

I hate bureaucracy

Yes, hate- a strong word for someone such as myself. Here's the new thing in IL- mess up and forget to register your plates on time and you have to jump through bureaucratic hoops. I noticed yesterday my plates were expired. Oops- they sent me notice two months ago but it got buried and forgotten. No problem, I'll just go to the currency exchange to reregister as I always do. Nothing doing apparently- now they require an emissions test first. What? Of course, with expired plates it's illegal to drive there. So what do they do? Make available temporary registration that I'm told will only allow me to legally drive to the test facility, nowhere else. Are they convenient to obtain? This is government we're talking about, so what do you think? I drove to the local DMV which I *thought* was full service. Nope. They gave me the addresses of the three closest places- all over 20 miles away (in Chicago traffic remember!). So I'm left with a choice- knowingly drive illegally to the test station and hope they don't check the registration, or jump through this latest hoop and hope I can still get registered before the price-increase deadline. Nanny states- why many people love them I will never know. Conservativism clearly rules the day here.