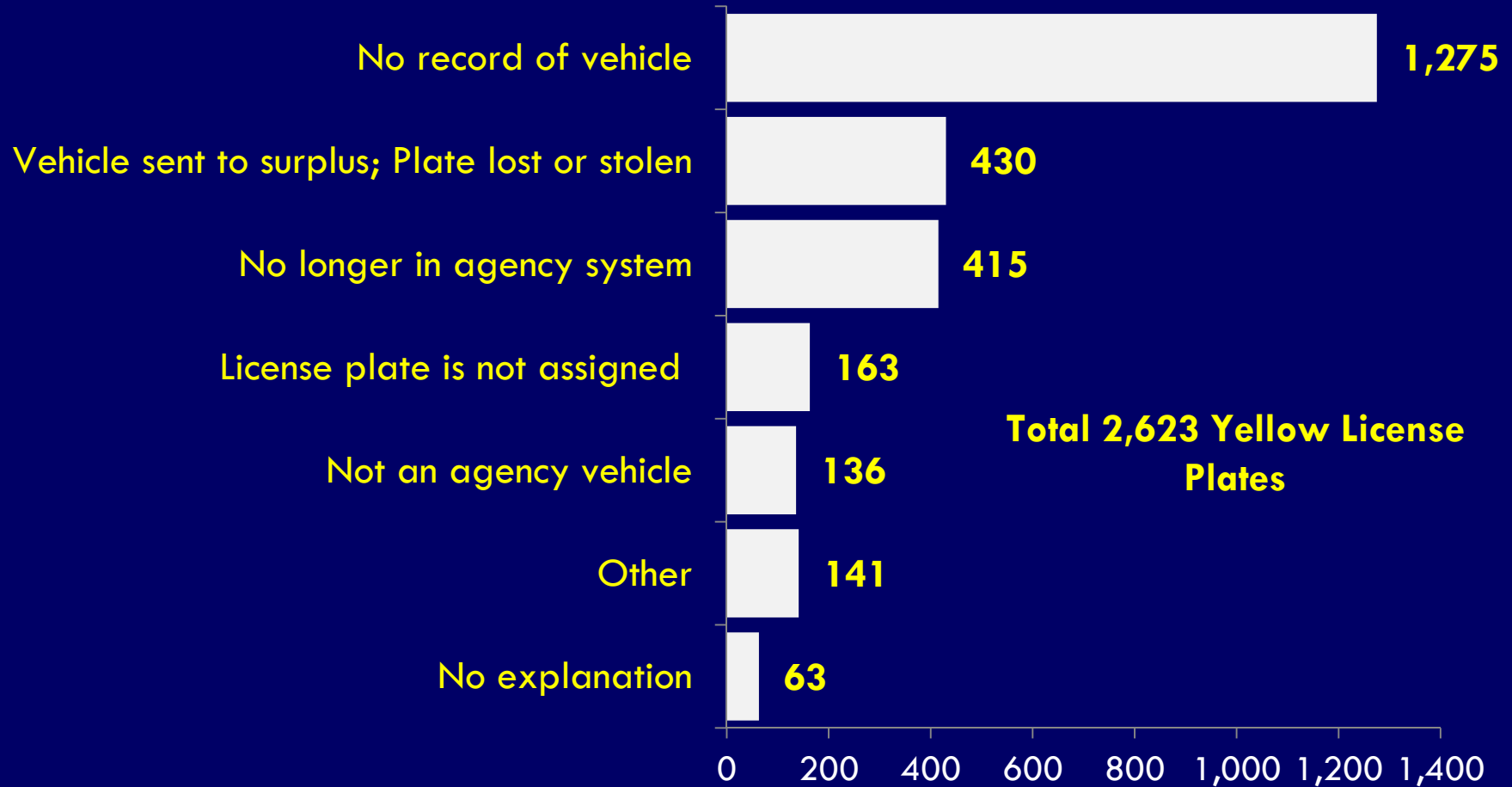


Initial Reconciliation Process

- State agencies and institutions confirmed each state-owned license plate in the DMV system
- DMV records list 29,993 state-owned plates
 - Age of license plates ranged from 1900 to 2011
- Agencies and institutions could not account for **2,623** out of 29,993 yellow plates

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Reasons Why Agencies/Institutions Did Not Own License Plates



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Status of Permanent Silver License Plates



