The Motor Vehicle Administration is pleased to provide online guidance to dealers and title services. This manual is intended to assist you with the proper completion of your transactions, increase accuracy and reduce rejections of work. The information provided will increase the efficiency of processing work, which leads to greater customer service and satisfaction. The information contained in this manual is based on law, regulation, policy, process, and procedures of this Administration.
MVA’s Mission

“To provide exemplary and secure driver and vehicle services that support Maryland’s safe mobility.”
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www.mva.maryland.gov

Learn how to:

Sign up to receive Dealer Bulletins

Search for information not found in this manual,

Obtain information regarding fines for late submission of dealer work,

And much more!
Documents Required for Basic Titling Transactions

- NEW VEHICLE PURCHASES FROM A DEALER
- USED VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM A DEALER
- USED VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM SOMEONE “OTHER THAN A DEALER”
- GIFTED VEHICLE BETWEEN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS (WITHIN MARYLAND)
- MOVING TO MARYLAND - USED VEHICLE ALREADY OWNED
- HOMEMADE TRAILER
NEW VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM A DEALER

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title, (Form VR-005), and submit the following documents:

Certificate of Origin properly assigned
Dealers Reassignments (if needed) - Be sure there is a complete sequence of ownership from the owner to the first dealer, to any subsequent dealers, and finally to the retail buyer.
Original Dealers Bill of Sale (photocopies are only accepted if notarized)
Note: Maryland Dealers may complete the certification section on the Application for Certificate of Title, (Form VR-005) or the certification on the dealer’s reassignment.
Odometer Disclosure Statement on the reverse of the Certificate of Origin and/or any accompanying dealer reassignments. The odometer disclosure may also be on a separate odometer disclosure statement. All odometer disclosures must meet federal requirements.
Insurance coverage with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name.
Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.
New Tags - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.
Registration Card - If transferring tags from another vehicle that has been sold, junked, traded, or otherwise transferred, provide the name and address of the person or business entity to which the old vehicle was transferred. Tags may be transferred to a vehicle in the same owners name, and between parents and children, and husband and wife. Tags may only be transferred to vehicles of the same class.
Tag transfer fee is $10.00. If the tags being transferred are valid for less than a year, there will also be an additional year’s registration fee and surcharge collected.
Taxes
Excise tax is 6% of the price certified by the dealer, less trade-in allowance, with no allowance for down payment or manufacturer’s rebate. Maryland dealers may charge a processing fee up to $300.00. This processing fee must be added to the purchase price and is taxable. **NOTE:** The processing fees charged by out of state dealers are sometimes higher. The “full amount” charged for a processing fee by an out of state dealer is taxable. Non-taxable items include dealer discount or dealer rebates, extended warranties, mechanical repair contracts, electronic registration fees, federal excise tax, and equipment installed to accommodate a disabled individual. See complete procedures for calculating total purchase and taxable price in Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 11.15.33.00.
Title Fee $100.00, except for rental vehicles $50.00, and motor scooters and mopeds $20.00. Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded.
USED VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM A DEALER

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title, Form VR-005 or complete the application for title on the reverse of the Maryland title, and submit the following documents:

Certificate of Title properly assigned. Be sure there is a complete sequence of ownership from the owner to the first dealer, to any subsequent dealers, and finally to the retail buyer.

Dealer Reassignments (if Needed) – Be sure to attach any separate dealer reassignments required to complete the sequence of ownership as stated above.

Original Dealers Bill of Sale (photocopies are only accepted if notarized)
Note: Maryland Dealers may complete the certification section on the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005) or the certification on the dealer’s reassignment.

Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate – For vehicles held in dealer inventory only, inspections are valid for up to 6 months; or until 1000 miles has been added to the vehicles odometer. Note: Trucks (1 ton and larger), tractors and freight trailers may be sold un-inspected by Maryland dealers and the MVA may sell a 30-day temporary registration to be used by the owner to complete the inspection process.

Lien Release (if Needed) - An acceptable lien release is a Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing form properly signed on the front by the lien holders authorized representative; or a lien properly released on an out of state title; or a letter on the lien holders original letter head releasing the lien (See additional information on requirements for lien release letters in this manual). Unless the lien release letter is being provided to you directly from the lien holder, it is wise to verify the lien release and get positive identification from any customer presenting a lien release letter.

Odometer Disclosure Statement - Odometer statements are contained on all titles in compliance with the federal truth in mileage act. Separate odometer disclosure statements are acceptable if properly signed and completed by the seller and buyer. (See complete information on proper odometer disclosure in this manual)

Insurance coverage with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name.
Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.

New Tags - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

Registration Card - If transferring tags from another vehicle that has been sold, junked, traded, or otherwise transferred. Also provide the name and address of the person or business entity to which the old vehicle was transferred. Tags may be transferred to a vehicle in the same owners name, and between parents and children, and husband and wife. Tags may only be transferred to vehicles of the same class.

Tag transfer fee is $10.00. If the tags being transferred are valid for less than a year, there will also be an additional year’s registration fee and surcharge collected.

Taxes - Excise tax is 6% of the price certified by the dealer, less trade-in allowance, with no allowance for down payment or manufacturer’s rebate. Maryland dealers may charge a processing fee up to $300.00. This processing fee must be added to the purchase price and is taxable. NOTE: The processing fees charged by out of state dealers are sometimes higher. The “full amount” charged for a processing fee by an out of state dealer is taxable. Non-taxable items include dealer discount or dealer rebates, extended warranties, mechanical repair contracts, electronic registration fees, federal excise tax, and equipment installed to accommodate a disabled individual. See complete procedures for calculating total purchase and taxable price in Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 11.15.33.00.

Title Fee $100.00, except for rental vehicles $50.00, and motor scooters and mopeds $20.00. Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded.
USED VEHICLE PURCHASED FROM SOMEONE “OTHER THAN” A DEALER

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title, [Form VR-005](#) or complete the application for title on the reverse of the Maryland title, and submit the following documents:

- **Certificate of Title** properly assigned.
- **Notarized Bill of Sale** ([Form VR-181.pdf](#)) with the signatures of all sellers and buyers should be provided for vehicles less than 7 years old.
- **Maryland Safety Inspection** is valid for 90 days from the date of inspection. Once recorded with the MVA, the inspection certificate is only valid for 30 days from the date of inspection for a resale. If an inspection certificate is not provided, the customer may complete a Temporary Inspection Waiver ([Form VR-129](#)) to obtain a 30-day temporary registration.

**Insurance coverage** with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name.

Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.

**Lien Release** (if Needed) - An acceptable lien release is a Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing form properly signed on the front by the lien holders authorized representative; or a lien properly released on an out of state title; or a letter on the lien holders original letter head releasing the lien (See additional information on requirements for lien release letters in this manual). Unless the lien letter is being provided to you directly from the lien holder, it is wise to verify the lien release and get positive identification from any customer presenting a lien release letter.

**New Tags** - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov). All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

**Registration Card** - if transferring tags from another vehicle that has been sold, junked, traded, or otherwise transferred, provide the name and address of the person or business entity to which the old vehicle was transferred. Tags may be transferred to a vehicle in the same owners name, and between parents and children, and spouses. Tags may only be transferred to vehicles of the same class.

**Tag transfer fee is $10.00.** If the tags being transferred are valid for less than a year, there will also be an additional year’s registration fee and surcharge collected.

**Taxes - Vehicles less than 7 years old** - When a notarized bill of sale accompanies the title, the excise tax is 6% of “the greater of” the purchase price on the bill of sale or $640.00 ($320.00 for trailers). If the bill of sale does not accompany the title, the excise tax is 6% of the greater of the purchase price on the title, or the NADA book value of the vehicle. Minimum excise tax is $38.40 ($19.20 for trailers, motor scooters and mopeds).

**Taxes - Vehicles 7 years old and older** - Excise tax is 6% of the greater of the purchase price on the title or $640.00 ($320.00 for trailers, motor scooters and mopeds). Minimum excise tax is $38.40 ($19.20 for trailers).

**Title Fee $100.00, except for rental vehicles $50.00, and motor scooters and mopeds $20.00.**

**Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded.**
Gifted Vehicle Between Immediate Family Members (within Maryland)

Maryland Title - properly assigned by the person(s) giving the vehicle
Application for Certificate of Title on the reverse of the Maryland title, or the Application for Certificate of Title, (Form VR-005) - completed by the person(s) receiving the vehicle
Insurance coverage with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name.
Trailers do not require insurance unless rented or leased.
Gift Certification (Form VR-103) - completed and signed by all givers and receivers of the vehicle
Proof of Relationship - submit if last names are different, i.e., birth certificate, marriage certificate, etc. Note: For Aunt/Uncle over 65 years old to Niece/Nephew transfers only, the Gift Title Transfers – Certified Statement (Form VR-299) may be used in place of proof of relationship
Lien Release (if subject to a lien) - Maryland’s lien release is a Notice of Security Interest Filing, properly released on the front by the lien holder’s representative; or a Letter on Lien Holder’s Letterhead releasing the lien. If the lien is not released, a letter from the lien holder on letterhead to authorize the change in ownership and state whether or not the lien contract has changed or remains the same, is required. The letter must include the year, make and vehicle identification number and specifically indicate to whom the vehicle is to be transferred.
Note: Gifts between husband and wife with an open lien are excise tax exempt, but still require a letter of permission from the lien holder.
Note: Gifts between parents and children with an open lien need a letter signed by both, stating who made the down payment, paid the taxes, made all payments, and will continue to make the payments. If the receiver of the vehicle did not make all of the above payments, the transaction is taxable at 6% of the vehicle book value for vehicles less than 7 years old; or for vehicles 7 years old and older, the minimum tax of $38.40($19.20 for trailers). Letter of permission from the lien holder as stated above is, is also required.
Note; Gifts with open liens between relationships “other than” husband wife, and special conditions as stated above for parents and children, must pay excise tax.
Maryland Safety Inspection is not needed for transfers between husband/wife, parents/children, or transfers where the title is being transferred from joint ownership to one of the owners individual names. ALL OTHER RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRE MARYLAND SAFETY INSPECTION. Note: If an inspection certificate is required but not provided, the customer must complete a Temporary Inspection Waiver (Form VR-129) to obtain a 30-day temporary registration. The cost of a temporary registration is $20.00 and is in addition to all other required fees. If temporary registration is issued, the regular registration fee for the vehicle will be charged when the safety inspection certificate is submitted.
Taxes - Excise tax is “exempt” for vehicles currently titled in Maryland and being transferred to: a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, parent, sister, brother, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of the vehicle owner and no money or other valuable consideration is involved in the transfer. Transfers from Aunt/Uncle over 65 years of age to Niece/Nephew are excise tax exempt.
Registration Card - if transferring tags from the gifted vehicle or another vehicle that has been sold, junked, traded, or otherwise transferred. Also provide the name and address of the person or business entity to which the old vehicle was transferred. Tags may be transferred to a vehicle in the same owners name, and between parents and children, and husband and wife. Tags may only be transferred to vehicles of the same class.
New Tags - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.
Tag transfer fee is $10.00. If the tags being transferred are valid for less than a year, there will also be an additional year’s registration fee and surcharge collected.
Title Fee $100.00, mopeds and motor scooters $20.00.
Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded (if applicable) - Lien filing fee is not required for existing liens to be recorded if the letter of permission from the lien holder states that the lien contract remains the same.

Note: Gifts of vehicles “not previously titled in Maryland” between family members are subject to excise tax and a Maryland Safety Inspection.
MOVING TO MARYLAND - USED VEHICLE ALREADY OWNED

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005) and submit the following documents:

**Out of State Title (or ownership document required in that state)** - If the out of state title is being held by a lien holder, call 1-800-950-1682 to obtain a letter, requesting that the out of state title be mailed to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

**Lien Release**, if needed

**Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate** - If the applicant desires registration but does not provide a Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate, they may apply for a 30-day temporary registration by completing the Temporary Inspection Waiver (Form VR-129). If temporary registration is applied for, the permanent registration will not be issued until the Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate is submitted. Temporary Registration Fee is $20.00. Note: The fee for the regular plates will be paid when the safety inspection certificate is submitted.

**Insurance coverage** with a company licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland. Provide the full name of the company, policy or binder number and the agent’s name.

Trails do not require insurance unless rented or leased.

**Excise Tax and Excise Tax Credit** - If the vehicle is titled or registered in the name of the applicant in another state at the time of making this application, Maryland Excise Tax is 6% of the “clean retail value” of the vehicle as shown in the NADA Used Car Guide. Vehicles “7 years old and older” currently owned by the applicant in another state will be charged the minimum excise tax of $38.40 ($19.20 for trailers, motor scooters and mopeds). On passenger cars, multi-purpose vehicles, 1/2 and 3/4-ton trucks, the value is computed by the addition or subtraction for high or low mileage. An excise tax credit is applied if the applicant has not been a Maryland resident for more than 60 days and has paid a state sales or excise tax in another state (excluding county or local tax). The excise tax shall apply, but at a rate measured by the difference in Maryland’s tax rate and the other state’s tax rate. The minimum excise tax imposed shall be $100. New residents leasing vehicles need to provide a copy of the lease contract or a letter from the leasing company indicating taxes paid (if any) to the previous state to ensure that an excise tax credit may be applied. Active duty military living in Maryland and stationed in Maryland, an adjoining state, or DC; and returning Maryland residents in the military, are entitled to receive an excise tax credit for up to 1 year. Please note that out of state military who are stationed in Maryland have the option of titling and registering their vehicles in Maryland or in the state that is their home of record.

**New Tags** - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at www.mva.maryland.gov. All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

**Title Fee $100.00, except for rental vehicles $50.00, and motor scooters and mopeds $20.00.**

**Lien Filing Fee $20.00 for each lien recorded, if applicable.**
Homemade Trailer

Complete the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005) and submit the following documents:
- **Two Pictures** of the trailer are required. One picture of the entire rear view showing the lights; and one entire side view showing the hitch
- **Receipts for parts** that were purchased to build the trailer
- **Certified Statement** - Must itemize all parts used to build the trailer (provide receipts as stated above). If all or any of the parts were used, they must be listed and an estimated value of the used parts entered. The certified statement also needs to contain what the owner considers to be the total value of the trailer.

**Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number (Form VR-198)** - Trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 5,000 lbs or less may apply for assigned vehicle identification number at any full service branch of the MVA. Trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 5001 lbs or more, are required to be taken to the garage located at the Glen Burnie branch of the MVA, on Tuesdays between 8:30am and 1:00pm, to have the vehicle identification number assigned and affixed by the Maryland State Police Auto Theft Unit.

**Temporary Inspection Waiver, Form VR-129** - Once the VIN has been issued and affixed to the trailer, it will need to be Maryland Safety Inspected before registration plates may be issued. The applicant may apply for a 30-day temporary registration to take the vehicle to an authorized Maryland Safety Inspection Station. If temporary registration is requested, the permanent registration will not be issued until the Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate is submitted. When the safety inspection is submitted, the regular tags may be purchased. **Temporary Registration Fee is $20.00** (This fee is in addition to the cost of registration plates).

**New Tags** - If purchasing tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov). All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected.

**Excise Tax** - Excise tax will be 6% of the total value of the trailer. Minimum excise tax for trailers is $19.20.

**Title Fee $100.00**, except for rental vehicles $50.00, and motor scooters and mopeds $20.00. **Lien Filing Fee $20.00** for each lien recorded, if applicable.
PROPER ASSEMBLY OF TITLE RECORDS
PROPER ASSEMBLY OF TITLE RECORD DOCUMENTS

Bundle report should be on top of all the title records in that bundle report. All title records should be listed in order as seen in that bundle report.

Each title record should be as follows:

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

- Maryland MVA Title/Registration Receipt
- Registration card (If Transferring Tags)
- Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005)
- Certificate of Origin, Title, or other acceptable ownership document
- Lien Release – Notice of Security Interest Filing
- Dealer Reassignment(s)
- Dealer’s Bill of Sale
- Miscellaneous MVA Forms
- Odometer Mileage Statements
- Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate
- Vehicle Emission Report (if submitted)

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EACH TITLE RECORD SHOULD BE SEPARATED.

DO NOT USE AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF STAPLES.

DO NOT USE HIGHLIGHTERS.

DO NOT FOLD FORMS.
SUBMITTING
TITLE WORK
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Submitting Title Work to the MVA

The dealer must submit to MVA all required documents, taxes and fees within **30 days of date of delivery** for class A passenger cars, class D motorcycles, class M multipurpose vehicles, and class G travel and camping trailers. Dealerships will be charged late fines for work not submitted within 30 days of the date of delivery. **NOTE: For other classes of vehicles, the dealer has the option of collecting the tax and submitting it with all required documents within 30 days of the date of delivery; or allowing the customer to present the necessary titling documents, pay the excise tax and all required fees to the MVA.** Even though dealers are not required to submit the documents, taxes and fees for other classes of vehicles, if there is a lien to record, you may want to exercise the option to submit the documents, taxes and fees to ensure that the lien is properly recorded. Maryland Vehicle Law Reference 13-113(e)

If you are selling a vehicle to a customer in another state the law allows the dealer to provide the titling documents to the transferee within 30 days. However, if there is a lien to record, the selling dealer may wish to contact the other state and mail the titling documents, taxes and fees to that state. This will ensure that the lien is properly recorded. Phone numbers for other state’s motor vehicle departments may be found in several national publications. Contact your dealer's association for the names of these manuals.


**TRANSMITTAL SHEET**

All title work submitted to the MVA that is “dropped off” for processing must be recorded on a Transmittal Sheet (Form VR-205). The transmittal sheet is utilized as a receipt for drop off title work as well as a tracking sheet for title work processed. Exception: For walk-in transactions processed at branch offices, the transmittal sheet is not required.

See sample of properly completed transmittal sheet below:

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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dealer Name</th>
<th>Dealer Number</th>
<th>Title Service Number</th>
<th>Telephone Number</th>
<th>Email Address</th>
<th>Date Prepared</th>
<th>Processed By</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>GOOD GUY MOTORS</td>
<td>9999</td>
<td>123456</td>
<td>78901234567</td>
<td>ggmmotors.com</td>
<td>09/10/12</td>
<td>(MVA Employee Name)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JACK'S FAST TITLES</td>
<td>9999</td>
<td>123456</td>
<td>78901234567</td>
<td>jjftttt.com</td>
<td></td>
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**Application Name**

1. DOE JANE
2. JOE JACK
3. RED TRUCKING
4. SMITH & SMITH
5. WHITE DAWAL
6. SMITH JOHN

**Date of Delivery**

1. 8/10/12
2. 9/20/12
3. 12/31/13
4. 3/20/12
5. 9/02/12
6. 9/05/12

**Transmit Type**

1. T1
2. T2
3. T3
4. T4
5. T5

**Net Tax**

1. 100.00
2. 200.00
3. 300.00
4. 400.00
5. 500.00

**Title Fee**

1. 500.00
2. 100.00
3. 150.00
4. 200.00
5. 250.00

**Tag/Transfer Fee**

1. 300.00
2. 200.00
3. 100.00
4. 50.00
5. 30.00

**Total**

1. 800.00
2. 600.00
3. 400.00
4. 300.00
5. 200.00

**SUMMARY OF PAYMENT**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$1000.00</td>
<td>Checks</td>
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<tr>
<td>$200.00</td>
<td>Cash</td>
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</table>


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ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AND TITLING (ERT) DEALER WORK SUBMISSION
SPECIAL NOTE FOR ERT DEALER WORK

SUBMISSION – Any work processed through the ERT dealer networks must be “transmitted” within 30 days of the date of delivery. Bundles, containing title and registration records, need to be submitted to the MVA immediately after transmission by delivering them to counter 202 in the Glen Burnie headquarters building of the MVA; or mailed to the MVA at the following address:

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration
6601 Ritchie Highway NE
Data Management, Room 202
Glen Burnie, MD 21062

Effective October 1, 2010, the transmission date is used for proof of submission to MVA.
WHAT ERT DEALERS “CAN” DO & “CAN’T” DO
What transactions “CAN” ERT dealers process electronically?

- New title and tags (T1)
- New title and transfer of tags (T2)
- New title and transfer with renewal of tags (T3)
- New title only (T5)
- Title for ATV’s - Need to use class D, enter NR in the inspection field and enter AT for the body style
- New tag registration (NR)
- Standard renewal (SR)
- Replacement tag renewal (RT)
- Substitute tags (ST)
- Substitute stickers (SS)
- Duplicate registration (DU)
- Duplicate title, Form VR-018 (DT) (Transmit only)
- Duplicate title, Form VR-003 (Transmit only)
- Administrative flag fee (AF)
- Can utilize mailing address, mail address shows on title, not on database.
- Soundex issuance with proper documents - ERT Dealers must fax drivers license ID card, or military ID from this country to MVA ERT Unit at 410-424-3629 or 410-768-7070. Otherwise the transaction needs to be submitted to MVA.
- Tag return.

