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SOS issues several types of plates which require operators to use a prefix or suffix when making an inquiry in order to receive registration data. In certain cases, this prefix/suffix requires that a hyphen also be used during inquiry, however, when making a LEADS/NCIC entry (Stolen Vehicle, Stolen/Missing License Plate, vehicle data in a person entry) a hyphen is not allowed in the LIC field.

If the license plate number exceeds ten characters, only the first ten characters should be entered. The entire number must be shown in the MIS Field. *Partial license plates must not be entered.*

The addition of a hyphen with the prefix/suffix requires the inquiry be done in a certain way to ensure the appropriate databases are being thoroughly and correctly checked.

Inquiry #2: LIC/12345A-B, LIT/TK (registration info)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the ISP Help Desk [ISP.HelpDesk@illinois.gov](mailto:ISP.HelpDesk@illinois.gov) or at 866/LEADS-00 (866/532-3700).

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