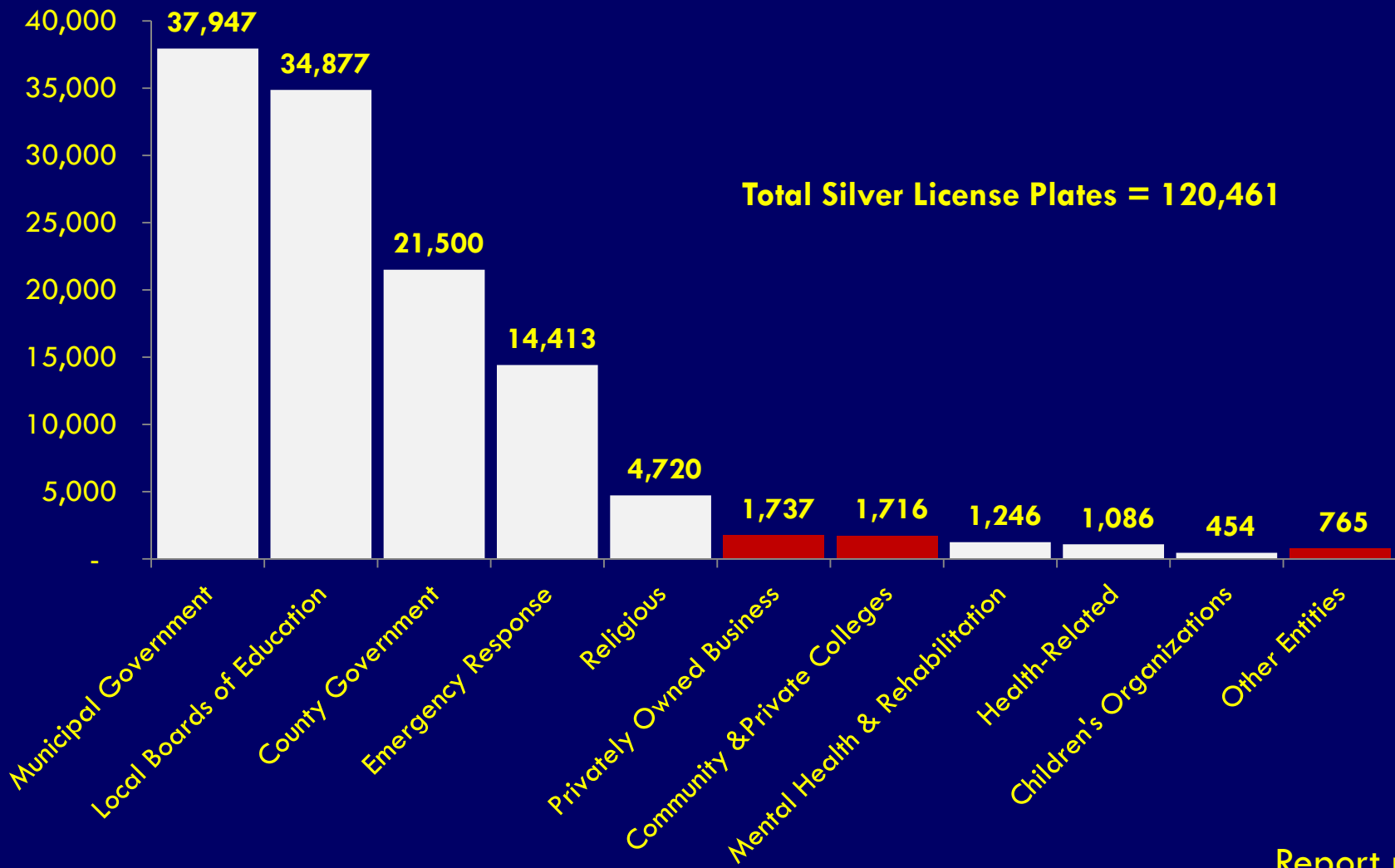
Silver License Plates

- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-84(b)(2)-(16) authorizes permanent plates for various non-State entities
- Requirements to obtain a silver license plate
 - Proof of ownership that meets the statutory eligibility
 - Proof of financial responsibility
 - Pay \$6 registration fee

Total Silver License Plates
120,461

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Silver License Plates by Registering Entity



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Issues with Silver License Plates

- Over 4,200 silver plates may belong to entities not listed in statute
- Need to review how plates were issued and revoke license plates from ineligible entities

Division of Motor Vehicles' Oversight of Permanent License Plates



DMV Oversight

- Registered owners of yellow and silver plates must
 - maintain continuous liability insurance
 - obtain vehicle safety and emissions inspections
- DMV actions for non-compliance
 - Generates a list of non-compliant vehicles
 - Flags the vehicle registration record for any violations
- DMV can do little to enforce its authority because these vehicles are not renewed annually

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Legislative Options for Permanent License Plates



Legislative Action

- The committee has endorsed the recommendation to direct state agencies and institutions to update vehicle registration records
- Legislative action will ensure an accurate count of state-owned motor vehicles

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Legislative Options

- Consider directing DMV to
 - strengthen policies and procedures for the issuance of silver plates
 - revoke silver plates registered to entities not identified in statute
- Consider revising N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-84 to
 - limit the types of entities eligible for silver license plates
 - establish a renewal schedule for silver plates

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Summary

- Agencies and institutions have started initial reconciliation of state-owned license plates, but need to be directed to update vehicle registration records with DMV
- DMV has issued over 120,000 silver plates, but more than 4,200 are registered to entities not identified in statute
- General Assembly may want to strengthen DMV's oversight and revise the statute for issuance and renewal of silver plates

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