What transactions “CANNOT” be processed by ERT dealers?

- No branding of titles (can only brand for CAL LEV and odometer A, B or C). A TITLE REQUIRING ANY OTHER BRAND “MUST” BE TAKEN TO THE MVA FOR PROCESSING.
- No VIN plate assignment
- No new issuance of disability plates, only transfer of disability plates
- No new issuance of personalized or organizational tags, only transfer of personalized or organizational tags
- No taxi (class B) no limousine (class Q) no ambulance / funeral (class C)
- No State and Local government (not new or transferred)
- No law enforcement
- No excise tax-exempt for business (mergers, consolidations, newly formed, dissolving etc.)
- No excise tax-exempt individual transferring to inter-vivos trust
- No excise tax credit for new residents
- No out of country gray market vehicles
- No registration corrections (RC)
WHAT
ERT
TITLE SERVICES
“CAN” DO
&
“CAN’T” DO
What transactions “CAN” ERT Title Services process electronically?

- New title and tags (T1)
- New title and transfer of tags (T2)
- New title and transfer with renewal (T3)
- New title and temporary tags (T4)
- New title only (T5)
- Title for ATVS (NR in inspection field, use class D, and R in the exception field, AT for body style)
- Temporary tag (TM)
- New tag registration (NR)
- Standard renewal (SR)
- Replacement tag renewal (RT)
- Substitute tags (ST)
- Substitute stickers (SS)
- Duplicate registration (DU)
- Duplicate title (DT) transmit only
- Administrative flag fee (AF)
- Can utilize mailing address (mailing address shows on title, not on database)
- Soundex issuance with proper documents - must fax Driver License, ID card, or Military ID from this country to MVA ERT UNIT (otherwise transaction needs to be submitted to MVA)
- Can do work on behalf of dealer (but cannot get .6% unless both dealer # and title service # are entered)
- Tag return
- Can “only” process salvage transactions on behalf of an insurance company (Must have contract with the insurance company and submit to MVA Business Licensing for approval).

What transactions “CANNOT” be processed by ERT Title Services?

- No duplicate title VR-003 processing
- No branding of titles (can only brand for CAL LEV and odometer A, B or C). A TITLE REQUIRING ANY OTHER BRAND “MUST” BE TAKEN TO THE MVA FOR PROCESSING.
- No VIN plate assignment
- No new issuance of disability plates, only transfer of disability plates
- No new issuance of personalized or organizational tags, only transfer of personalized or organizational tags
- No taxi (class B), no limousine (class Q), no ambulance/funeral (class C)
- No state and local government (not new or transfer)
- No law enforcement
- No tax exempt for business (mergers, reorganizations, newly formed, dissolutions)
- No tax exempt - individual transferring to intervivos trust
- No excise tax credit for new residents
- No out of country – (gray market vehicles)
- No registration correction (RC)
- No transfer tags (TT)
- No transfer with renewal (TR)
Forms

To download the most commonly used MVA forms:
Go to www.mva.maryland.gov then go to Online Services/Download forms

Forms can be ordered by fax from the MVA Warehouse using the fax number below:

Fax: 410-762-5136

Fax requests need to be on the letterhead of the dealership or title service and must include the complete mailing address. “DO NOT” USE P.O. BOXES. THE DELIVERY SERVICE “WILL NOT” DELIVER TO P.O. BOXES. Be sure to include the first name, last name and phone number of the point of contact at the dealership or title service.

Please note that “Maryland Dealer Reassignments” and the “Secure Power of Attorney for Odometer Disclosure” may only be purchased from the:

Maryland Automobile Dealer’s Association (MADA)
410-269-1710 http://mdauto.org/

or,

Maryland Independent Automobile Dealer’s Association (MIADA)
HOW DO I PURCHASE A MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW BOOK?

CALL TOLL FREE 800-562-1197

OR

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.LEXISNEXIS.COM/BOOKSTORE
The Application for Certificate of Title is the form you will use to assist your customer in titling and registering their vehicle(s). It summarizes the contents of supporting documents in a vehicle’s title record. The pages that follow provide you with step-by-step guidance needed to properly complete the form. Maryland Vehicle Law requires the use of this form.
Proper Completion of the Application for Certificate of Title

Form VR-005 or Title Application Located on the Reverse of the Maryland Title

OWNER INFORMATION
For the protection of your customers and your business, **be sure to obtain positive identification from all persons buying vehicles**. In most cases, this will be a Maryland Driver License or Maryland Identification Card. A copy of the identification provided must be maintained with your records.

**NAMES** - Full names of all owners need to be used (First, Middle, and Last). For customer’s having no middle name, indicate with NMN. If the customer’s name contains a middle initial only, this must be verified by the Maryland Driver’s License, or a Maryland ID Card showing a middle initial.

For new residents to the State who have not yet obtained a Maryland Driver’s License or a Maryland ID Card, the first, middle and last name must be furnished along with the date of birth. Since many other states do not use full names on their Driver’s Licenses, you need to inform the customer that in this State, they need to use their full name.

The name(s) on the application must agree with the assigned Certificate of Origin (CO) or Title.

**Change of Name** – Customers having a change of name need to have their Maryland Driver License corrected before MVA may issue a title showing the new name. See change of name procedures in the “What’s New Section” of this manual.

**ET AL** - Vehicles having more than 2 owners must have the names, soundex numbers, and signatures of all owners on the title application, (Form VR-005). Only the first owner’s name and soundex number is shown on the title. The co-owners’ names are shown as ET AL and the co-owners’ soundex will be Z-977-777-777-777. **NOTE:** When the vehicle is sold, the signatures of all owners will be required to transfer ownership. The title record needs to be viewed to verify the names of all owners. Contact MVA to verify the names of all owners on a vehicle showing ET AL.
BUSINESS NAMES – The following are examples of how names may be shown for business owned vehicles.

USE OF CARE OF (c/o)-This is normally used when the owner of a vehicle is located out of state, but the vehicle is being used in the State of Maryland. Since the law requires a Maryland address, the application must reflect the name and address of the person using or leasing the vehicle in Maryland preceded by c/o. The title application is completed as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Owner</th>
<th>Co-Owner</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Any Company Leasing</td>
<td>c/o Mary Doe Soundex</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soundex Number (use “Z” Soundex)</td>
<td>(use soundex of c/o)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>519 Best Street</td>
<td>123 Anywhere Lane</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anywhere AA Maryland 21987</td>
<td>Anytown, MD 22222</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

A “Z” Soundex is always used with a c/o for the owners soundex. Important Note: The soundex of the person or business shown as the c/o and the address for both leasing company and the lessee (c/o) need to be entered. The leasing company address may be an out of state address, but the lesser address must be the Maryland address. This change ensures any flag notices relating to the vehicle will be sent to both the owner and the person or business shown on the c/o.

Even though the lessee (or driver) name is entered in the space for co-owner preceded by c/o, THEY ARE NOT THE CO-OWNER. They are considered to be part of the address. The owner needs to sign all applications and documents. The person listed as c/o may not sign the title application unless they are granted Power of Attorney.

Use of Trading As (T/A) and Doing Business As (DBA)

An individual whose company is not incorporated (or an LLC) may use Trading As (T/A) and Doing Business As (DBA). As long as the company is not incorporated (or an LLC), the owner and his/her company are legally the same entity. Ownership is shown as follows on the application:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Owner</th>
<th>Co-Owner</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>John Brown</td>
<td>T/A Browns Little Company</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soundex Number (use “Z” Soundex)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>111 Browns Parkway</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Glen Burnie AA Maryland 21009</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Always assign a “Z” Soundex number when using Trading As (T/A) or Doing Business As (DBA). Tags may be transferred from a vehicle owned by the individual (John Brown) to a vehicle owned by the individual T/A his company, or vice versa. An individual cannot Trade As (T/A) a corporation, LLP, or LLC because they are separate entities. Any application received requesting that an individual T/A a corporation or LLC must be returned for clarification as to whether the individual or the corporation/LLC is the owner of the vehicle.

A Corporation may Trade As its registered trade name, for example: America’s Best Company, Inc. T/A ABC, Inc.

In this instance, the corporation is legally the same entity as its registered trade name. You may contact the Department of Assessments and Taxation for verification at 410-767-1340 or www.dat.state.md.us. Please be advised, a corporation or LLC may not trade as a completely separate corporation or LLC. If one corporation or LLC is using a vehicle belonging to another corporation or LLC, c/o should be used, not T/A.

Can a corporation or LLC be a co-owner with an individual?” The answer is yes. Even though this is an unusual request, it can be shown once it is determined that this is truly what the customer wants. In this case, the corporation or LLC is listed as owner and the individual as co-owner. The MVA customer agent enters the corporation’s name as owner in TARIS and the individual’s name (do not use c/o in this case) as co-owner. The title application must contain the “Z” Soundex number and the co-owner’s soundex number. However, TARIS will only accept the “Z” Soundex number: the co-owner’s soundex will be left blank in TARIS. The application must be signed by a corporate officer or “member” of the LLC as the owner (must have capacity stated after signature), and the individual as co-owner.

SOUNDEX NUMBERS - Enter complete and accurate soundex numbers. DO NOT USE OUT OF STATE DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBERS. If the applicant does not have a Maryland soundex number, be sure to give their FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH. In this case the customer agent who processes the work will assign a soundex number.
Please note: For Maryland residents who have not yet obtained their Maryland driver’s license or ID Card, dealers and titles services using one of the “electronic registration and titling networks” may contact the ERT Unit at 410-787-7823 to receive assistance with soundexing. The ERT unit can only issue a soundex if the applicant can furnish a driver license from another state in the United States. Otherwise the transaction must be processed at a full service MVA branch office. ERT dealers who need a soundex issued must fax their request to 410-424-3629. Be sure to fax a complete Application for Certificate of Title (FormVR-005) showing a Maryland address, a copy of the out of state drivers license and a cover sheet with the dealers name and contact information.

Soundex Numbers for Business Owned Vehicles - When titling vehicles owned by companies, corporations, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, partnerships, etc., be sure to use the assigned Z soundex number if it is available. Only use the same Z soundex number if all name and address information is identical. If there is a different address or c/o is shown, a new Z soundex number must be assigned. Any application received for a business owned vehicle must include the FEIN (Federal Employer Identification Number) in the area provided in the co-owner soundex/FEIN area.

TRUST: For vehicles purchased from a dealer to be titled directly into a Trust, or an Inter Vivos Trust, the dealer will need to issue a Z Soundex number. The trustee must sign the title application and all other required documents. A copy of the portion of the Trust Agreement that names the trust and the trustee(s) needs to be submitted. **This is a “taxable” transaction.**

*Please note: Excise tax exemption may only be applied in private (non-dealer) transactions where a vehicle is already owned in Maryland, and the ownership is being transferred into an inter-vivos trust, and the owner of the vehicle is the primary beneficiary of the inter-vivos trust. Most other trust transactions are taxable.***

**DATE OF BIRTH** - Date of birth is required.
ADDRESS - Give a complete Maryland address (street address, city, county, state and zip code).

P. O. Box may be shown along with the street address if it is in the same zip code area as the street address.

For leased vehicle transactions be sure to include the soundex number and address for both lessor and lessee. Leasing company may show an out of state address.

Maryland residents in the military, stationed out of state may show an out of state address if an "Address Certification, U. S. Government Employee’s", (Form VR-102) is completed and signed by the employer and the employee.

JOINT TENANTS AND TENANTS BY ENTIRETIES are forms of ownership with rights of survivorship. Any two (or more) people may use JOINT TENANTS. Only husband and wife may use TENANTS BY ENTIRETIES. If Joint Tenants or Tenants by Entireties are selected, it will need to be entered into the exception field as "JT" or "TBE". Upon the death of an owner, the survivor needs only to submit a death certificate and the assigned title to transfer ownership. If there is an open lien, a letter of authorization from the lien holder will be required.

If neither of the above is selected, joint ownership will be considered TENANTS IN COMMON. Upon the death of an owner, the surviving owner may transfer ownership with a death certificate, the assigned title and a lien release/letter of authorization (if applicable).

NOTE: For more information on transfer's involving deceased owners, see booklet "Instructions for Transferring Ownership of a Decedents Vehicle", form VR-151.pdf. All Death Certificates submitted must contain the seal of the Bureau of Vital Statistics.
**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Check the appropriate box to indicate **NEW** or **USED** vehicle.

Enter a full description of the vehicle (Year, Make, Model and Vehicle Identification Number). Be sure to compare VIN on the application to VIN on Certificate of Origin or Title. Enter body style, type of fuel and number of cylinders.

**TWO STAGE VEHICLES** – If the chassis Certificate of Origin is assigned to a second stage manufacturer who sells the completed vehicle to a retail consumer, two certificates of origin are required. For transactions requiring two Certificates of Origin, enter complete vehicle information for both stages and submit Certificates of Origin for both stages. The VIN of the first stage and the year and make of the second stage will be shown on the title. However, if the conversion is only cosmetic, the year, make and VIN of the first stage will be shown. If the chassis Certificate of Origin is assigned to the retail consumer, the application for title can be accepted with one Certificate of Origin and a bill of sale for the body. This bill of sale will be to the retail consumer.

### Second Stage Vehicles

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type of Vehicle</th>
<th>Required Statement of Origin</th>
<th>Vehicle Identification # Shown on Title</th>
<th>Model, Year Shown on Title *(1)</th>
<th>Model, Name Shown on Title</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. Type A: Motorhome</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; and 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's</td>
<td>2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's</td>
<td>2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2. Type B: Van Conversions meeting the definition of Motorhome</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; and/or 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; or 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's *(3)</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; or 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's *3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3. Type C: Chopped Vans (Mini-Motorhomes)</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; and 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's</td>
<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; stage manufacturer's</td>
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**Note:**
- *(1)* and *(3)* depend on the specific definition and regulations of the vehicle type.
- *(1)*: Model and Year shown on title for the first stage project.
- *(3)*: Model and Year shown on title for the second stage if applicable.
EXCEPTIONS

1-A – Motor Vehicle Administration will accept the model year as certified by the 2nd stage manufacturer provided the model year of the incomplete vehicle appears on the Federally required label affixed to the vehicle. This label must be prominently displayed on the vehicle to give notice to a purchaser.

2-B – Definition of Motor Home: The vehicle is equipped with permanently installed living facilities such as toilet, sink, stove, furnishings, etc. The living portion of the vehicle is a permanent integral living part of the entire vehicle as originally constructed by the manufacturer or reconstructed upon the chassis of a motor vehicle.

3-C – If the conversion is more than cosmetic and the 2nd stage manufacturer is licensed, both Certificates of Origin are required, in which case use the 2nd stage model year and model name. If the conversion is only cosmetic, use 1st stage Certificate of Origin’s vehicle identification number, year and model name.

TRUCKS - Enter GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (GVW), which is the weight of the vehicle plus the load. Only enter GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT (GCW) for a truck if it will be pulling a "Freight Trailer" in excess of 20,000 lbs.; or a tractor pulling a trailer in excess of 10,000lbs. GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT (GCW) is the weight of the pulling vehicle (Truck or Tractor) and its load plus the weight of the trailer and its load.

NOTE: If your customer needs assistance in selecting gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight call "Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division" at 410-694-6100.

1/2 AND 3/4 Ton Trucks – Usually select 7,000 lbs. GVW. However, if the GVWR is above 7,000 lbs., a GVW of 10,000 lbs. may be selected. A 1/2 or 3/4 ton truck cannot be raised above 10,000 lbs. The letters "SP" will be entered in the exception field on the registration to indicate a 1/2 or 3/4-ton truck raised to its maximum weight of 10,000 lbs. Since a certificate of origin is not available to verify the GVWR for used truck transactions, the vehicle owner may use the 1/2 and 3/4 Ton Truck Owner's Weight Certification (FormVR-142A) to choose the maximum weight of 10,000 lbs, if desired.

A one-ton truck’s minimum GVW is 10,000 lbs. Place N/A in the exception field. One-ton trucks may select a higher weight.
For larger trucks, see Truck Schedule of Fees Form VR-042A:

Indicate on the application Truck or Truck Tractor (if applicable)

**DUMP TRUCKS** - A dump truck may use EPO, EPD or ED4 tags. If EPD or ED4 Dump Service tags are selected, the truck will not be subject to axle weight limitations at weigh stations. However, if EPO tags are selected, the truck is subject to axle weight limitations according to the bridge formula just as any other truck would be.

If dump service tags are desired, complete the Dump Truck Certification (Form VR-098) indicate the number of axles on the title application and submit a side view photograph of the vehicle.

- **2-axle dump** - may only show a GVV of 40,000 lbs. Enter 2X in the exception field in TARIS or ERT program. (A higher weight may be selected for GCW.)
- **3 or more axles** - select between 40,000 - 55,000 lbs. Enter 3X in the exception field in TARIS or ERT program. (A higher weight may be selected for GCW.)
- **4 or more axles** - operating in Garrett and Alleghany counties only, may select up to 70,000 lbs. Enter 4X or higher number of axles in the exception field in TARIS or ERT program. (A higher weight may be selected for GCW.)
- **Class ED4 (4 or more axles)** with lift axle certification by the manufacturer may select between 56,000 - 70,000 lbs. Enter 4X or higher number of axles in the exception field in TARIS or ERT program. Class ED4 vehicles may operate statewide. The “lift axle certification” must be carried in the vehicle and a copy needs to be submitted to the MVA to request class ED4 registration. (A higher weight may be selected for GCW).

Note: You must count the first axle when determining the number of axles.

**NOTE:** 3-axle dump trucks registered at 65,000 pounds prior to January 1, 1995 may operate at that weight until December 31, 1999. However, after December 31, 1999, 65,000 lb. dump trucks may operate at that weight for a maximum of twenty years based on the model year. Once reaching 20 model years old, they must either reduce weight to 55,000 lbs. or have a lift axle installed.
DUMP TRUCKS IN COMBINATION WITH FREIGHT TRAILERS IN EXCESS OF 20,000 LBS: When a dump truck is pulling a trailer in excess of 20,000 lbs, it must show both GVW and GCW on the registration card. Registration fees for dump trucks operating in combination are calculated as follows:

1. Find the fee for the “GVW” using the Dump Truck Schedule of Fees on Form VR-042A;

2. Use the Truck Schedule of fees on form VR-042A to find the “dollar per thousand” amount for the GCW selected;
3. Find the difference between the GCW and the GVW;
4. Multiply the “difference” times the “dollar per thousand” figure; and add the result to the cost for the GVW in item (1). This will give you the total registration fee for the dump truck in combination.

NOTE: When a dump truck using either EPD or ED4 tags is pulling a trailer (freight or non-freight), the axle weight limit exemptions that normally apply to “dump trucks” are not applicable. This means that a dump truck pulling a trailer will have its axles weighed at the Weigh Station.

NOTE: Even though GCW is not needed unless a truck is pulling a freight trailer in excess of 20,000 lbs, the weight selected for GCW “may be” equal to or only slightly higher than the GVW because the truck may be operated empty while pulling the heavy trailer.

APPORTIONED REGISTRATION (International Registration Plan): For assistance with apportioned registration, call Motor Carrier and Electronic Services at 410-787-2971.

BRIDGE FORMULA: Information regarding bridge formulas may be obtained from the State Highway Administration (SHA). Their number within Maryland is 1-800-543-4564 outside Maryland 410-582-5734. You may also contact the SHA for a Motor Carrier Handbook.
### VEHICLE DESCRIPTION

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<th>MODEL</th>
<th>VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER</th>
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- **TOW TRUCKS** - Complete Tow Truck Certification ([Form VR-294](#)) entering Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) and required insurance certification information. Tow trucks must have a minimum manufacturer’s GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or more and be equipped as a tow truck or rollback. Vehicles showing a GVWR of 26,000 lbs. or under will show U26 in the exception field on the registration. The registration fee will be $185.00 plus a $17.00 surcharge. Vehicles showing a GVWR over 26,000 lbs. will show O26 in the exception field on the registration. The registration fee will be $550.00 plus a surcharge of $17.00. Indicate tow truck or rollback on the form.

Class **T** will be selected for tow trucks used exclusively for towing. N/A will be shown for GVW and GCW. Fee for U26 is $185.00. Fee for O26 is $550.00. A $17.00 surcharge will also be assessed.

Class **TE** will be selected for rollbacks and tow trucks used for towing and other hauling. GVW must be entered and GCW may be entered if applicable. If weight selected is 18,000 lbs. or less fee is $185.00 and the $17.00 surcharge. Over 18,000 lbs., but less than 26,000 use fee from regular truck chart see [Truck Schedule of Fees](#) ([Form VR-042A](#)). If the weight selected is above 26,000 lbs. up to 40,000 lbs., the fee is $550.00. Over 40,000 lbs. use fee from regular truck chart by clicking on the link above.

### TRUCK TRACTORS (CLASS F) –
Indicate the gross combination weight (GCW) only.

### FARM TRUCKS -
must have a GVWR above 6,000 lbs. to qualify. The minimum GVW that may be selected is 10,000 lbs. but a higher weight may be selected based on bridge formula guidelines from Maryland State Police Commercial Vehicle Division. Complete Application and Certification for Issuance of Farm Tags ([Form VR-097](#)).

### FARM TRUCK TRACTORS (CLASS FF) -
Indicate gross combination weight only(GCW). Please note that farm truck tractors “are taxable transactions”. Complete Application and Certification for Issuance of Farm Tags ([Form VR-097](#)).
BUS – Buses operating as class P must state the number of passengers, and this will show on the registration in the exception field, example 25P. Class P buses operating Intrastate (only in Maryland) need to submit their Public Service Commission Vehicle Listing (TR605) stamped approved by the PSC before plates can be issued. A Maryland Safety Inspection is not required at the time registration or renewal of registration is processed since they are already subject to inspections through the PSC. The phone number for the Public Service Commission is 410-767-8000.

Class P buses operating Interstate (both in Maryland and Out of State) are required to provide a “certificate of authority” form obtained from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. FMCSA completes an inspection of these vehicles at the time the DOT number is assigned. The phone number for Federal Motor Carrier is 202-366-4000.

NOTE: Temporary Registration (30 Day) may not be issued for class P vehicles.

SCHOOL BUSES - School Vehicle Tag Certification (Form EP-216), signed and embossed, must be submitted before tags are issued. The EP-216 is only available from the Board of Education, or MVA’s School Vehicle Safety Technical Program. The EP-216 form must contain the embossed seal of either the Vehicle Safety Technical Program or the Board of Education. A Maryland Safety Inspection Certificate is not required since once registered, these buses are under the authority of the School Vehicle Safety Section and already are subject to annual inspection. The Vehicle Safety Technical Program telephone number is 410-768-7401. An EP-216 is not required for tag renewal.

NOTE: Temporary Registration (30 Day) may not be issued for school buses.

A class M tag will be issued to vehicles having the body style of a school bus but painted a color other than international school bus yellow and flashing lights must be removed. No tag may be issued unless this is completed and certified on the Multipurpose Certification (Form VR-095). This type of vehicle requires an annual inspection with (NAI) indicated in the exception field.

NOTE: Buses converted to motor homes will be registered as class M, do not require annual Maryland Safety Inspection and will show a body style of MH.
MOTORCYCLE - Enter engine number and engine size. Complete the "Motorcycle Equipment Certification" (Form VR-094). Legislation enacted in 2008 defines a motorcycle as a motor vehicle that:

- Has Motive Power
- Has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider
- Is designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground at speeds exceeding 35 MPH
- Is of a type required to comply with all motor vehicle safety standards applicable to motorcycles under federal law

NOTE: Motorcycles not manufactured for use on the road will "NOT" be issued registration plates. "NR" will be entered in the inspection field on the title in this case.

Mopeds and Motor Scooters

Effective October 1, 2012, mopeds and motor scooters are required to be titled and display an identifying decal. Operators and their passengers are required to wear helmets, protective eye gear, and display proof of insurance. See complete details by clicking the link below:

http://www.mva.maryland.gov/About-MVA/INFO/27300/27300-76T.htm

LOW SPEED VEHICLE - A low speed vehicle is designed to carry not more than four people. A low speed vehicle is a four-wheeled motor vehicle that has a maximum speed capability that exceeds 20 miles per hour but is less than 25 miles per hour. The vehicle must have at least four wheels in contact with the ground and an unladen weight of less than 3,000 lbs. Low speed vehicle does NOT include golf carts or electric personal assisted mobility devices (EPAMD).
NOTE- A Low Speed Vehicle Application (Form VR-324) must be completed. When processing the transaction it will be registered as a Class D (motorcycle) with “R” in the exception field. LV will be placed in the body style for all low speed vehicles. Original completed documents involving a Low Speed Vehicle must be sent to Vehicle Services Room 104 at the Glen Burnie MVA, along with a credit voucher for the fees. Class “R” tags are only available at the Glen Burnie MVA

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV)- Registration may not be issued. However, a title shall be processed through the Electronic Titling and Registration System (ERT). The transaction will be done as title only with OR as the body style and the class will be D. The exception codes will be ATV for all terrain vehicles. NR will be placed in the inspection field for not roadworthy. A title decal will be issued and the fee for the decal is $5.00. The customer will need to complete the application for the decal. VR-337
Should the selling dealership indicate they do not have the ERT System please refer the applicant to the MVA web site www.mva.maryland.gov for the name and address of a licensed tag and title service listed under Vehicle Services.

TRAILERS - Indicate the trailer type on the application (boat, utility, camping, travel, etc.) Non-freight trailers will show GVW on the registration card and will be weighed separately from the pulling vehicle at the weigh station. The weight must be chosen in thousand pound increments.

Non-freight trailers select GVW. Show weight in increments of 1,000 lbs:
3,000 lbs. or less Fee $25.50
4,000 or 5,000 lbs. Fee $51.00
6,000 lbs. 7,000 lbs. 8,000 lbs. 9,000 lbs. 10,000 lbs. Fee $80.00
11,000 lbs. 12,000 lbs. 13,000 lbs. 14,000 lbs. 15,000 lbs. 16,000 lbs. 17,000 lbs.
18,000 lbs. 19,000 lbs. 20,000 lbs. Fee $124.00
Freight Trailer is a trailer in excess of 20,000 lbs. pulled by a truck; or a trailer in excess of 10,000 lbs. pulled by a tractor. Fee $38.25

NOTE: A freight trailer will show N/A on the registration card for GVW and GCW and will be weighed in combination with the vehicle pulling it. That combined weight cannot exceed the GCW selected on the registration of the pulling vehicle. This includes farm trailers over 20,000 lbs.
The Class/ Fee Chart [http://mvanet/cosp/resources/fees130601.pdf] provides a complete list of vehicle classes, requirements and registration fees.

LIEN RECORDING- Give complete and accurate lien information: amount of lien, kind of lien, account number, date of lien and name and address of secured party. WORK CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT COMPLETE LIEN INFORMATION. All first liens are placed on the title application. (Even though an account number is requested, the MVA will not reject any request to record a lien, for lack of an account number)

SECOND AND ADDITIONAL LIENS are recorded by attaching a "SECURITY INTEREST FILING STATEMENT" [Form VR-217]. A $20.00 lien fee is charged for each lien recorded. Second and additional lien holders will not receive a Notice of Security Interest Filing.

NOTE: Banks, credit unions, finance companies and dealers do not need to submit a lien contract at the time the lien is recorded. ALL OTHER LIEN HOLDERS MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF THE CONTRACT AT THE TIME THE LIEN IS RECORDED. A lien contract must contain a description of the vehicle to include the year, make and vehicle identification number. The lien contract must also contain language that there is a security interest, and the signature(s) of all debtors. All contracts must be signed by "at least" all owners of the vehicle. There may also be additional co-signors on a lien contract.

💡 An updated Lien Code Manual is provided to the ERT Vendors. Please contact your vendor for access to the Lien Code Manual.
Purchase Price Information and Calculation of Excise Tax

Enter the purchase price.

**BILL OF SALE** - The names on the bill of sale must match the assigned title or certificate of origin. A bill of sale only needs to be submitted for vehicles sold by out of state dealers. Maryland Dealers complete the "Maryland Dealers Certification" on the Application for Maryland Certificate of Title *(Form VR-005)*, or complete the price certification on the Maryland Dealers Reassignment (form VR-182), the price certification on the Dealers Reassignment on the reverse of the Maryland title or Maryland salvage certificate.

The person signing for the dealership needs to indicate their capacity after their signature or indicate that they have Power of Attorney to sign for the dealership.

The Power of Attorney of the person authorized to sign for the dealership must be kept on file at the dealership and be made available upon request by MVA.

**EXCISE TAX** - Is based on the price as certified by the dealer, less trade-in, with no allowance for down payment or manufacturers rebate.

**Taxable items include:**
- The retail purchase price
- The shipping or freight charges
- After manufacture items included with the vehicle at time of purchase, and
- Manufacturer rebates
- Maryland dealers may charge a processing fee up to $300.00. This processing fee must be added to the purchase price and is taxable. **NOTE:** The processing fees charged by out of state dealers are sometimes higher. The “full amount” charged for a processing fee by an out of state dealer is taxable.
Non-taxable items include:

- Dealer trade-in allowance (see COMAR 11.15.33)
- Dealer discounts or rebates
- Extended warranties
- Mechanical repair contracts
- Federal excise tax
- Electronic registration fee, and
- Equipment installed to accommodate a disabled person.

Maryland dealers are "Entitled" to keep 0.6% of the excise tax up to $12.00 on all vehicle classes. The calculation of the 0.6% of the excise tax is shown on the Maryland Dealer’s Tax Certification located on the Application for Certificate of Title (form VR-005), the Maryland Dealer’s Reassignment (form VR-182), Maryland Certificate of Title, the Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing (for sale of repossessed vehicles in this State), or the Maryland Certificate of Salvage.

Code of Maryland Regulation 11.15.33 provides guidance in proper procedures for calculation of excise tax due on dealer sales and how and when to apply trade-in allowance. The regulation also provides guidance on which items are taxable and which are not taxable.
The complete regulation is as follows:

11.15.33.00

Title 11 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Subtitle 15 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION—VEHICLE REGISTRATION
Chapter 33 Vehicle Trade-In Allowance
Authority: Transportation Article, §§12-104(b), 13-809, and 13-812, Annotated Code of Maryland

11.15.33.01

.01 Applicability.
This chapter applies to the use of a dealer trade-in allowance to determine the total purchase price of a vehicle that is used to calculate the excise tax remitted when purchasing another vehicle.

11.15.33.02

.02 Purpose.
The purpose of this chapter is to establish the requirements and guidelines for calculating the total purchase price of a vehicle when there is a dealer trade-in allowance, as set forth in Transportation Article, §13-809, Annotated Code of Maryland.

11.15.33.03

.03 Definitions.
A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
B. Terms Defined.
(1) "Administration" means the Motor Vehicle Administration.
(2) "Certified selling price" means the full price of the vehicle purchased before the trade-in allowance is deducted.
(3) "Dealer" has the meaning stated in Transportation Article, §11-111, Annotated Code of Maryland.
(4) "Lease.
(a) "Lease" means a signed contract or agreement for the rental or leasing of a vehicle for more than 180 consecutive days.
(b) "Lease" includes a lease where the vehicle is intended or not intended as security as defined in Transportation Article, §11-127.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.
(5) "Leased vehicle" means a vehicle acquired from a dealer, by the lessor, for lease of the vehicle to a lessee for payment under the terms and conditions of a lease.
(6) "Lessee" means a person or entity who, under the terms and conditions of a lease made at the time of acquisition from a dealer, has possession of the leased vehicle.
(7) "Lessor" means a person or entity who, at the time of acquisition from a dealer, relinquished possession of the vehicle to a lessee under the terms and conditions of the lease.

(8) "Nonleased vehicle" means a vehicle in which a person or business entity holds both title to, and possession of, the vehicle.

(9) "Taxable price" means the total purchase price as stated in Transportation Article, §13-809, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(10) "Trade-in" means a vehicle assigned to a dealer for the purpose of receiving a deduction in value that is applied to the purchase price of another vehicle.

(11) "Trade-in allowance" means the amount determined by the dealer that is deducted from the purchase price of another vehicle.

11.15.33.04

.04 Total Purchase Price.

A. The total purchase price or taxable price of a vehicle is determined by the certified selling price agreed on by the buyer and the seller, including any dealer processing charges as defined in Transportation Article, §15-311.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, less an allowance for the trade-in. There is no other nonmonetary consideration.

B. The taxable price of the vehicle shall include:

(1) The retail purchase price;
(2) The shipping or freight charges;
(3) After manufacture items included with the vehicle at time of purchase; and
(4) Manufacturer rebates.

D. A dealer may not include the cost for any nontaxable items when determining the taxable price of the vehicle. Nontaxable items include:

(1) Dealer trade-in allowance;
(2) Dealer discounts or rebates;
(3) Extended warranties;
(4) Mechanical repair contracts;
(5) Federal excise tax;
(6) Electronic registration fee; and
(7) Equipment installed to accommodate a disabled person.

11.15.33.05

.05 Trade-in Allowance.

A. A dealer determines the trade-in allowance that is deducted from the purchase price of another vehicle. The amount of the trade-in allowance may not exceed the trade-in value indicated in the national publication of used car values adopted for use by the Administration.

B. A trade-in allowance may not be divided or deducted from the purchase price of more than one vehicle.
C. The trade-in allowance shall be limited to the vehicle with the highest trade-in value.

D. A vehicle titled in Maryland or out-of-State may be used as a trade-in.

E. If the vehicle traded-in is subject to a lien, the owner or co-owners of the vehicle are entitled to the full trade-in allowance, as stated in §A of this regulation, and deducted from the total purchase price. The trade-in allowance is not limited to the amount of equity the owner has in the vehicle.

11.15.33.06

.06 Applying the Trade-in Allowance.
A. When applying a trade-in allowance to the certified selling price to determine the taxable price of the vehicle purchased, the dealer shall complete one of the following forms:

1. Application for Certificate of Title (VR-5);
2. Maryland Dealers Reassignment (VR-182);
3. Dealers Reassignment on the reverse side of the Maryland Certificate of Title (VR-2);
4. The Dealer’s or Auto Wreckers Re-Assignment on the reverse side of the Maryland Salvage Certificate (VR-108); or
5. The Dealer’s Reassignment on the reverse side of the Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing (VR-2), if the dealer is selling a repossessed vehicle.

B. When applying a trade-in allowance, a dealer shall:

1. Complete the Maryland Dealer’s Certification portion of the application for title; or
2. Provide an original bill of sale showing the certified selling price and amount of the trade-in allowance.

C. The dealer shall determine and enter on the Maryland Dealer’s Certification portion of the application for title:

1. The certified selling price;
2. The trade-in allowance;
3. The taxable price of the vehicle by deducting the amount of the trade-in allowance from the certified selling price;
4. The gross tax remitted by calculating the applicable excise tax rate times the taxable price; and
5. For licensed Maryland dealers, the net tax remitted by:
   a. Multiplying 0.6 percent times the gross tax remitted; and
   b. Subtracting the result from the gross tax collected.

D. When the trade-in allowance is equal to, or higher than, the total purchase price, the excise tax shall be $0.

E. When the excise tax is exempt under Transportation Article, §13-810, Annotated Code of Maryland, or calculated as $0 as set forth in §D of this regulation, no additional allowance or refund shall be given to the purchaser of the vehicle.

F. When a certificate of title or a dealer reassignment is submitted without the required Maryland Dealer’s Certification showing the trade-in allowance information on the form, a dealer shall submit with the certificate of title or a dealer reassignment:

1. A completed Application for Certificate of Title (VR-5) containing the required certification; or
(2) An original bill of sale showing the:
(a) Purchase price and the amount of trade-in allowance;
(b) Vehicle identification number of the trade-in vehicle; and
(c) State in which the trade-in vehicle was last titled.

11.15.33.07

.07 Qualifications for Trade-in Allowance.
A. A trade-in allowance under Transportation Article, §13-809(a)(3)(i), Annotated Code of Maryland, shall only apply when:
(1) The owner or co-owner of the trade-in vehicle is the owner or co-owner of the vehicle being purchased; or
(2) The owner or co-owner of the trade-in vehicle is a relative as defined in §B of this regulation of the owner or co-owner of the vehicle being purchased.
B. In this regulation, a relative means a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, parent, sister, brother, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of the owner or co-owner of the trade-in vehicle and is the owner or co-owner of the vehicle being purchased.
C. For a relative who qualifies for a trade-in allowance, the dealer shall submit an application for a certificate of title to the Administration with:
(1) A completed application for Maryland Gift Certification (VR-103) certifying the relationship to the owner or co-owner of the trade-in vehicle and vehicle being purchased; and
(2) Proof of the relationship if the last names of the relatives are different.
D. A trade-in allowance may be applied when the owner of the trade-in vehicle is the primary beneficiary of an inter-vivos trust and the purchased vehicle is in the name of the inter-vivos trust.

11.15.33.08

.08 Trade-in Allowance for Leased Vehicles.
A. A trade-in allowance under Transportation Article, §13-809(a)(3)(ii), Annotated Code of Maryland, may be applied to the purchase price of a leased vehicle if:
(1) The trade-in is in the same owner's name as the name of the lessee on the purchased vehicle; or
(2) The vehicle is:
(a) Owned by the same leasing company purchasing the vehicle;
(b) Being assigned to the dealer; and
(c) Becoming a part of the dealers inventory for resale.
B. A trade-in does not include a vehicle acquired by a dealer but not assigned to a dealer.

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Administrative History
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Understanding EXEMPTIONS FROM EXCISE TAX is another important area to know in calculating the proper amount of tax due. Most of the excise tax exemptions that may apply to dealer sales are in section (a). For your reference section (b) and (c) has also been included even though in most cases, they do not relate to dealer transactions; these sections will be helpful to licensed title services who assist customer with non-dealer transactions. Maryland’s law for excise tax exemption is provided for you below:

MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW §13-810

Excise tax exemptions – Certain vehicles are exempt from the excise tax imposed. These excise tax exemptions are found under article §13-810 Exemptions of the Maryland Vehicle Law, which is as follows:

(a) Exempt vehicles generally. — On issuance in this State of an original or subsequent certificate of title for a vehicle, the vehicle is exempt from the excise tax imposed by this part, if it is:

(1) A mobile home over 35 feet long;
(2) A vehicle owned by the United States and used in the investigation of any violation of suspected violation of the law of the United States.
(3) A vehicle owned by this State or a political subdivision of this State.
(4) A fire engine or other Fire Department emergency apparatus, including any vehicle operated by or in connection with any Fire Department.
(5) by a nonprofit rescue squad.
(6) A vehicle owned and operated by the Civil Air Patrol.
(7) An ambulance, rescue or other vehicle owned and operated for the benefit of the public A vehicle owned and held for the use of the public by a unit of a national veteran’s organization.
(8) A vehicle owned and operated by a Maryland chapter of the American Red Cross.
(9) A vehicle acquired by an insurance company as a result of a comprehensive or collision claim.
(10) A vehicle registered in a jurisdiction the laws of which do not require titling and acquired for resale by a licensed dealer.
(11) A vehicle that is involuntarily transferred to a licensed dealer and for which a certificate of title is not available.
(12) A school bus owned by a religious organization or a private school which is exempt from federal income tax under 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
(13) A privately owned bus used only for operating the transportation system of any political subdivision in this State, if the bus is used for the transportation of the public on regular schedules and between fixed terminals.
(14) A vehicle otherwise exempt for the excise tax by any other applicable law.
(15) A vehicle which is used regularly for the transportation of individuals with disabilities and owned by a nonprofit organization providing direct care services to individuals with disabilities which is licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and is wholly or partially funded by the State.
(16) A mobile hearing and vision-screening vehicle owned and operated for the benefit of the public by a nonprofit civic organization.
(17) A Class F tractor or truck tractor, however a farm tractor is taxable.
(18) A Class P charter bus or a Class P for hire bus.
(19) A salvage vehicle acquired by a licensed dealer that has been restored by the licensed dealer and that has been inspected under 13-507 (a) (ii) of this title.
(20) A vehicle acquired for resale by a licensed dealer if the dealer reassignment sections contained on the certificate of title are exhausted.
(21) A Class M motor home or Class G travel trailer that is transferred or retitled in the dealership’s name under 15-305 (d) (2) of this article.
(22) A special purpose vehicle owned by a coal company if the vehicle is used:
   (i) For transportation of workers, coal, or equipment used in the coal production process; and
   (ii) Exclusively in or on coal mining property.
(23) A vehicle which is used exclusively in the transportation of disabled or elderly persons, owned by a nonprofit organization, and in which the Maryland Transit Administration retains a security interest.

(24) A vehicle acquired by a religious, charitable, or volunteer organization exempt from taxation under 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Department of Human Resources, or a local Department of Social Services for the purpose of transferring the vehicle to a Family Investment Program recipient or an individual certified by the Department of Human Resources or a local Department of Social Services as eligible for the transfer, or

(25) A rental vehicle

(b) Applicability of subsections (c) (1) and (3) —The provisions of subsection (c) (1) and (3) of this section do not apply to the transfer of a vehicle if:

(1) The vehicle that is transferred was previously exempt under subsection (a) (17) or (18) of this section; and

(2) The transferee of the vehicle titles and registers the vehicle under any other section of this title.

(c) Vehicles exempt on transfer. — On transfer of a vehicle titled in this State and issuance of a subsequent certificate of title, the vehicle is exempt from the excise tax imposed by this part, if it is:

(1) A vehicle transferred to:

(i) A spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, parent, sister, brother, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law of the transferor, and no money or other valuable consideration is involved in the transfer; or

(ii) A niece or nephew of the transferor if:

1. The transferor is at least 65 years of age at the time of the transfer; and

2. No money or other valuable consideration is involved in the transfer.

(2) A vehicle repossessed under a security agreement, unless the sale of the vehicle is required under the agreement;

(3) A vehicle transferred from an individual to a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation or from a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation to a sub-partnership, subsidiary limited liability company, or subsidiary corporation, if the individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation is a partner, member, or principal stockholder of the newly formed partnership, sub-partnership, limited liability corporation, as the case may be;

(4) A vehicle transferred to a legal heir, legatee, or distributee;

(5) A vehicle involuntarily transferred as a result of divorce or separation proceedings;

(6) A vehicle that is jointly owned and transferred to the name of one of the owners, if the transferee can establish to the satisfaction of the Administration that the transferor did not pay any part of the original purchase price of the vehicle or any applicable taxes or fees for the vehicle;

(7) A vehicle transferred by a corporation to its stockholder or stockholders or by a limited liability company to its member or members as a liquidating distribution of tangible personal property where the vehicle or vehicles transferred are not a principal or substantial asset of the corporation or limited liability company as determined by the Administration;

(8) A vehicle transferred as a result of a reorganization within the meaning of §368(A) of the Internal Revenue Code or a vehicle transferred as a result of a statutory merger or consolidation of a corporation and a limited liability company if no gain or loss is recognized as a result of the transaction under §332 and §721 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(9) A vehicle transferred to a Family Investment Program recipient or an individual certified by the Department of Human Resources or a local department of social services as eligible for transfer of the vehicle that was exempted from the excise tax imposed by this part under subsection (A) (24) if this section.

(10) A vehicle transferred into a written inter vivos trust in which the transferor is the primary beneficiary; or

(11) A vehicle transferred to a lessee who exercises an option under a vehicle leasing agreement for an initial term of more than 180 consecutive days to purchase the leased vehicle at the end of the lease.

(d) Reciprocal exemptions for law enforcement vehicles. — The Administration may exempt from excise tax imposed by this part any vehicle of a law enforcement agency of the United States or of any other state, if the United States or other state provides a reciprocal exemption for law enforcement vehicles of this State.

(e) Registration of vehicles exempt under subsection (a) (17) or (18) If the owner of a vehicle is exempt under subsection (a) (17) or (18) of this section from the vehicle excise tax subsequently registers
the vehicle under any other section of this title, the owner shall pay the excise tax based on the fair
market value of the vehicle at the time the exemption was initially granted.

### Registration of Vehicles

**NEW TAGS** - If purchasing new tags, submit the two-year registration fee (including surcharge) for the class of tags desired. Only trucks (1-ton and larger) and tractors pay a one-year registration fee. See fees for registration plates under the Vehicle Services heading at [www.mva.maryland.gov](http://www.mva.maryland.gov). All classes of vehicles have staggered registration and the month of titling will be the month of registration renewal. However, customers can request specific registration months, if desired. The TARIS system can calculate the amounts due based on the month selected. Various tag schemes of license plates may be viewed in [Maryland Registration Tag System](http://www.mva.maryland.gov) (Form VR-131)

**HALF YEAR REGISTRATION FEE** - applies when less than 6 months is left until the next scheduled renewal.

**QUARTERLY FEES** - apply to vehicles of the following classes registered at 27,000 lbs. or more: Class EPO(Truck), Class EFT (Farm Truck), Class F(Tractor), Class FF( Farm Tractor); Class EPD (Dump Truck), Class T (Tow Truck), Class TE (Tow Truck/Rollback).

**SURCHARGE** - a $17.00 surcharge per registration year will apply to all classes except: L, Historic; N, Street Rod; G, Trailers; Interchangeable plates; and transactions that are “Gratis” under Maryland Vehicle Law 13-903. Surcharge does not apply to the issuance of 30-day temporary tags (for non-dealer transactions), however surcharge will be collected when permanent plates are issued.
FLAGS and suspensions of various types may prevent the issuance of new tags or prevent the transfer of tags. **MVA’s Flagging Unit** may be reached at 410-768-7404 for guidance. The **Flagging Program Jurisdictions and Locations (form VR-143)** provides contact information for the jurisdictions flagging for parking, red light, electronic toll and speed camera violations. The [Flag Chart](http://mvanet/cosp/resources/flag-chart.pdf) will also be of assistance in determining when a release is needed.

**TRANSFER TAGS**- The fee to transfer tags is $10.00: Under the multi-year registration system, if the tag is valid for less than 12 months, submit an additional year registration fee and $17.00 surcharge. If the tag being transferred is due for renewal, collect the renewal fee (single or multiyear), and a surcharge of $17.00 for each year and submit with this application (the $10.00 transfer fee is not charged when tags that are being transferred are also renewed). If the tag is being transferred to a vehicle with a higher GVW (or GCW) you must collect the fee for the applicable increase in vehicle weight. Quarterly, half year, and multiyear registration need to be considered as well in cases of weight increases. These fees are calculated by both TARIS and ERT vendor software. Requirements for tag transfers are as follows:

- Tag and sticker number must be entered on the application
- Must be same class of vehicle
- Enter disposition of the old vehicle; Name and address to whom previous vehicle was sold, junked, traded, or given.
- **REGISTRATION CARD needs to be submitted, or for ERT dealers only, if the registration card is not available, the dealer’s “TAG Pull /Transfer Request” sheet” is acceptable.**
- Tags may be transferred from a vehicle in the same owner’s name; the joint or individual names of a spouse(s); or the joint or individual names of parents and children of the owner.

Tags may be transferred from an individual (who is the primary beneficiary) to vehicle titled into an inter vivos trust.
If tag transfer is requested, but the customer also requires a substitute set of tags, submit a form Application for Substitute Plates/ Stickers/ Duplicate Registration Card (Form VR-009) and copy of the Tag Return Receipt, if available. If the tags were lost or mutilated, an additional $20.00 substitute tag fee will be charged. Please note: ERT dealers may process the substitute tag transaction and then proceed to transfer the tag.

“Permanent” historic tags assigned to vehicle 60 years old and older “may not” be transferred.

When transferring disability plates to another vehicle or applying for new disability license plates, the dealer must verify the customer disability certification card or verify with the MVA that the disability certification is valid. Attach a copy of the certification for the owner or co-owner of the vehicle.

NOTE: IF YOU WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO PROCESS THE CUSTOMERS TRANSACTION BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TAGS, ISSUE THE CUSTOMER A 60 DAY TEMPORARY TAG AND SUBMIT THEIR REQUEST FOR TRANSFER AND RENEWAL TO MVA ALONG WITH THE TITLING DOCUMENTS. THIS WILL PREVENT NEEDLESS FRUSTRATION AND INCONVENIENCE FOR THE CUSTOMER.

If substitute tags are needed, for tag transfer, submit an Application for Substitute Plates/ Stickers/ Duplicate Registration Card (Form VR-009) and receipt for returned tags (if available). If tags were lost or mutilated, a $20.00 substitute tag fee will be charged. In addition, if the tags being transferred are due for renewal and a customer needs a replacement set of tags, there will be an additional $20.00 substitute tag fee charged. If a customer has black and white plates and they request a War of 1812 plate at time of transfer, a $20.00 substitute tag fee will be charged in addition to the usual transfer fees. Please note: if the customer is applying for substitute tags because the tags were stolen, and the customer can provide a police report, the substitute tags will be issued gratis. There will be an additional fee for the substitution of specialty plates, even if they have been reported stolen. Organizational Logo plates have an additional $15.00 or $25.00 fee respectively. Personalized and Ham Radio Operator plates have an additional $20.00 fee. In all other cases, substitute tags are gratis.

Reference to Maryland Vehicle Law for transfer of registration plates are found in 13-503 COMAR 11.15.11.02.
REPURCHASE OF CERTAIN PLATES UNDER A NEW CLASS – This procedure is in place to accommodate situations where a specialized plate (or Maryland’s new standard War of 1812 plate) is on a vehicle that is being sold, junked, traded or otherwise disposed of, and the owner is purchasing a vehicle of a different class (i.e. car to truck; multipurpose to car, etc.). Repurchasing the tags under the new class is permissible when the following specialized plates are involved:

- War of 1812 Plates (A, M, EPO)
- Disabled person’s plates (ADP, MDP, EDP)
- Personalized disabled person’s plates (AVH, MVH, EVH)
- Organizational plates (AOR, MOR, EOR)
- Organizational logo plates (AOL, MOL, EOL)
- Amateur radio operator plates (HAM, HMM, HEM)
- Personalized plates (ASP, MSP, ESP)
- Agricultural plates (AGA MGA EGA also Disabled and Personalized)
- Bay plates (ABY, EBY, MBY also Disabled and Personalized)

PROCEDURE FOR REPURCASHING PLATES:

- Owners must be the “same” or can add or drop a spouse or child. Note: For organization plates, the organization member must remain as one of the owners.
- Must give disposition of the vehicle to which the plates were originally affixed (name and address of purchaser)
- Must submit the old registration card. Remit registration fee for the new vehicle including the surcharge (New month and year stickers will be issued to be affixed to the plate) 📁 for ERT dealers only, if the registration card is not available, the dealer’s “TAG Pull /Transfer Request” sheet” is acceptable.
- All Special Plates are available for 1 ton trucks
SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR DISABLED VETERANS- Section 13-903 of the Maryland Vehicle Law exempts qualifying disabled veterans from the "registration fees" when applying for special registration plates. The registration fee for totally disabled veterans is entered as GR when using these special registration plates. The following plate classifications are covered:

- Individuals with disabilities ADP, EDP, MDP, DDP, HDP, JDP, PDP
- Special Amateur Radio HAM, HEM, HMM
- Special Organization AOL, EOL, MOL, DOL, AOR, EOR, MOR, DOR
- Special Combat Related / Armed Forces AOL, EOL, MOL
- Special Commemorative (Bay) ABY, EBY, MBY, GBY,
- Special Agricultural Plates AGA, GGA, MGA, AGH, EGH, MGH

Note: Even though the registration fee is gratis for plates issued to "totally disabled veterans", on the initial issuance of "organizations logo plates", a totally disabled veteran needs to pay a one-time fee of $25.00. No other annual fees apply at the time of registration renewal.

Note: If a totally disabled veteran chooses to apply for Personalized Plates, the registration fee is no longer gratis and the Personalized Plate fees apply as well.
Complete the Application for Chesapeake Bay/Agricultural License Plates (Form VR-302) to apply. A fee of $20.00 in addition to the annual registration fee must be paid at the time of issuance of the new plates. In addition to the one time $20.00 fee, the vehicle owner must pay a $10.00 annual fee along with the annual registration fee. The plates may be issued to the following class of vehicles: Class A, Class EPO (26,000 lbs or less) Class M, Class G.

DISABILITY PLATES AND PLACARDS – Vehicle owners may apply for disability plates on their vehicle by completing the Application for Maryland Parking Placards-License Plates for Individuals with a Disability (Form VR-210). If this is the initial request for issuance of a disability plate or placard, Section C needs to be completed by a licensed physician, licensed chiropractor, licensed optometrist, licensed podiatrist, or licensed nurse practitioner. (See complete instructions on the reverse of the form)

Disabled individuals may request any of the combinations of placards and plates below:
1. set of plates
2. set of plates and 1 parking placard
3. parking placard (blue)
4. 2 parking placards (blue)
5. 1 temporary placard (red)
6. 2 temporary placards (red)
DISABILITY PLATES FOR LEASED VEHICLES - If a “disabled individual” is shown on the title of the vehicle as the “c/o”, license plates may be issued with the completion of the form VR-210. However, for those leased vehicles where the leasing company does not choose to show c/o, the disabled individual will need to use a placard to be entitled to special disabled parking privileges. Several leasing companies only want the address of the leasing company within Maryland.

DISABILITY PLATES FOR VEHICLES TITLED TO AN INTER-VIVOS TRUST
Disability License plates may be issued to a vehicle titled to an inter-vivos trust if the disabled individual is the primary beneficiary of the trust.

INSURANCE- Enter “full” name of insurance company, policy or binder number, and agents name. (If an incomplete company name is given or if you only indicate the “insurance agency” the transaction will be rejected)

NOTE: Only “Rented” or “Leased Trailers” require insurance.

Maryland’s Insurance Compliance Process
Having a good understanding of Maryland MVA’s Insurance Compliance process will ensure that your customer’s vehicle is not flagged unnecessarily.

The information requested on the VR-005, Application for Certificate of Title, under VIN# and state of trade, is not associated with Insurance Compliance. It is on the application to assist in auditing trade in amounts applied to the purchase price of a vehicle and becomes part of the vehicle’s title record.

Automated Compulsory Insurance System (ACIS) is a stand-alone program that only communicates to MVA’s mainframe.
VERY IMPORTANT!!! When trading in a vehicle to purchase another vehicle, the customer MUST notify their insurance company that the vehicle was traded-in when the tags were transferred and provide the insurance company with the information for the newly purchased vehicle.

Newly Titled vehicles:
Upon the titling of a new vehicle the purchaser self certifies that they have insurance and at that time they provide the name of the insurer and the policy number on the application. ACIS forwards a request to the insurer for insurance verification. If the insurance company does not respond in a positive way ACIS will then generate a case and send a letter of inquiry to the vehicle owner.

**ACIS will not generate a notice to request verification of insurance if an event occurs, for example:**
- If a tag is returned to MVA
- If the tags expire
- If the title is transferred
- If new business is reported by an insurance company

**ACIS will generate a notice to request verification of insurance if:**
- A newly titled vehicle’s insurance cannot be verified. or when the insurance company sends cancellation of vehicle’s insurance.
- If a vehicle is sold privately and the tags are not returned
- If a vehicle is sold privately and the tags are not returned and the vehicle is not re-titled

**How Soundex Flags Are Created**
Insurance Inquiry Flag (Soundex Flag) – If MVA receives a notice of cancellation on a vehicle’s insurance, it will suspend the registration 15 days after the case is created, for that vehicle and all other vehicles owned or co-owned by the vehicle’s owners. This soundex flag prevents that owner from completing any registration transaction or registering a new vehicle.

**How to Pay Through IVR**
Insurance fines may be paid by IVR once the penalty has been accessed. The motorist has the option of paying their fine at MVA or 410-768-7431. Payments are by credit card only. VISA MC AX EXP. Make sure you have your title number and case number. No partial payments. If your account has already been sent to CCU, no payments may be made by phone.

If a customer has cases on multiple vehicles, all penalty fines must be paid before the flag will be lifted.

To view information about insurance compliance in Maryland go to www.mva.maryland.gov
Then click on Vehicle Services / Insurance Compliance / Maryland approved insurance companies.

To order a book of insurance companies licensed to insure vehicles in Maryland go to: insurance@mva.maryland.gov
ODOMETER MILEAGE- Enter the odometer reading and check appropriate box if applicable. The transaction must contain an odometer disclosure statement on a Certificate of Origin, title, dealer’s reassignment or odometer disclosure statement that conforms to all federal requirements.

REASSIGNMENT ODOMETER DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE:

- Current odometer reading (no tenths)
- An indication whether the odometer reading reflects “ACTUAL MILEAGE”, “ACTUAL MILEAGE IS IN EXCESS OF MECHANICAL LIMITS OF THE ODOMETER” or “NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE”
- Signature and printed name of the seller(s)
- Signature and printed name of the buyer(s)

NOTE: For odometers that have 6 digits, do not check “in excess of mechanical limits” unless the vehicle has at least one million miles.

MARYLAND TITLES WILL BE BRANDED ACCORDINGLY:

a. ACTUAL MILEAGE
b. EXCEEDS MECHANICAL LIMITS
c. NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE

ODOMETER DISCLOSURE EXEMPTIONS

- Motor vehicle 10 model years old or older
- Vehicles having GVWR of more than 16,000 lbs.
- Vehicles not self propelled
- New vehicle prior to its first transfer for purposes other than resale
- A vehicle sold directly from manufacturer to any agency of the U.S. in conformity with contractual specifications.

Note: For vehicles 10 years old or older, Maryland requires that the odometer be entered on the VR-005, but will not reject the transaction if a federally conforming odometer disclosure statement is not present.

Note: The Truth in Mileage Act of 1986 is provided for your guidance at the end of this section.
SIGNATURE ON APPLICATION: Applicant(s) must sign and print their name and date the application.

APPLICATION FOR NEW REGISTRATION PLATES OR TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION PLATES

[Table]

SIGNATURE ON APPLICATION:

CO-SIGNER: If an owner of a vehicle is under 18, a parent, spouse, employer, or other responsible adult must sign as co-signer. The purpose of the co-signer’s signature in this section is to certify to the accuracy of the information on the application for title. (They will not be shown on the title).

APPLICANTS MAY SIGN IN THEIR USUAL MANNER. All of these are acceptable signatures:

- John Henry Doe
- John H. Doe
- J. H. Doe
- John Doe
- J. Henry Doe

PRINTED SIGNATURES are only acceptable with sufficient proof that the applicant cannot sign the name.

"X" SIGNATURE requires the signature of two (2) witnesses.

COMPANY AND CORPORATE SIGNATURES: Need to have the capacity of the individual stated after the signature. See examples below for capacities having authority to sign on behalf of the business entities:

- Solely Owned Company or Sole Proprietorship - sole owner or sole proprietor
- Partnership - partner (even though one is acceptable, try to have all partners sign)
- Corporation - president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, any manager
- Limited Liability Companies - member

If a business entity gives power of attorney to an individual to sign all documents to title and register any vehicles owned by that business entity, the power of attorney need not
be submitted. It will only be necessary for the person signing to indicate that they have power of attorney to sign on behalf of that business entity. However, if a concern arises, the MVA reserves the right to request to see the power of attorney.

TRUSTEE SIGNATURE – The person or persons who are trustees in a trust need to indicate trustee after their signature. A copy of the trust agreement (only the part naming the trust and designating the trustees) must be attached to the application for title. If more than one trustee is appointed, they all have to sign, unless the trust agreement indicates that they may act separately (severally).

RESTRICTED POWER OF ATTORNEY - If an individual or business entity grants power of attorney to complete any documents necessary to assign, title or register a vehicle “SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED BY YEAR, MAKE AND VIN” the original power of attorney or a notarized copy must accompany the transaction. Person(s) granting power of attorney and person(s) to whom power of attorney was granted need to sign the power of attorney.

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY - It is important that a general power of attorney have wording that indicates that it may be used for the transfer or acquisition of personal property as the case may be, or in a very broad sense implies the same.

OWNER INCOMPETENT requires signature of guardian and a copy of the court order appointing the guardian.

Please note: If a “durable power of attorney” (advanced directive) was executed by the individual prior to the time of their incompetence, stating that it will continue to be in effect in the event that the person granting becomes incompetent, it may be accepted without the need for guardianship. Be sure that the power of attorney covers the transfer of personal property.

STATE OF MARYLAND, POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ODOMETER DISCLOSURE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE (FORM VR-279) is used when a vehicle titled in another state is traded-in to a Maryland dealer, and the title is in the possession of a lien holder; or a duplicate title is needed. Once the title is received from the lien holder or the duplicate title is received, this power of attorney allows the dealer to disclose the mileage and complete the assignment of ownership. All three sections of this form must be completed. Please note: This form is only available through the Maryland Automobile
Dealers Association (MADA) http://mdauto.org// or the Maryland Independent Automobile Dealers Association (MIADA) http://miada-diada.com/forms.cfm. (See Truth in Mileage Act)
Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 SB-103 Effective June 1, 2007

*All vehicles starting with model year 2011, must comply with California’s strict emissions standard. (CAL LEV)
*This Bill does not affect vehicles with model year 2010 and older.
*The Maryland title will indicate the 2011 + year vehicle meets the emissions standard for this state.
*Vehicles starting with model year 2011 that do not meet the Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 cannot be titled in Maryland (see exemptions specifically noted below).
*Many of the vehicles titled today are CAL LEV compliant.
*The Bill was passed in 2007 requiring vehicles with a model year of 2011 and beyond to be CAL LEV compliant. This was to give the Manufactures three years to become compliant as required by Federal Regulations.
*The Motor Vehicle Administrations titling screens have been modified to require operators to enter a Y to reflect that the vehicle is CAL LEV compliant. This will allow the CAL LEV brand to print on the title certificate for future use. This brand field will be added to the dealer transactions in the near future.

Sample wording for CAL LEV, which appears on the front of the Certificate of Origin:
*This vehicle is certified for sale in all 50 states.
*This vehicle conforms with applicable U.S. Federal Safety bumper and theft protection and with the applicable U.S. Federal and California emission requirements.
*This vehicle certified according to Federal EPA and California ARB emission requirements for sale in any state within the U.S.
CAL LEV EXEMPTIONS

The following exemptions were identified in the Maryland Department of Environment COMAR regulations:

- Transferred by inheritance
- Transferred by divorce, dissolution, or legal separation.
- Previously registered where mileage exceeds 7,500 miles,
- Purchased by a nonresident prior to moving to Maryland
- A Vehicle sold for the purpose of being wrecked or dismantled.
- A vehicle sold directly from one licensed dealer to another licensed dealer.
- A vehicle sold for registration out-of-state
- A vehicle sold for off-highway use
- A vehicle of a rental agency in Maryland as a result of a rental initiated in a state other than Maryland.
- An emergency vehicle
- A military tactical vehicle
- A vehicle exempted by California Health and Safety Code §43656
- A vehicle replacement vehicle acquired by a resident of Maryland out of State
- A vehicle designated as exempt by the Administration

This law is applicable to vehicles of the 2011 model year and each model year thereafter for passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles. Includes Medium duty vehicles with gross vehicle weight rating of 14,000 pounds or less.
TRUTH IN MILEAGE
ACT OF 1986
TRUTH IN MILEAGE ACT

The Law

Congress enacted the federal odometer law in 1972 to prohibit tampering with odometers and to establish safeguards for the protection of consumers. In 1976, the law was amended to strengthen the enforcement provisions. In 1986, the Truth in Mileage Act of 1986 was enacted to enhance the paper trail of odometer readings. The Truth in Mileage Act also doubled the civil penalties to $2,000 and made knowing and willful violations a felony. In 1988 the Pipeline Safety Reauthorization Act amended the odometer law to permit the use of a secure power of attorney in connection with the mileage disclosure. The laws and amendments are codified and can be found in Title IV of the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Savings Act, 15 U.S.C. Sections 1981 – 1991.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was charged with the responsibility of implementing the provisions of the law. The final rulemaking was advertised in the Federal Register on August 30, 1989.

Unlawful Acts

The Act makes it unlawful for any person:

1) To advertise for sale, to sell, to use, or to install or to have installed, any device which causes an odometer to register an inaccurate mileage;

2) To disconnect an odometer;

3) To reset or alter the odometer of any motor vehicle with intent to change the mileage;

4) To drive, with fraudulent intent, a motor vehicle with a disconnected or nonfunctional odometer;

5) To conspire with any other person to violate the provisions of the Act;

6) To fail to issue a disclosure statement or to issue a false statement; and

7) If a dealer or distributor, to fail to receive a complete mileage disclosure statement.
REMEDIES

Private Civil Actions – Anyone violating any requirement “with intent to defraud” is liable for three times actual damages or $1500, whichever is greater, plus costs and attorney fees. This action may be brought by an attorney in a State or Federal court within two years from the date on which liability arises.

Injunctive Relief – The United States Attorney General may bring an action to restrain violations of the Act.

State Enforcement – The chief law enforcement officer in a State (usually the Attorney General) may bring an action to restrain violations or to recover amounts for aggrieved consumers.

Civil Penalty – The Secretary of the Department of Transportation has the authority to assess civil penalties which are collectable in a civil action brought by the United States Attorney General. Any person who violates any provision of the Federal law is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $2,000 for each violation, with a maximum penalty of $100,000.

Criminal Penalty – The criminal penalty, subjects a person, including an individual director, officer or agent of a corporation, to a fine of not more than $50,000 or to imprisonment for not more than three years, or both, for knowingly and willfully committing any of the unlawful acts.

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators created a Task Force to analyze the final rule and develop guidelines for the states to follow in implementing the law.

The Task Force reduced the pertinent issues regarding the act to six.

- Power of Attorney
- Secure documents
- Non-conforming Documents
- Reassignment/ Disclosure Language
- Involuntary Divestiture
- Odometer/ Mileage Reading Brands
POWER OF ATTORNEY

- The Final Rule prohibits the use of a Power of Attorney in any situation where the transferor (seller) and the transferee (buyer) are the same person or agents of the same person or corporation.

- The Pipeline Safety Reauthorization Act of 1988 allows for the use of a Power of Attorney when the transferor and the transferee are the same person or an agent of the same person or corporation and the title is in the possession of a lien holder.

- Legitimate uses of a Power of Attorney will continue to be recognized by NHTSA. Such uses include, but are not limited to estate administrators or personal representatives, lessor/lessee dealings and most situations where an owner or joint owner is unavailable.

PIPELINE SAFETY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1988

- Requires each jurisdiction to issue Power of Attorney forms by means of a secure printing process.

- Requires that the original form be returned to the jurisdiction by the person who was granted the Power of Attorney and a copy be retained by that person, firm or corporation.

- Requires the Power of Attorney form to have a certified odometer disclosure statement with a signature line for both the person granted the Power of Attorney and the transferee. NHTSA requires certification that the title is, in fact, in the possession of a secured party.

- The use of the Power of Attorney is voluntary on the part of the customer. They are under no obligation to sign a Power of Attorney and if they elect to return to the dealership after they receive the title, the dealer must comply.

POWER OF ATTORNEY FORM

Three Part Form:

- **Part A** Mileage Disclosure
- **Part B** Is used to show that the party granted the Power of Attorney has reviewed the title document and acknowledge disclosure.
- **Part C** Is a certification to all information appearing on the Power of Attorney Form and that there are no indications of mileage discrepancies.
SECURE DOCUMENTS

The certificate of title and any documents used to reassign the title shall be set forth by a secure process; however, the assignment documents do not need to be set forth by the same secure process as the title certificate.

AAMVA is recommending as a minimum:

- Pantograph Void Feature
- Erasure Sensitive Background Inks
- Security paper

These features will deter or detect counterfeiting and will allow alterations to be visible to the naked eye.
Federal and State law requires that you state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to comply or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

To be used by secured party (Lien Holder) named on the face for securing a hypothecated certificate of title or for conveyance of ownership of the vehicle to a subsequent purchaser. We, the undersigned, hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the Motor Vehicle described on the face has been represented because of the debtor’s failure to meet the obligation on the security interest indicated on the face of this form. The lien contract covering the vehicle was executed in accordance with article 9B of the annotated Code of Maryland. We also warrant title to the vehicle described and agree to defend it against all claims.

Witness My/Our Hands and Seal:

SIGNATURE OF SECURED PARTY
PRINTED NAME
REPRESENTING FIRM OR COMPANY

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked:

- [ ] The mileage stated is in excess of the mechanical limits.
- [ ] The odometer reading is not the actual mileage.

ODOMETER READING

The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described in this title has been transferred to the following.

Name(s) of Buyer(s):

Address of Buyer(s):

City or Town:

County:

State:

ZIP Code:

If you do not have a Driver's License, give Date of Birth.

BUYER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.

DATE OF BIRTH

IF NOT SUBJECT TO A Lien, INDICATE "NONE"

AMOUNT OF Lien

DATE OF Lien

KIND OF Lien (DEGREE)

NAME OF SECURED PARTY

ADDRESS OF SECURED PARTY

If any lien is to be transferred, give Date of Transfer of Title.

NAME OF PERSON TO WHOM YOU SELL THE OLD VEHICLE

ADDRESS

NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY (COPY FROM YOUR POLICY)

POLICY OR Binder NUMBER

NAME OF AGENT

APPLICANT FOR TITLE AND REGISTRATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the vehicle described in this title has been transferred to the following.

Name(s) of Buyer(s):

Address of Buyer(s):

SIGNATURE OF BUYER(S)

PRINTED NAME OF BUYER(S)

SIGNATURE OF CO-BUYER(S)

PRINTED NAME OF CO-BUYER(S)

NAME OF DEALERSHIP

Address:

⇒ Trade In Value:

Gross Tax Collected:

⇒ If not subject to a lien, indicate "none"

Name of Secured Party

Address of Secured Party

⇒ Any alteration or erasure voids this document.
NON-CONFORMING DOCUMENTS

After April 29, 1989, all jurisdictions were required to accept the new odometer disclosure form. Inasmuch as most jurisdictions’ titles did not contain the new odometer statement, a separate disclosure document was developed. This document is presently being used whenever a non-conforming certificate of title is issued to transfer ownership of a vehicle.

A non-conforming title need only be accompanied by a separate conforming odometer disclosure document when the vehicle is sold to the retail purchaser. NHTSA will verify that odometer disclosure statements were furnished between dealers through audits of dealer records. This document does not need to be printed by any secure process.

A separate odometer disclosure is not required when transferring new vehicles between dealers.

When the new vehicle is sold retail, a separate conforming odometer disclosure statement must accompany any non-conforming certificate of origin.

Most states requested and received an extension beyond the April, 1989 implementation date. Maryland was granted an extension for implementation until April, 1991.
REASSIGNMENT / DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE

The final rule gives very clear direction on language regarding reassignments and disclosures and NHTSA requires jurisdictions to issue title documents with this new disclosure language.

The following information must be contained in each assignment on the back of the title.

1. Current odometer reading (no tenths).
2. An indication whether the odometer reading reflects ACTUAL MILEAGE or is NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE, or that the ACTUAL MILEAGE IS IN EXCESS OF MECHANICAL LIMITS OF THE ODOMETER.
3. The signature and printed name of the seller.
4. The signature and printed name of the buyer.

The statement regarding the federal mileage disclosure law need only be included at the top of the first assignment area.

The address of the seller must appear somewhere on the document.

The printed name of the seller and buyer shall reflect the name of the person signing, not just the company or corporate name.
### DEALER'S BILL OF SALE FORM AND/OR RE-ASSIGNMENT FOR NEW & USED VEHICLES

Federal and State law requires that you state the mileage in connection with the transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

**DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE**

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The undersigned hereby certifies that the vehicle described in this title has been transferred to the following:

**Signature of Buyer**

- **Address of Buyer**

**Signature of Authorized Agent**

- **Printed Name of Authorized Agent**

**Printed Value of Dealer**

**Name of Secured Party**

**Address of Secured Party**

- **Amount of Lien**

- **Date of Lien**

**SOLD for dismantling or reconditioning, VIN of Trade-In**

- **SOLD for dismantling or reconditioning, VIN of Trade-In**

**SIGNATURE OF INTERESTED MORTGAGE**

**Printed Name of Authorized Agent**

**Printed Name of Dealer**

**Name of Secured Party**

**Address of Secured Party**

- **Amount of Lien**

- **Date of Lien**

**SOLD for dismantling or reconditioning, VIN of Trade-In**

**SIGNATURE OF INTERESTED MORTGAGE**

**Printed Name of Authorized Agent**

**Printed Name of Dealer**

**Name of Secured Party**

**Address of Secured Party**

- **Amount of Lien**

- **Date of Lien**

**SOLD for dismantling or reconditioning, VIN of Trade-In**

**CERTIFIED SELLER PRICE**

**TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE**

**ADJUSTABLE**

**INATION**

**SOLD**

**IN COLLECTION**

**NOT NOTIFIED**

**STATE OF MARYLAND FORM VH-182 (07/11)**
Exceptions to odometer disclosure requirements: The following is a list of exceptions from the odometer disclosure requirement:

1) Dealer transfers prior to the first sale.

2) Vehicles with GVWR above 16,000 pounds.

3) Vehicles not self-propelled.

4) Government vehicles,

5) Vehicles 10 years old or older.

Five year statement retention required: The new regulations require dealers to retain the odometer disclosure statements for five years and you must have a retrieval system in place.
# ODOMETER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Federal law (and State law, if applicable) requires that you state the mileage upon transfer of ownership. Failure to complete or providing a false statement may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

I, _______________________________ (transferor's name), state that the odometer now reads _______________(no tenths) miles and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle described below, unless one of the following statements is checked.

☐ (1) I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in excess of its mechanical limits.

☐ (2) I hereby certify that the odometer reading is NOT the actual mileage. **WARNING - ODOMETER DISCREPANCY.**

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X TRANSFEROR'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

TRANSFEROR'S ADDRESS (STREET)

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

DATE OF STATEMENT

X TRANSFEREE'S SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

TRANSFEREE'S ADDRESS (STREET)

CITY STATE ZIP CODE
IN VOLUNTARY DIVESTITURE  
(NON-OWNER INVOLVEMENT)

There are many reasons for ownership of a vehicle to change without owner involvement. Reasons include, but are not limited to: court order, mechanic’s/storage lien, repossession, police sale or probation of an estate.

Where an involuntary transfer occurs, an odometer disclosure statement is required if the transferee and transferor are not the same person. An odometer disclosure from the previous owner is not required; however the current odometer reading must be noted on both the application for title or a separate disclosure form. The applicant makes the disclosure.
It is important to recognize the difference between odometer reading and vehicle mileage. The Final Rule defines mileage as “…actual distance that a vehicle has traveled.” Because odometer readings and mileage can be different, it is necessary to brand odometer readings.

Because there is a lack of common definitions of brands, NHTSA created a national definition of these brands.

ACTUAL MILEAGE
NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE
EXCEEDS THE MECHANICAL LIMITS
EXEMPTIONS

- Motor vehicles 10 model years old or older.
- Vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 16,000 pounds.
- Vehicles that are not self-propelled.
- A new vehicle prior to its first transfer for purposes other than resale.
- A vehicle sold directly by the manufacturer to any agency of the United States in conformity with contractual specifications.
Dealers and distributors who are required to execute an odometer disclosure statement shall retain for five years a copy of each odometer disclosure statement which they issue and receive.

The records shall be maintained at their primary place of business.

Lessors shall retain for five years following the date they transferred ownership of the leased vehicle each odometer disclosure statement they received from a lessee.

The record shall be maintained at their primary place of business.

Each auction company shall retain for five years following the date of sale of each motor vehicle the following records.

a) The name of the most recent owner (other than the auction company;
b) The name of the buyer;
c) The vehicle identification number; and
d) The odometer reading on the date which the auction company took possession of the motor vehicle.

The record shall be maintained at their primary place of business.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Dealers and distributors who are granted a power of attorney shall retain a copy for five years at their primary place of business.
LEASED VEHICLES

Each lessor of a leased motor vehicle shall notify the lessee in writing that the lessee is required to provide a written disclosure to the lessor regarding the mileage. This notice shall contain a reference to the federal law.

The lessee shall furnish to the lessor a written statement regarding the mileage of the vehicle. This statement must be signed by the lessee and shall contain the following information:

1) The printed name of the person making the disclosure;
2) The current odometer reading (not to include tenths of miles);
3) The date of the statement;
4) The lessee’s name and current address;
5) The lessor’s name and current address;
6) The identity of the vehicle, including its make, model, year and body type, and its vehicle identification number;
7) The date that the lessor notified the lessee of disclosure requirements;
8) The date that the completed disclosure statement was received by the lessor; and
9) The signature of the lessor.

The lessee shall certify that to the best of his knowledge the odometer reading reflects the actual mileage; or

If the lessee knows that the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage in the excess of the designed mechanical odometer limit, he shall include a statement to that effect; or

If the lessee knows that the odometer reading differs from the mileage and that the difference is greater than that caused by odometer calibration error, he shall include a statement that the odometer reading is not the actual mileage and should not be relied upon.

If the lessor transfers the leased vehicle without obtaining possession of it, the lessor may indicate on the title the mileage disclosed by the lessee unless the lessor has reason to believe that the disclosure by the lessee does not reflect the actual mileage of the vehicle.
The Certificate of Origin is the ownership document for a “new” vehicle and must accompany the title application when submitted to the MVA.

**What information is contained on the front of the Certificate of Origin?**

**FRONT OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN**

The “top portion of the front” of the Certificate of Origin provides the description of the vehicle including the vehicle identification number, year, make, shipping weight, H.P. (S.A. E.), GVWR, number of cylinders, and series or model. **This is the source document that provides the vehicle information that you will enter on the application for certificate of title.**

The “middle portion of the front” of the Certificate of Origin shows the first assignment by the manufacturer to a licensed distributor or dealer.

The “lower portion of the front” of the Certificate of Origin contains the manufacturer’s name and address and also contains a space for the signature of the manufacturer’s agent.
REVERSE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

The reverse of the Certificate of Origin contains dealer/distributor reassignments where a licensed dealer may assign ownership of vehicles for which they have a franchise to sell. The reassignment area must be completed in full including name of purchaser, address, odometer reading (including designation as to actual mileage, not actual mileage, or exceeds mechanical limits), dealer number, and signature of the dealer. There must be a complete sequence of ownership from the manufacturer, to the dealer(s), to the retail buyer of the vehicle. For dealer to dealer transfers, the odometer reading is to be stated within each dealer reassignment, but once the ownership transfers to the retail buyer, the federally conforming odometer disclosure statement on the bottom of the certificate of origin needs to be completed; otherwise, a separate odometer disclosure statement needs to accompany the Certificate of Origin that has been completed and signed by the dealer and the retail buyer. There is also a space to provide lien information if applicable. If there is no lien, enter “NONE” in the space for lien holder’s name.
COMAR’s Requirement for a Uniform Certificate of Origin

*Code of Maryland Regulation 11.12.01.19 is as follows:*

.19 Uniform Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin.

A. The Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin for a new motor vehicle shall have the security features and be in the form recommended by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

B. A distributor of motor vehicles, licensed under Title 15 of the Transportation Article, may issue the uniform Certificate of Origin in behalf of the manufacturer of a new motor vehicle.

What is meant by the term “Uniform Certificate of Origin”

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) has approved security specifications for the paper, which is used for the ownership documents. The approved security revisions for the Certificate of Origin (C/O's) are consistent with AAMVA’s specifications recommended for the paper used for the vehicle titles in the various jurisdictions.

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators has set forth the standards for Certificates of Origin.

Certificates conforming to all AAMVA standards may be ordered from the following AAMVA associate members:

- De La Rue Security Printing
  703-450-1300 ext. 2265 or 571-224-0185
- American Banknote
  615-261-0610

Please note: There are other secure printing companies that issue Certificates of Origin that contain all features that are required by AAMVA as well. All “Certificates of Origin” should contain the following nine (9) features:

(1) Paper
  a. Sensitized Security paper – paper that is reactive to chemicals commonly used to alter documents.
  b. Non-Optical Brightener Paper – paper without added optical brighteners, which will not fluoresce under ultraviolet light.
(2) Engraved border – a border produced from engraved art work which shall appear on the front of the document.

(3) a. Prismatic – rainbow printing which is used as a deterrent to color copying, and/or
    b. Copy void Pantograph – the word “void” appears when the document is copied.
(4) Complex Colors – colors which are developed by using a mixture of two or more of the primary colors (red, yellow, or blue) and black if required.
(5) Erasable Fluorescent Background Inks – fluoresces under ultraviolet light and reacts to any attempt to erase in such a manner as to be immediately detectable.
(6) Background Security Design – a repetitious design consisting of a pattern which hinders counterfeiting efforts.
(7) Microline – a line of small alpha characters in capital letters which requires a magnifying glass to read.
(8) Consecutively numbered – documents that contain a number which is consecutively numbered for control purposes
(9) a. Security Thread – with or without watermark, and/or
    b. Intaglio Print – with or without latent image.

DOCUMENT SIZE – “Certificate of Origin” size specifications shall be seven(7) inches by eight (8) inches.

PAPER STOCK- Sixty (60) pound offset or equivalent durability

CONSTRUCTION – Unless otherwise specified by the user, the forms should be constructed and fan-folded for use on high-speed pin-fed computer printer and/or continuous typewriters.

LAYOUT – Text matter space for 1/10 inch horizontal and 1/6-inch deep characters per AAMVA H-12 Policy for standard format.

FACILITY SECURITY – To ensure the integrity of the manufacturers “Certificate of Origin”, the user should require the vendor to maintain secure printing and storage facilities.
MARYLAND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

What information is contained on the front of the MD title?

The front of the Maryland title contains a complete description of the vehicle by year, make and vehicle identification number, body style, odometer reading, brands, title number, exception codes for special conditions (such as JT, TBE, number of axles, number of passengers etc.), gross vehicle weight and gross combination weight, tag fee, inspection date, date issued, and the owner and co-owner soundex. This critical information is protected from alteration by a background of safety block microprint.

Directly below the safety block area on the left side is the name and address of the vehicle owner. On the right side directly below the safety block printing are the odometer codes and their meanings.

Below the owner’s name and address you may see additional branding information such as “Rebuilt Salvage”, “Flood”, “Vehicle Returned-Automotive Warranty Enforcement Act-History on File”, etc. If you see brands in this area, this indicates that there are conditions in the vehicles past that may substantially reduce the vehicle’s value, and/or safety.

The lower portion of the front of the title is used to record lien information. The certificate of title is able to hold lien information for 4 lien holders. If there are more than 4 liens, the title will contain the words “and more”. There is also a box on the lower half of the title where MVA may stamp the title clear of liens if provided with sufficient proof that the liens have been released. It is acceptable to provide the proof of lien satisfaction with the title at time of ownership change, instead of having the title stamped clear.

What information is on the reverse of the Maryland title?

The top section on the reverse of the Maryland title is the “Assignment of Ownership”. This is the section where the owner(s) of the vehicle will complete an assignment, as required by law, showing the name and address of the party or parties to whom they are
transferring the ownership of the vehicle. The odometer reading stated in accordance with all federal requirements needs to be entered as well. For vehicles transferred to a dealer, the word “RESALE” is usually entered for selling price. In other circumstances, the selling price, GIFT etc, is entered. All federally conforming titles have both the printed name and signature of the buyer(s) and seller(s).

The next section on the reverse of the Maryland title is an “Application for Certificate of Title”. The customer purchasing the vehicle has the option of completing this section or completing the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005).

The next two sections on the reverse of the “Certificate of Title” are dealer reassignments. Maryland dealers may use these reassignments or if the title has been assigned to an out of state dealer, they may use these sections as well. The dealer reassignments have a place for the dealer to assign ownership to another dealer, the retail buyer or any other transferee. There is also a federally conforming odometer certification and spaces for the signature and printed name of the buyer(s) and seller(s). There is a space for the certified selling price of the vehicle and space for Maryland dealers to show trade in value and calculate the gross and net tax remitted. A space for VIN and state of trade is provided on titling documents printed in 2009 or later. There is a space for the dealer to provide lien information (if there is no lien, write “NONE”). Once all reassignments are full on a title, a Maryland dealer may attach a separate dealer’s reassignment or apply for a dealer resale title, excise tax exempt.

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**MARYLAND NOTICE OF SECURITY INTEREST FILING (SIF)**

What is the Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing (SIF)?

The State of Maryland is a two-part titled state. When a vehicle is titled, the Certificate of Title is mailed to the owner of the vehicle. If the vehicle is subject to a lien, the second part of the title called the Notice of Security Interest Filing (SIF) is mailed only to the first lien holder, even though there may be second and additional lien holders recorded. The Notice of Security Interest Filing contains the same information on the front that is contained on the Certificate of Title. It has a similar appearance to the title but is a slightly different color. It also has a statement at the top saying “THIS IS NOT A TITLE”. The reverse of the document contains a certification of repossession, assignment of ownership, application for title and a dealers reassignment.

What is the purpose of the Notice of Security Interest Filing?
The Notice of Security Interest Filing serves two purposes. It may be utilized as a lien release, or in the case of a repossession, it serves as an ownership document.

**How is the Notice of Security Interest Filing used as a lien release?**

When the lien is satisfied, the lien holder needs to sign in the place provided on the front of the document. The lien holder is then required to mail or give the Notice of Security Interest filing to the vehicle owner to keep with their title. The ownership of a vehicle may not be transferred unless this document, accompanies the title. If the owner chooses, they may submit the title and the properly released Notice of Security Interest Filing to the MVA to have the title stamped clear or they may apply for a clear title for no additional charge.

If the Notice of Security Interest Filing has been lost, the lien holder may either (1) apply for a duplicate by completing the Application for Duplicate Security Interest Filing (Form VR-048) for a $20.00 fee; or (2) prepare a letter on their original letterhead, identifying the vehicle by year, make and vehicle identification number also providing the name(s) of the debtor(s), the amount and date of original lien, account number, date of release, signature and capacity of the secured party releasing the lien, printed name of the person releasing the lien, and the telephone number of the lien holder. Note: All lien release letters must be accompanied by a copy of the photo identification of the person presenting the lien release letter to the Motor Vehicle Administration.

**How is the Notice of Security Interest Filing Used when a Lien Holder “Repossess a Vehicle”?**

The Notice of Security Interest Filing serves as an ownership document when a lien holder repossesses the vehicle. To utilize the form for repossession, the lien holder needs to complete the Certification of Repossession on the reverse of the document including the odometer disclosure statement. The lien holder may then apply for a “repossession title” by completing the application for title and submitting it to the Motor Vehicle Administration with a fee of $100.00. The MVA also requires a Condition Report as an additional source of odometer mileage verification. Note 1: If the lien holder is anyone “other than” a bank, credit union, or finance company, a copy of the lien contract must be provided for repossession. Note 2: This transaction is excise tax exempt as long as the vehicle was titled in Maryland in the debtor’s name and the lien holder is only applying for title in their name to transfer the vehicle to a new owner.

If the lien holder does not wish to apply for a repossession title in their name, they may use the SIF to assign ownership. In this case, the certification of repossession is completed including the odometer disclosure, and the lien holder also completes the assignment of ownership section on the reverse of the document. In this case the SIF serves as the ownership document for the vehicle. A Condition Report is also
required as an additional source of odometer mileage verification.  **Note:** If the lien holder is anyone other than a bank, credit union, or finance company, a copy of the lien contract must be provided for repossession.

**MARYLAND DEALER REASSIGNMENT**

**How do dealers obtain and use “Maryland Dealer Reassignments”?**

Dealer Bill of Sale and/or Reassignment for New and Used Vehicles (form VR-182) must be purchased from the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) or Maryland Independent Automobile Dealers Association (MIADA). These forms will only be sold to licensed Maryland dealers and will not be sold to out of state dealers. They are not available from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. The forms are blue in color, are printed on secure paper and have a void pantograph security feature. This form bears a control number.

Dealer reassignments are also located on the reverse of the Maryland title. When the dealer reassignments on the back of the Maryland title (or out of state title) are full, a Maryland dealer has the option of using a separate dealer's reassignment or applying for a tax exempt dealer resale title. Most dealers choose to use the dealer reassignment. There is no limit to the number of dealer reassignments that can be used with a title. As long as there is a complete sequence of ownership, and appropriate forms from all states involved are attached, the transaction should be acceptable. All documents must be completed in full, not altered and properly signed by all required parties.

The dealer reassignments on the reverse of the Maryland title may be used by out of state dealers as well. In 1991 when the MVA developed the title conforming to the "Truth in Mileage Act of 1986" the wording "Maryland Dealer's Reassignment" was replaced with "Dealer Reassignment". This was done specifically so that all dealers could reassign on Maryland's titles. Most states changed their titles so that our dealers would be able to use the dealer reassignments on the title. **However, on the separate Maryland Dealer's Reassignment (VR-182), as long as a Maryland dealer reassigns on the first reassignment, out of state dealers may reassign on subsequent reassignments. MVA WILL REJECT any transaction if an out of state dealer completed the first reassignment on the Maryland Dealer Reassignment (form VR-182).**
OUT OF STATE TITLES

Out of State titles are quite different and need to be read carefully before being assigned to your dealership, to ensure that they are properly completed. Some have the assignment of ownership on the front; others have it on the reverse. Some out of State titles only have a place for the owner to sign to release their ownership of the vehicle; if there is no place to show who the buyer is, a separate statement will be required showing that the owner assigned the vehicle to your dealership.

Your dealer’s association will also be able to give you the names of several reference manuals that will have instructions for each state, as well as examples of the titles and other forms used by that state. These manuals will assist you at the time of taking an out of State vehicle in trade, as well as give guidance on what other states require when you are selling a vehicle to an out of State resident.

Helpful tip: For both out of State and Maryland titles, it may benefit your dealership to have the vehicles title history searched through one of the companies that specialized in online vehicle history.

LIEN RELEASE

The State of Maryland is a two-part title State. When a vehicle is titled in this State, the title is mailed to the vehicle owner and a “Notice of Security Interest Filing (SIF)” is mailed to the lien holder. Once the lien has been satisfied, the lien holder signs off on the front of the SIF to release the lien and mails it to the vehicle owner. The vehicle owner may keep the SIF with their title as proof that the lien is paid, or they may submit the title and lien release to the Motor Vehicle Administration to have the lien stamped clear on the title, or receive a corrected title with the lien removed.
If the SIF has been lost, the lien holder may apply for a duplicate SIF by completing form VR-048 at a cost of $20.00; or the lien holder may provide a lien release on their original letterhead containing the following information:

- Contact telephone number of the secured party
- The name of the debtor
- A description of the vehicle to include the year, make, and vehicle identification number
- The date and amount of the original lien
- The date lien was released The printed name, signature and capacity of the secured party’s representative a photocopy must be made of the drivers license or state issued ID of the person submitting the lien release letter.

NOTE: Only the first lien holder receives the Notice of Security Interest Filing. Subsequent lien holders will need to use a letter as described above to release their lien(s).

NOTE: If a lien release letter is faxed directly from the lien holder to an ERT dealer, the dealer may use that lien release to process the transaction through the ERT network.

**SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS**

**New Vehicles**

Brand new vehicles are not required to be Maryland safety inspected. Brand new vehicles must be sold by dealers licensed to sell new vehicles and must hold a franchise with the manufacturer.

Demonstrator vehicles are considered used if they have been driven for more than 7,500 miles. The fact that they have never been titled or registered is not a matter that determines whether they are new or used. The mileage of more than 7,500 is the determining factor to indicate that they must be sold as a used vehicle with a Maryland Safety inspection. The term “new” may not be used to describe a demonstrator vehicle. This information can be found under [COMAR 11.12.01.14.I](#).

Licensed dealer without franchise to sell - If a licensed dealer acquires a brand new vehicle and they do not have a franchise to sell that make of vehicle, they must title the vehicle in their name and pay excise tax before transferring the vehicle to another dealer or a retail buyer.

Damaged vehicles - There are circumstances when a vehicle has sustained damage, and the dealer and/or manufacturer has determined that the vehicle must be sold as a used vehicle, even though it has never been titled. In this case, the Certificate of Origin needs to be stamped “SOLD AS USED” and a Maryland Safety inspection is required prior to selling the vehicle to a retail buyer. Of course, the damage needs to be
disclosed to the buyer as required by law. Note: If the damage to the vehicle is extensive the vehicle may need to be salvaged.

**Manufacturers going out of business** – If a dealer has a franchise to sell a particular make of vehicle, and the manufacturer goes out of business or a particular make goes out of production, the vehicle may only be sold as new if the manufacturer will honor the warranty. If the manufacturer is not honoring the warranty, the vehicles will need to be safety inspected and sold as used, even though they have not been titled.

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**Used Vehicles**

**When does a dealer have to sell vehicles inspected?**

Maryland dealers are required to sell the following classes of vehicles inspected:

- Class A Passenger Vehicles
- Class E Truck up to ¾ ton
- Class M Multipurpose Vehicle (class M buses also need annual inspection)
- Class J Van Pool (also need annual safety inspection)
- Class F Tractors
- Class G Trailers
- Class B for Hire
- Class D Motorcycles

Exception: Trucks 1 ton and larger, tractors, and freight trailers may be sold un-inspected by dealers and the transferee may obtain the required inspection certificate.

**What length of time is a Maryland Safety Inspection Valid?** Inspection Certificates are valid for 6 months from date of inspection or until 1,000 miles has been added to the odometer, for vehicles held in dealer inventory. For non-dealer transactions, inspection certificates or electronic inspection transmissions are valid for 90 days, and if already recorded, are valid for 30 days on resale to a subsequent owner.

If an inspection certificate is valid on the “date of delivery to the customer”, it is valid for acceptance both for worked processed at the MVA and transactions processed through the Electronic Registration Titling systems (ERT).

**Dismantling or Rebuilding** - Except as noted above, dealers may only sell a vehicle un-inspected if it is sold for “Dismantling or Rebuilding” which is defined in law as needing extensive repairs to the body, frame, engine, suspension, or drive train. In this case, the dealer has to clearly mark the bill of sale as “Sold for Dismantling or Rebuilding”; or the box on the separate Maryland Dealers Reassignment form may be checked. If a Maryland dealer sells a vehicle for dismantling or rebuilding to a Maryland resident, the Maryland resident needs to be told that the dealer will not issue 60 day temporary registration, and the MVA will not issue 30 day temporary registration for that vehicle. The customer should be made aware once repairs are made, they will need to have the vehicle towed to an authorized Maryland Safety Inspection station (Note:
Customers should contact the inspection station first to ensure the station has a transporter tag to place on the vehicle for the required road test. If the customer chooses title only, the inspection field will be marked “NID” (Not Inspected by Dealer).

VEHICLES ACQUIRED BY DEALERS UNDER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

BANKRUPTCY

If a vehicle owner is in bankruptcy and property of that owner needs to be sold, the bankruptcy court will appoint a trustee to sell the property. A copy of the bankruptcy trustee’s appointment is required and the trustee signs as seller on the title and completes the assignment of ownership to the purchaser/transferee.

A bankruptcy trustee is also authorized to obtain a duplicate title by completing an Application for Duplicate Title Form (VR-018) and providing a copy of their appointment by the court.

DEATH OF VEHICLE OWNER

http://www.mva.maryland.gov/About-MVA/INFO/27300/27300-36T.htm

When a surviving spouse or personal representative of a deceased person wishes to sign a vehicle over to a dealer, either as a trade or a sale to the dealer, the following documents are needed:

- If the vehicle is **jointly owned by husband and wife and one is deceased**, the surviving spouse needs to complete the ‘assignment of ownership” section on the reverse of the title to transfer the vehicle to the dealer. When the surviving spouse is completing the seller signature area, they need to print the name of the deceased on one of the blanks and write “deceased” after the printed name entered. On the other blank as the seller (or co-seller) the surviving spouse signs and prints in the space provided indicating “surviving spouse” after their signature. The title must be accompanied by a certified copy of the death certificate bearing the seal of the bureau of vital statistics.

- If the vehicle is titled in the **individual name of the deceased**, the personal representative of the deceased individual signs as seller indicating personal representative or executor after their signature, in the assignment of ownership area to transfer
ownership to the dealer. A letter of administration with the seal of the court must accompany the title.

- For vehicles **jointly titled with someone other than a spouse**, the surviving owner may take their title and a certified copy of the death certificate to the MVA and apply for a title in the name of the survivor that will be mailed to the survivor. The new title received may then be used to transfer ownership to the dealer.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**
**What is required?**

Code of Maryland Regulation 11.15.14 provides guidance on what is required for all types of titling transactions. The specific sections referencing dealer work are 11.15.14.03 and 11.15.14.04

The complete regulation is provided for your guidance. Please note the regulation is specific to documents related to titling only. Any other documents and requirements for registration of vehicles are in addition to the titling requirements. It includes information on the required documents for titling and gives reasons that the Administration may reject titling transactions. The sections specifically applying to dealer transactions are highlighted in blue. Title Services will find the complete regulation helpful in handling non-dealer title transactions. The regulation is as follows:

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.01 Purpose.
The purpose of this chapter is to specify the documents and information needed for the Administration to issue a certificate of title for a vehicle and to clarify the Administration's policy regarding the refusal to issue a certificate of title for a vehicle if an applicant fails to furnish certain information or documents required by statute or regulation for the following title transaction types:
A. New vehicles;
B. Used vehicles sold by a dealer;
C. Used vehicles sold or transferred from someone other than a dealer;
D. Used vehicles titled in the applicant's name in another jurisdiction and now being titled in Maryland;
E. Vehicles being titled as a result of a repossession;
F. Vehicles being titled as a result of a mechanic's lien;
G. Vehicles being titled as the result of a sheriff's sale;
H. Vehicles being titled by a court order;
I. Reconstructed vehicles;
J. Glider kits and kit cars;
K. Homemade trailers; and
L. Kit trailers.

.02 Definitions.
A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
B. Terms Defined.
(1) "Administration" means the Motor Vehicle Administration.
(2) "Applicant" means the person requesting a certificate of title for a vehicle.
(3) "ASED" means the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Department of State Police.
(4) "Bill of sale" means a written statement certifying the:
   (a) Ownership of something has been transferred; and
   (b) Exchange of property for an agreed sum of money or other valuable consideration.
(5) "Certificate of title" means a document evidencing ownership and commonly associated with motor vehicles.
(6) "Dealer" has the meaning stated in Transportation Article, §11-111, Annotated Code of Maryland.
(7) "Vehicle" has the meaning stated in Transportation Article, §11-176, Annotated Code of Maryland.

11.15.14.03

.03 New Vehicles.
A. An applicant for a new vehicle title shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) A certificate of origin;
   (2) A completed application for a certificate of title;
   (3) A dealer's reassignment or reassignments;
   (4) A dealer's bill of sale; and
   (5) An odometer disclosure certification as required by COMAR 11.13.06.
B. Instead of a dealer's bill of sale, Maryland dealers may complete the purchase price certification on an application for a certificate of title or a dealer's reassignment.
C. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
   (1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
   (2) The seller's or applicant's signature is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
   (3) The applicant is a trust and the trust agreement naming the trust and designating the trustee or trustees is not furnished;
   (4) A copy of the court appointment for a bankruptcy trustee is not furnished;
   (5) A copy of a court appointment for a legal guardian is not furnished;
(6) An error or alteration in the documents furnished has occurred and a letter of explanation or certified statement does not clarify the error or alteration to the satisfaction of the Administration;

(7) The lien holder to be recorded is someone other than a dealer or bona fide lending institution and a lien contract is not furnished;

(8) The vehicle is an unrecovered stolen vehicle and a letter from the insurance company requesting issuance of a title to satisfy the claim is not furnished;

(9) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
   (a) A letter of indemnification which is subject to the approval of the Administration; and
   (b) Photocopies of lost documents;

(10) The owner or purchaser is deceased and the personal representative, legatee, distributee, legal heir, or surviving spouse has not provided as required:
    (a) Letters of administration/testamentary;
    (b) A legal heir form; or
    (c) A death certificate;

(11) A receipt from the Compliance Division of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which shows that the retail sales tax has been paid on a mobile home, is not furnished;

(12) The vehicle is an import and the following documents are not furnished:
    (a) One of the following:
       (i) Appropriate U.S. Customs forms or Canadian immigration visa, or
       (ii) If imported by a member of the U.S. military, Form DD788 or DD1252, and a copy of military orders or a Maryland driver's license; and
    (b) If the vehicle does not comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements:
       (i) Receipts for conversion work, or
       (ii) A bond release letter;

(13) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:
    (a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN; or
    (b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State;

(14) The vehicle is a two-stage vehicle and both certificates of origin are not presented; or
(15) The vehicle is purchased directly from a manufacturer and an invoice is not presented.

11.15.14.04

.04 Used Vehicles Sold by a Dealer.

A. An applicant for a title to be issued for a used vehicle sold by a dealer shall provide the Administration with:

(1) A properly assigned title or other acceptable ownership document from the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was last registered;
(2) A completed application for a certificate of title;
(3) A dealer's reassignment or reassignments;
(4) A dealer's bill of sale;
(5) A Maryland safety inspection certificate; and
(6) An odometer disclosure certification as required by COMAR 11.13.06.

B. Instead of a dealer's bill of sale, Maryland dealers may complete the purchase price certification on the application for a certificate of title or dealer's reassignment.

C. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:

(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
(2) The seller's or applicant's signature is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(3) The applicant is a trust and the trust agreement naming the trust and designating the trustee or trustees is not furnished;
(4) A copy of the court appointment for a bankruptcy trustee is not furnished;
(5) A copy of the court appointment for a legal guardian is not furnished;
(6) The documents furnished contain an error or alteration and letters of explanation or certified statements do not clarify the errors or alterations to the satisfaction of the Administration;
(7) The lien holder to be recorded is someone other than a dealer or bona fide lending institution and a lien contract is not furnished;
(8) The vehicle is an unrecovered stolen vehicle and a letter from the insurance company requesting issuance of a title in order to satisfy the claim is not furnished;
(9) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
   (a) A letter of indemnification which is subject to the approval of the Administration; and
(b) Photocopies of the lost documents;

(10) The owner or purchaser is deceased and the personal representative, legatee, distributee, legal heir, or surviving spouse has not provided as required:
(a) Letters of administration/testamentary;
(b) A legal heir form; or
(c) A death certificate;

(11) A receipt from the Compliance Division of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which shows that the retail sales tax has been paid on a mobile home sold before January 1, 1989, is not furnished;

(12) The vehicle is an import and the following documents are not furnished:
(a) One of the following:
   (i) Appropriate U.S. Customs forms or Canadian immigration visa, or
   (ii) If imported by a member of the U.S. military, Form DD788 or DD1252, and a copy of military orders or a Maryland driver's license; and
(b) If the vehicle does not comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements:
   (i) Receipts for conversion work, or
   (ii) A bond release letter;

(13) The vehicle was subject to a security interest and a proper termination statement is not furnished on a:
(a) Maryland Notice of Security Interest Filing form;
(b) Title; or
(c) Letter on the lien holder's letterhead;

(14) Except for trucks with a gross vehicle weight of 1 ton or more, truck tractors, and freight trailers, which Maryland dealers may sell without an inspection, the vehicle was sold by a Maryland dealer and the:
(a) Vehicle's most current safety inspection is over 6 months old;
(b) Vehicle has traveled more than 1,000 miles since the inspection certificate was issued; or
(c) Vehicle was sold uninspected for dismantling or rebuilding and the dealer has not furnished a statement to indicate that the vehicle was sold for dismantling or rebuilding;
(15) The ownership document is a salvage certificate from this State or another state and the inspection by a police officer in this State who is authorized to inspect salvage vehicles has not been furnished;
(16) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:
(a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN; or
(b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State; or
(17) The ownership document is a salvage certificate branded "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not To Be Retitled".

11.15.14.05

.05 Used Vehicles Sold or Transferred from Someone Other Than a Dealer.
A. An applicant for a title for a used vehicle transferred from someone other than a dealer shall provide the Administration with a:
(1) Properly assigned certificate of title or other ownership documentation acceptable to the Administration from the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was last registered; and
(2) Completed application for a certificate of title.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
(2) The seller’s or applicant’s signature is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(3) The applicant is a trust and the trust agreement naming the trust and designating the trustee or trustees is not furnished;
(4) A copy of the court appointment for a bankruptcy trustee is not furnished;
(5) A copy of the court appointment for a legal guardian is not furnished;
(6) An error or alteration in the documents furnished has occurred and a letter of explanation or certified statements does not clarify the error or alteration to the satisfaction of the Administration;
(7) The lien holder to be recorded is someone other than a dealer or bona fide lending institution and a lien contract is not furnished;
(8) The vehicle is an unrecovered stolen vehicle and a letter from the insurance company requesting issuance of a title in order to satisfy the claim is not furnished;
(9) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
(a) A letter of indemnification which is subject to the approval of the Administration; and
(b) Photocopies of lost documents;
(10) The owner or purchaser is deceased and the personal representative, legatee, distributee, legal heir, or surviving spouse has not provided as required:
(a) Letters of administration/testamentary;
(b) A legal heir form; or
(c) A death certificate;
(11) A receipt from the Compliance Division of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which shows that the retail sales tax has been paid on a mobile home sold before January 1, 1989, is not furnished;
(12) The vehicle is an import and the following documents are not furnished:
(a) One of the following:
(i) Appropriate U.S. Customs forms or Canadian immigration visa, or
(ii) If imported by a member of the U.S. military, Form DD788 or DD1252, and a copy of military orders or a Maryland driver's license; and
(b) If the vehicle does not comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements:
(i) Receipts for conversion work, or
(ii) A bond release letter;
(13) The vehicle was subject to a security interest and a proper termination statement is not furnished on a:
(a) Maryland Notice of Security Filing form;
(b) Title; or
(c) Letter on the lien holder's letterhead;
(14) The ownership document is a salvage certificate from this State or another state and the inspection by a police officer in this State who is authorized to inspect salvage vehicles has not been furnished;
(15) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:
(a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN; or
(b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State;
(16) The ownership document is a salvage certificate branded "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not To Be Retitled";
(17) The vehicle is less than 7 years old and the applicant:
(a) Did not furnish a notarized bill of sale; and
(b) Refuses to pay excise tax based on the greater of the purchase price or the book value of the vehicle;

(18) The purchase price on the title is left blank and the applicant fails to produce a bill of sale;

(19) The assignment of ownership is signed by the seller, but:
(a) The space provided for the purchaser's name is left blank; and
(b) A bill of sale is not furnished;

(20) A Maryland titled vehicle is transferred as a gift between family members and the applicant fails to furnish a:
(a) Gift certification form; and
(b) Proof of relationship certification;

(21) A vehicle with an open lien is transferred as a gift between a parent and child, and the transferor and transferee fail to furnish a statement signed by both parties, identifying the individual who:
(a) Paid the down payment;
(b) Paid the taxes;
(c) Made all previous payments; and
(d) Incurred the obligation for continued payment; or

(22) The vehicle is transferred as a result of a divorce and the divorce decree is not furnished.

11.15.14.06

.06 Used Vehicles Transferred from Another Jurisdiction to Maryland.
A. An applicant for a title for a used vehicle presently titled in the applicant's name in another jurisdiction and who is now applying for a Maryland title shall provide the Administration with an:
(1) Out-of-State title or other acceptable ownership document from the jurisdiction where the vehicle was last registered; and
(2) Application for a Maryland certificate of title.

B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents and information are not submitted or are not complete;
(2) The out-of-State title or other acceptable ownership document is held by a lien holder and the lien holder refuses to relinquish the title or other ownership document to the Administration;

(3) The ownership document presented to the Administration is a:
   (a) Nonnegotiable title; or
   (b) Memorandum title;

(4) The application for a certificate of title is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;

(5) The application is signed by a legal guardian and the court appointment is not furnished;

(6) The applicant's name has changed through marriage, divorce, court order, or other method and a change of name and address notice and proof of the name change such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or court order is not furnished;

(7) The vehicle previously had a salvage certificate issued in this State or another state and a vehicle identification number inspection has not been completed by a police officer of this State authorized to inspect salvage vehicles;

(8) The vehicle was previously salvaged in this State or another state and has been branded "Parts Only-----Not Rebuildable";

(9) The vehicle is an import and the following documents are not furnished:
   (a) One of the following:
      (i) Appropriate U.S. Customs forms or Canadian immigration visa, or
      (ii) If imported by a member of the U.S. military, Form DD788 or DD1252, and a copy of military orders or a Maryland driver's license; and
   (b) If the vehicle does not comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requirements:
      (i) Receipts for conversion work, or
      (ii) A bond release letter;

(10) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:
   (a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN number; or
   (b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State;
(11) An error or alteration in the documents furnished has occurred and a letter of explanation or certified statement does not clarify the error to the satisfaction of the Administration;

(12) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
   (a) A letter of indemnification subject to the approval of the Administration; and
   (b) Photocopies of lost documents; or

(13) The ownership document is a salvage certificate branded "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not to be Retitled", or with an equivalent term.

11.15.14.07

.07 Vehicles Being Titled Because of Repossessions.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle which has been repossessed shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) A Notice of Security Interest Filing form;
   (2) An out-of-State title or other ownership document acceptable to the Administration;
   (3) A certification of repossession;
   (4) An assignment of ownership or bill of sale;
   (5) An odometer disclosure certification as required by COMAR 11.13.06;
   (6) A condition report; and
   (7) An application for a certificate of title.

B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if the:
   (1) Required documents are not furnished or information is incomplete;
   (2) Lien holder was a dealer or someone other than a bona fide lending institution and a clear copy of the lien contract is not furnished;
   (3) Lien holder was not holding first position and a previous lien holder has not been released;
   (4) Vehicle was not titled in the debtor's name and the lien holder cannot furnish a copy of the contract;
   (5) Vehicle is titled in Maryland, but the security interest has not been perfected and the applicant cannot furnish a copy of a contract;
   (6) Applicant is not the secured party shown on the title and cannot furnish an assignment of lien;
(7) Applicant is a dealer but the lien contract does not state that the dealer has full recourse for the secured party named in the contract;
(8) Vehicle was titled out of State and the forms required by that state for repossession have not been furnished; or
(9) Lien contract does not contain:
   (a) The signature of all vehicle owners,
   (b) A full description of the vehicle, and
   (c) A notation of the security interest.

11.15.14.08

.08 Vehicles Being Titled Because of Mechanic’s Lien.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle being titled due to a mechanic's lien shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) A completed application for a certificate of title;
   (2) A certification by the garage owner or the person having the lien, and the auctioneer, on a form provided by the Administration, that the auction was held in compliance with Commercial Law Article, Title 16, Annotated Code of Maryland;
   (3) A pencil tracing of the vehicle identification number or an affidavit of the vehicle identification number;
   (4) A certification that a newspaper advertisement has run once a week for the 2 weeks immediately preceding the sale, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or city where the vehicle was sold, with the last advertisement appearing the week immediately preceding the sale;
   (5) A copy of the newspaper advertisement required by §A(4) of this regulation;
   (6) A storage or repair order as specified in Commercial Law Article, §14-1008, Annotated Code of Maryland, containing an affirmative request by the vehicle owner for the repair services or storage services requested or, if applicable, a written statement from the lienor that the lienor stored the vehicle in accordance with an agreement with an insurer;
   (7) Signed receipts for a certified or registered letter or letters sent to the individual who left the vehicle for repairs, the vehicle owner, and the lien holder or the unopened, undeliverable certified or registered letter or letters; and
   (8) An odometer disclosure certification as required by COMAR 11.13.06.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:

(1) The required documents or information are not furnished or are incomplete;
(2) The address on the returned, unopened certified or registered letter or letters sent to the vehicle owner, individual who left the vehicle for repairs, or lien holder is different from the Administration's most current records;
(3) The receipt for the certified or registered letter sent to the owner, lien holder, or individual who left the vehicle for repairs was signed by someone other than the person to whom the letter was addressed;
(4) The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) report shows that the vehicle was stolen and the reporting police agency has not issued a recover report;
(5) There is a discrepancy or alteration in the paperwork and the letter of explanation or certified statements do not clarify the discrepancy to the satisfaction of the Administration;
(6) The signatures on the submitted documents or the application are signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(7) A notarized bill of sale is not submitted and the customer refuses to pay the excise tax on the greater of the book value or the purchase price;
(8) The pencil tracing of the vehicle identification number is illegible and the shop owner does not furnish an affidavit of the vehicle identification number;
(9) The vehicle was not advertised in a newspaper as specified in §A(4) of this regulation;
(10) The vehicle description by year, make, and vehicle identification number in the newspaper advertisement is different than in the supporting documents furnished;
(11) The newspaper advertisement does not contain the time, date, place of auction, and description of the vehicle by year, make, and vehicle identification number;
(12) The vehicle was previously salvaged in this State or another state, as verified through the Interstate Teletype System, and the applicant fails to furnish a certification by a police officer in this State who is authorized to inspect salvage vehicles;
(13) The vehicle was previously issued a salvage certificate in this State or another state, as verified through the Interstate Teletype System, containing the brand "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not To Be Retitled" or an equivalent brand; or
The Administration has been notified that action in accordance with Commercial Law Article, §16-206, Annotated Code of Maryland, is being taken and that the Administration has received notification of the action before the close of the business day following the action.

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.09 Vehicles Being Titled Due to a Sheriff's Sale.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle being titled due to a sheriff's sale shall provide the Administration with:
(1) A court order or writ directing the sale;
(2) An application for a certificate of title;
(3) A copy of the required newspaper advertisement; and
(4) A bill of sale from a sheriff.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
(2) The application for certificate of title is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the writing granting the power of attorney is not furnished;
(3) The applicant is a trust and the trust agreement naming the trust and designating the trustee or trustees is not furnished;
(4) A copy of the court appointment for a bankruptcy trustee is not furnished;
(5) A copy of the court appointment for a legal guardian is not furnished;
(6) The documents furnished contain an error or alteration and letters of explanation or certified statements do not clarify the errors or alterations to the satisfaction of the Administration;
(7) The lien holder to be recorded is someone other than a dealer or bona fide lending institution and a lien contract is not furnished;
(8) The vehicle is an unrecovered stolen vehicle and a letter from the insurance company requesting issuance of a title in order to satisfy the claim is not furnished;
(9) Certain documents are lost or omitted and the applicant fails to furnish:
(a) A letter of indemnification which is subject to the approval of the Administration, and
(b) Photocopies of lost documents;
(10) The owner or purchaser is deceased and the personal representative, legatee, distributee, legal heir, or surviving spouse has not provided as required:
(a) Letters of administration/testamentary,  
(b) A legal heir form, or  
(c) A death certificate;  
(11) A receipt from the Compliance Division of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which shows that the retail sales tax has been paid on a used mobile home sold before January 1, 1989, is not furnished;  
(12) The applicant has requested a replacement vehicle identification number (VIN) but has not:  
(a) Furnished an application for an assigned VIN, or  
(b) Had a VIN inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State;  
(13) The previous ownership document was a salvage certificate and the inspection by a police officer in this State who is authorized to inspect salvage vehicles is not furnished; or  
(14) A security interest termination statement for liens on the previous Maryland title record is not furnished.

11.15.14.10

10 Vehicles Being Titled Because of Court Orders.  
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle being titled as a result of a court order shall provide the Administration with:  
(1) An application for a certificate of title; and  
(2) A writ of mandamus or show cause order.  
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:  
(1) The court order does not clearly indicate that the Administration is to take the ordered action;  
(2) A lien shows on the previous Maryland record and a security interest termination statement for each lien is not furnished;  
(3) The vehicle is not fully described by year, make, and vehicle identification number;  
(4) A salvage certificate has been previously issued in this State or another state and an inspection from a police officer in this State authorized to inspect salvage vehicles is not furnished; or  
(5) A salvage certificate had been previously issued containing the brand "Not Rebuildable-----Parts Only-----Not To Be Retitled" or an equivalent term.
.11 Reconstructed Vehicles.
A. An applicant for a title for a reconstructed vehicle shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) An application for a certificate of title;
   (2) An application for an assigned vehicle identification number;
   (3) A certificate of title for the frame;
   (4) A bill of sale or a copy of the title for the body;
   (5) Receipts for parts and labor used to reconstruct the vehicle; and
   (6) A garage inspection by an authorized police officer in this State.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
   (1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
   (2) A title for a vehicle less than 7 years old is being assigned to the applicant and the applicant:
      (a) Does not furnish a notarized bill of sale, and
      (b) Refuses to pay excise tax on the book value of the vehicle;
   (3) An individual bringing the vehicle to the Administration for a garage inspection by the ASED does not furnish a power of attorney authorizing the individual to sign for the applicant;
   (4) The garage inspection reveals stolen parts; or
   (5) A security interest termination statement has not been furnished for each lien shown on the Administration’s records.

.12 Glider Kits and Kit Cars.
A. An applicant for a title for a vehicle constructed from a glider kit or a car kit shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) An application for a certificate of title;
   (2) A certificate of origin for the kit;
   (3) A bill of sale for the kit;
   (4) A title for the frame;
   (5) Bills of sale or receipts for all parts and labor;
(6) An application for an assigned vehicle identification number; and
(7) A garage inspection at the Administration or, in the case of a glider kit, a certified statement that the vehicle was assembled by a Maryland licensed dealer or repair shop.

B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if:
(1) The required documents are not furnished or the information is incomplete;
(2) The individual bringing the vehicle to the Administration garage is not the applicant and cannot furnish a power of attorney authorizing the individual to sign for the applicant;
(3) The garage inspection reveals stolen parts;
(4) The application is being processed at a branch office of the Administration, and a statement certifying that the glider kit has been assembled by a Maryland licensed dealer or repair shop is not furnished;
(5) A security interest termination statement has not been furnished for each lien shown on record; or
(6) A title for a vehicle less than 7 years old is being assigned to the applicant and the applicant:
   (a) Does not furnish a notarized bill of sale, and
   (b) Refuses to pay excise tax on the greater of the book value or the purchase price of the vehicle.

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.13 Homemade Trailers.
A. An applicant for a title for a homemade trailer shall provide the Administration with:
   (1) A rear view and a side view photograph of the trailer;
   (2) Receipts for the parts used to build the trailer;
   (3) A certified statement listing the parts used to construct the trailer and the total value of the trailer;
   (4) An application for an assigned vehicle identification number (VIN); and
   (5) An application for a certificate of title.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title if the:
   (1) Required documents or information are not furnished or are incomplete;
   (2) Trailer is other than a boat, utility, or camping trailer which:
      (a) Weighs 10,000 pounds or less, and
(b) Has not had an inspection completed by an authorized police officer in this State; or
(3) Homemade trailer was previously issued a Maryland-assigned VIN, and the:
(a) Maryland-assigned VIN has been lost, or
(b) Owner refuses to have the vehicle inspected by an authorized police officer in this State.

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.14 Kit Trailer.
A. An applicant for a title for a kit trailer shall provide the Administration with:
(1) A certificate of origin;
(2) An application for a certificate of title; and
(3) A bill of sale or receipt.
B. The Administration shall refuse to issue a title if the:
(1) Required documents and information are not furnished or are incomplete; or
(2) Applicant's signature is signed by an individual to whom power of attorney is granted and the power of attorney is not furnished.

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.15 Vehicle Titled by Survivor When Co-owner is Deceased.
A joint tenant or joint tenants applying for title by right of survivorship shall provide the Administration with:
A. A death certificate for the deceased co-owner;
B. A completed application for certificate of title; and
C. The title bearing the names of the decedent and the applicant or applicants as co-owners.

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Administrative History
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Dealer Resale Titles

Obtaining a Dealer Resale Title – A Maryland dealer resale title is a Maryland Certificate of Title that lists the dealer as the vehicle owner. Even though the law does not require a dealer to title the vehicle in their name before transferring ownership, there are certain circumstances that arise in which the dealer may need to obtain a title in the name of their dealership. The Maryland Vehicle Law 13-810 allows a Maryland dealer to obtain a ‘Dealer Resale Title “excise tax exempt under the following circumstances:

- The vehicle is registered in a jurisdiction whose laws do not require titling.
- The vehicle is involuntarily transferred to a licensed dealer and the certificate of title is not available (i.e.) repossession, court order, or a mechanic’s lien.
- The vehicle is salvaged, but has been restored by the licensed dealer and inspected in accordance with State law.
- The vehicle is acquired for resale and the dealer reassignment sections contained on the certificate of title have been used.

Note: In all other situations, the dealer must pay excise tax when obtaining a dealer resale title.

A resale title may be applied for at any full service MVA by mail or at any licensed tag and title service.

The documents needed include:

- Submit the vehicles current reassigned title or other ownership document such as a Maryland Security Interest Filing document, a court order or proof that you have a mechanics lien or other ownership document.
- A completed application for Maryland Title using the application section on the back of the Maryland title or the Application for Certificate of Title form VR-005.
- Odometer disclosure statement if needed.
- If the existing title indicates a lien you must submit a lien release.
- Power of attorney if someone other than the owner or officer of the dealership is signing the title application or other forms.
- Certificate of repossession if the repossessing lien holder is applying for a title for conveyance of ownership of a repossessed vehicle.

Dealer resale titles are mailed to the dealer. Dealer resale titles for repossession, when the dealer is the lien holder, may be issued over the counter the same day or mailed.

Please remember that all requests for dealer resale titles are subject to review and approval by the Administration before issuance.
Reasons title work may be rejected:

**Maryland Vehicle Law §13-110 Grounds for refusing certificate of title**

The Administration shall refuse to issue a certificate of title of a vehicle if:

1. The application contains any false or fraudulent statements.
2. The applicant has failed to furnish information or documents required by statute or regulations adopted by the Administration.
3. Any required fee has not been paid.
4. The application is not entitled to a certificate of title under the Maryland Vehicle Law.
5. The Administration has reasonable grounds to believe:
   (i) That the applicant is not the owner of the vehicle.
   (ii) That the issuance of a certificate of title to the applicant would be a fraud against another person, or
   (iii) That the vehicle does not comply with Title, 2, Subtitle 11 of the Environment Article or any regulation adopted under that subtitle.

Note: Also see the COMAR regulation 11.15.14 which includes details on what is required and reasons transactions may be rejected for title transactions.
Obtaining a dealer duplicate title – A dealer duplicate title cannot be issued prior to 10 days after sale of the new vehicle. Only licensed Maryland and Virginia dealers can apply for a dealer duplicate title. The application for Dealer’s Duplicate Certificate of Ownership VR-003 is a three-part form; all three parts must be completed. The owner and co-owner must sign the application. A power of attorney cannot be use for this transaction.

ERT dealers do not have to wait 10 days to submit the VR-003 request.

The following documents must also be submitted:

- A copy of the Buyer's Order identifying the vehicle as a trade.
- Odometer mileage statement.
- The transaction must be logged on a VR-205 (order form from warehouse) Transmittal Sheet and submitted.

Virginia dealer duplicates must be mailed to the dealership. Maryland dealer duplicates may be handed across the counter if they meet all of the requirements.
# Application for Dealer’s Duplicate Certificate of Ownership

**Motor Vehicle Administration**

8601 Ritchie Highway, N.E.
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062

**VR-003 (01-13)**

## fee - $20.00

### Please print information in ink

**Instructions to Dealer:** Please use this form only when the original certificate of ownership has not been delivered to the dealership and/or the registered owner of the vehicle has not obtained a duplicate title if the original has been lost, destroyed, altered, mutilated, or misassigned.

This application will not be accepted if submitted within 10 days of the transaction. Attach to this application copies of the vehicle buyer’s order, identifying the vehicle as a trade-in, and the odometer mileage statement signed by the currently registered owner of the vehicle. The duplicate title will be mailed to the dealership and will indicate current mileage. A COPY OF THE OWNER(S) VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE OR STATE ISSUED I.D.(S) IS REQUIRED.

**Registered Owner:** A copy of this application will be mailed to you. When you receive it, please check it carefully. If any information is incorrect or has been altered, please contact the MVA’s Licensing and Consumer Services Division at (410) 769-7421.

**Check Reason:**
- [ ] Lost
- [ ] Destroyed
- [ ] Altered
- [ ] Mutilated
- [ ] Misassigned
- [ ] Returned to State (must attach the previous state’s title)
- [ ] Other ____________

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the odometer reading is the actual mileage of the vehicle unless one of the following statements is checked.

- [ ] The mileage stated is in excess of its mechanical limits.
- [ ] The odometer reading is not the actual mileage. **Warning: Odometer Discrepancy**

### Original Amount of Lien (if no lien write “none” or if lien is satisfied, please attach the lien release)

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**Address of Secured Party**

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**Applicant’s First Name** ____________________  **Middle** ____________________  **Last** ____________________

**Applicant’s Driver’s License Number** ____________________  **Date of Birth** ____________________

**Applicant’s Street Address** ____________________  **City** ____________________  **County** ____________________  **State** ____________________  **Zip Code** ____________________

**I/we certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made are true and correct, to the best of my/our knowledge, information and belief.**

This ______ day of _______ (year) _______.

**Owner’s Signature** ____________________  **Co-Owner’s Signature** ____________________

(Must be signed personally by the owner; if joint ownership, signature of each party must appear; if the owner is a business entity, the person legally authorized to sign must state their capacity after their signature.)

Checks or money orders for the application fee, are to be made payable to the MVA. Please include on check: imprinted name and address, driver’s license number, and home and/or work phone number. Send application with fee to: Motor Vehicle Administration, 8601 Ritchie Highway, N.E., Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062.

**Name of Dealership duplicate title is to be mailed to** ____________________  **Address** ____________________

**Printed Name of Dealer’s Authorized Agent** ____________________  **Signature** ____________________

**For MVA use only**

Record examined and issuance approved by: _______  

- [ ] OK to issue and show lien
- [ ] OK to issue without lien (Identification provided)

**Type of Identification provided:** ____________________  **Method of Payment:**

- [ ] White Copy - MVA
- [ ] Canary Copy - Customer
- [ ] Pink Copy - Dealer Licensing

**For more information, please call: 410-769-7000 (to speak with a customer service representative), TTY for the hearing impaired: 1-800-492-4575. Visit our website at: www.MVA.Maryland.gov**

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Application for Duplicate Certificate of Title

Fee: $20.00

This application must be accompanied by a copy of the valid state issued identification(s) of the vehicle owner(s) and any person presenting the application.

A DUPLICATE TITLE MAY BE REQUESTED:
- Online through the MVA's website at www.mva.maryland.gov. Duplicate titles ordered online may be mailed to an alternate address at the owner's request. Mailing instructions are provided in the online application.
- At a KIOSK located at MVA's Full and Express Offices. Duplicate title ordered may be mailed to an alternate address.
- At a tag and title service licensed by the MVA. A copy of the valid state issued identification must be submitted by the applicant along with the application.
- At all full service MVA branch offices and mailed the next business day to the address on record with the MVA. A copy of the owner(s) valid driver's license or state issued i.d. (s) must accompany this form. Titles may not be mailed to an alternate address.

Reason for Request (please check one):
- Lost
- Destroyed
- Altered
- Mutillated
- Misassigned
- Returned to State
- Other: ____________________________

The altered, mutilated, or misassigned title is required when making an application for a duplicate. The out-of-state title is required if the original Maryland title was surrendered to another state.

Name of Secured Party (Bank, Finance Company, Etc.):

Address of Secured Party:

Current Maryland Title #: __________________ Make of Vehicle: __________ Model Year: __________

Vehicle Identification Number: __________________________

Owner's First Name: ___________________ Middle: _______________ Last: _______________

Driver's License #: ___________________ Date of Birth: _______________

Co-Owner's First Name: ___________________ Middle: _______________ Last: _______________

Co-Owner's Driver's License #: ___________________ Date of Birth: _______________

Current Resident Address: ___________________ City: __________ State: __________ Zip Code: __________

☐ Please check here if this is a new address.

Use certify, under penalty of perjury, that the statements made herein are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

This ___ day of __________ year ______

Owner's Signature: ___________________ Co-Owner's Signature: ___________________

This application requires the signature of the owner(s).
- If jointly owned, all owners signatures are required.
- If the owner is a business entity, the person legally authorized to sign must state their capacity after their signature.

Penalty for falsifying this application for a title or registration is punishable by a fine up to $1,000.

☐ The personal representative or legal heir of a deceased owner is required to submit letters of administration.

☐ If the vehicle is jointly owned by spouses and one is deceased, the surviving spouse is not required to include a certified copy of the death certificate if they have a "Reported Deceased" notice (Form VR-278) or a decedents letter (Form VR-254P) from the MVA.

☐ A bankruptcy trustee is required to attach a copy of their appointment by the court.

Important: This Section can only be used if the lien(s) are over seven (7) years old and have been satisfied.

"I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the above referenced vehicle lien has been satisfied in full.

I further certify that in the event a lien or lienholder is later determined to exist, I will make full restitution to the lienholder and furnish the lien release to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). I further certify that I will defend, indemnify and hold the MVA harmless against any claim from a lienholder or lien as a result of this title being issued."

Owner's Signature: ___________________ Date: __________ Co-owner's Signature: ___________________ Date: __________

For MVA use only

Supervisor approval: ___________________ ☐ Copy of I.D. attached

Reason for approval: ___________________
**Excise Tax Credit for Lemon and 60 Day Buy Back Vehicles**

- **Excise Tax Credit for Vehicle Returned under the Lemon Law**

When a dealer takes a vehicle back on behalf of the manufacturer, as a "Lemon" proper disclosure must be made in writing to the MVA. Upon receipt of the disclosure, the MVA will brand its database "Vehicle Returned, Automotive Warranty Enforcement Act, History on File".

After the vehicle has been returned, the customer may apply for either tax credit towards a replacement vehicle or excise tax refund for the portion of excise taxes paid on the repurchase price of the vehicle. If the price charged for a replacement vehicle is greater than the repurchase price of the returned vehicle, the dealer must submit the additional tax due.

If a replacement vehicle is purchased the dealer must submit:

- Application for Certificate of title (for replacement vehicle), form VR-005
- Copy of the Registration Card (if transferring tags)
- Odometer Disclosure Statement (if conforming Certificate of Origin is not used)
- Manufacturers letter for the replacement vehicle, which also states the repurchase price

*When calculating tax due, take the price of the replacement vehicle minus the repurchase price of the returned vehicle. The amount remaining is the taxable amount for which the dealer needs to submit tax. The rest will be covered by the tax credit.

*Transaction involving tax credit for both "Lemons and Buybacks"can only be handled at the Glen Burnie Branch, Room 30.

Note: If the repurchase price is the same as the replacement vehicle price, no additional tax needs to be submitted. If the repurchase price is greater that the price of the replacement vehicle, Roydea Van Liew, Vehicle Services, Room 202 will need to be contacted for a refund of the additional tax.

- **Excise Tax Credit for Vehicle Returned to the Dealer as a 60 Day Buy Back**

Excise tax credit for vehicles *bought back* by the dealer within 60 days is handled in a similar way. If no replacement vehicle is being purchased, a refund of the excise tax may be requested through Refunds.

To receive excise tax credit for buy backs toward tax due on replacement vehicle submit:
Copy of title for buy back vehicle, front and back, showing assignment to dealer
Application for Certificate of Title, form VR-005 for replacement vehicle
Copy of Registration card (if transferring tags)
Certificate of Origin or Title for Replacement Vehicle
Odometer Disclosure Statement
Letter from the customer(s) stating why they have returned the vehicle
Letter from the dealer on letterhead stating that they have taken the vehicle back

Subtract the price of the buy back vehicle from the price of the replacement vehicle and remit any additional tax due with the transaction. If the prices are the same, do not submit any tax. If the cost of the replacement was less than that of the vehicle bought back, a refund may be applied for through the Refund Unit, Vehicle Records, Room 202 at the Glen Burnie location of the MVA.
Please click here for: IRS Notice: Form 2290 Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Status Update.

2011 Legislative Changes

Listed below are the bills passed in the 2011 legislative session that affect Vehicle Programs. The website the Maryland General Assembly is:
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home

HB 72  Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011
SB 679  Overtaking and Passing School Vehicles – School Bus Monitoring Cameras
HB 1167  Motorized Passenger Scooter Use in Ocean City
HB 908  Motor Vehicles – Leased Vehicles Advertising Practices
HB 1017  Registration and Driver’s License Renewal Fees – No Charge for Recipients of Medal of Honor
HB 319  Issuance of Temporary Registration Plate – Lapsed Security – Registration
HB 624  Baltimore City – Used Car Dealers – Sunday Operations

Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011
House Bill 72
Effective Date – June 1, 2011

This Bill includes fee changes for the issuance of personalized registration, title, dealer discounts, dealer processing charges and the flagging of driver license and vehicle registration for individuals and businesses who owe outstanding taxes to the Comptroller or unemployment insurance to DLLR

Tax Compliance (Comptroller’s Office) And
Unemployment Insurance Contribution
(Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation)

- The Comptroller’s Office will send on behalf of themselves and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR), two (2) files each evening to the MVA to flag vehicle records:
  - A liability file (add)
  - A cleared file (delete)
- The file will be sent on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.
- MVA’s OIR will develop programs to perform a preliminary match of individual and business entity information contained on our mainframe. The file will contain primary and alternate name and addresses.
- There will be 3 flag codes assigned to accommodate this process:
  - MD DLLR UI - code 0091
  - Comptroller MD ind - code 0092
  - Comptroller MD bus - code 0093
- The MVA may not renew/transfer license plates for any vehicle if the applicant has not paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable to the Comptroller or DLLR. Vehicle Transactions that may not be processed are:
  - Registration Renewal
  - Replacement Tag Renewal
  - Substitute Tag
  - Substitute Sticker
  - Tag Transfer
  - Tag Transfer with Renewal (this includes plates being repurchased under a new class, i.e. War of 1812, personalized, or any special tags, etc.
- The registration records of the MVA will be flagged upon notification by the Comptrollers office or DLLR. **However, the initial notification letter from the MVA to the customer will not be sent until 120 days prior to the expiration of their registration.** In addition, 60 days prior to the expiration of the registration, the standard flag notification letter, Form VR-278, from the MVA will be sent in lieu of the registration renewal notice.
- Contact information for the Comptrollers Office and DLLR for the various flags will be provided to customers on the notification letters.
- The Comptrollers Office/DLLR will provide the release letters when the customer has satisfied their obligation.
- The $30.00 administrative flag fee will **not** be charged for the Comptroller or DLLR flags.

**Contact Information for Comptroller/ DLLR Flags**

Effective June 1, 2011, State law requires that individuals and businesses that have unpaid, undisputed State tax liabilities and/or unpaid unemployment insurance contributions satisfy the debt(s) prior to renewing a Maryland driver’s license or vehicle registration. If a customer has unpaid taxes and are not already in an approved payment plan, they can make payment arrangements online at the Comptroller’s website, [www.marylandtaxes.com](http://www.marylandtaxes.com), by calling the Comptroller’s Collection Unit toll free at 855-213-6669 (individual), 410-649-0633 (business) or in person at one of the Comptroller’s 12 local branch offices. If your business has unpaid unemployment insurance contributions and is not already in an approved plan, you can make payment arrangements by contacting DLLR at 410-767-2699 or via email at licnrelease@dllr.state.md.us.

**Personalized Registration**

- The additional fee for personalized registration will increase from $25.00 per registration year to $50.00 per registration year effective July 1, 2011. This fee is in addition to the annual registration fee. No backlog prompt is available. Use
justifiable shortage process, with supervisory approval, to allow old fees for work submitted or rejected prior to July 1, 2011.

- No backlog prompt is in place for personalized fee increase. For dealer transactions showing a date of delivery prior to July 1, 2011, use justifiable shortage process to allow for collection of old fees. For non-dealer transactions receipted in or rejected prior to July 1, 2011, use justifiable shortage process to allow for old fees.

**Title Fee**

- Effective July 1, 2011 the title fee will increase from $50.00 to $100.00.
- For fiscal Years 2012 through 2014 only, the fee for each certificate of title issued for a rental vehicle is $50.00.
- The fee increase “does not” apply to duplicate or corrected titles.
- Regulation 11.11.05.01 will be amended.
- For dealer transactions, the date of delivery will determine the need for using the backlog prompt.
- For non-dealer transactions, submitted or rejected prior to July 1, 2011 use the backlog prompt.

**Dealer Discount Based on Excise Tax Submitted to the Administration**

- A licensed dealer who, on behalf of the Administration, collects the excise tax imposed may keep the lesser of $12.00 per vehicle or 0.6 percent of the gross excise tax the dealer collects.
- All forms and the TARIS program are being modified.
- Regulation 11.15.33.C.5. (a) will be amended to reflect this change.
- For dealer transactions, the date of delivery will determine the need for using the backlog prompt.

**Dealer Processing Charge**

- The amount a dealer may collect for processing charge increases from $100.00 to $200.00 effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.
- Effective July 1, 2014, the processing charge a dealer may collect increases to $300.00.
- The dealer processing charge needs to be included in the certified selling price of the vehicle.
- Amount of the dealer processing charge is set by law in 15-311.1

**Overtaking and Passing School Vehicles**

**School Bus Monitoring Cameras**

**Senate Bill 679**

**Effective Date October 1, 2011**

This Bill authorizes a law enforcement agency in consultation with a county board of education to place school bus monitoring cameras on county school busses to record a motor vehicle committing a violation relating to overtaking and passing school vehicles.

- **School bus monitoring cameras may be placed on a school bus to record images of vehicles violating laws related to passing or overtaking a school bus if:**
A local law enforcement agency consults with the county board of education for authorization, and;
A local law has been enacted by the jurisdiction authorizing school bus cameras to be used

- **Citations must be mailed to the owner liable and must include:**
  - The name and address of the registered owner
  - The registration number of the motor vehicle
  - The violation charged
  - The location of the violation to the extent possible
  - The date and time of the violation
  - A copy of the recorded image
  - The amount of the civil penalty and the date by which the penalty must be paid
  - A signed statement by a technician employed by the law enforcement agency, based on inspection of recorded images, the motor vehicle was being operated during the commission of a violation
  - A statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation
  - Information advising the person alleged to be liable, of the manner in which they may contest in District Court; and that failure to pay in a timely manner is an admission of liability and may result in refusal or suspension of the motor vehicle registration

- The owner of the vehicle is subject to a civil penalty, if the image was recorded while the vehicle was committing a violation.
  - The civil penalty charged may not exceed $250.00
  - The penalty may be prepaid for persons choosing not to appear in court

- The law enforcement agency may mail a warning notice instead of a citation.
- The citation must be mailed no later than 2 weeks after the alleged violation.
- A person receiving a citation may elect to pay the penalty or stand trial.
- The Motor Vehicle Administration’s database will be flagged with a “School Bus Monitoring” flag (5500 series of flag code); and a $30.00 administrative flag fee will be charged for each violation submitted to the MVA. This is not considered a moving violation and will not cause points to be placed on the owner’s driver license.
- Owner is the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.
- Owner does not include: a motor vehicle rental or leasing company or a holder of an interchangeable license plate under title 13 subtitle 9 Part III (Interchangeable Plates).

**Motorized Passenger Scooter - Use in Ocean City**

**House Bill 1167**

**Effective Date July 1, 2011**

**Emergency Legislation Effective the Date Enacted**

This bill creates a new definition for “motorized passenger scooter,” and provides guidelines for the use of motorized passenger scooters in Ocean City, Maryland
Definition- “Motorized Passenger Scooter” means a non-pedal vehicle that:

- Has a cockpit containing a seat for the operator and a passenger;
- Has three wheels, of which one is 10 inches or more in diameter;
- Has a motor;
  a. With a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or
  b. If the motor is an internal combustion engine, with a capacity of 50 cubic
     piston displacement or less; and
- Is equipped with an automatic transmission

Motorized passenger scooter does not include a vehicle manufactured for off road use including:

- An off road motorcycle, or
- An all terrain vehicle

Motorized passenger scooters may only be operated within the municipal boundaries of Ocean City, Maryland on:

- A local highway; and
- Any portion of a State Highway designated by the State Highway Administration (SHA) as a bicycle way

The SHA may prohibit the use of a motorized passenger scooter on a bicycle way under SHA jurisdiction if:

- An occupant of a motorized passenger scooter is placed at unacceptable risk of injury; or
- The use of the motorized passenger scooter is a threat to the safety or mobility of others along the bicycle way.

Only an individual holding a driver’s license of any type may operate a motorized passenger scooter. Driver’s license “does not” include a Learner’s Permit.

Motorized passenger scooters “are not” required to be titled or registered

**Motor Vehicles - Leased Vehicles**  
**Advertising Practices**  
**House Bill 908**  
**Effective Date October 1, 2011**

This Bill prohibits a dealer who leases vehicles from failing to offer to the general public a cost reduction to the lessee unless the cost reduction is offered to all potential lessees.

- Prohibits a dealer who leases vehicles from failing to offer to the general public a cost reduction to the lessee unless the cost reduction is offered to all potential lessees.

- A dealer who leases vehicles may not fail to include any dealer processing or freight charges in determining the adjusted capitalized cost used to calculate the base lease payment shown in an advertisement for a leased vehicle.
Registration and Driver’s License Renewal Fees
No Charge for Recipients of Medal of Honor
House Bill 1017
Effective October 1, 2011

This bill allows a Medal of Honor recipient to obtain gratis drivers license renewals and registration renewals

- A registration renewal issued for a vehicle that displays the Medal of Honor tag will indicate GR in the fee section.
- A Medal of Honor recipient who’s vehicle does not display the Medal of Honor tag will need to present their DD214 or other documentation accepted by the Administration when renewing the initial registration until the gratis indicator is placed.

Note: The Bill does not make any provision for the Medal of Honor recipient’s initial issuance of a vehicle registration.

Issuance of Temporary Registration Plate
Lapsed Security - Registration
House Bill 319
Effective October 1, 2011

This bill allows a licensed dealer to issue a temporary registration to a buyer who may be subject to an insurance violation.

- A licensed dealer may issue a temporary registration plate to a vehicle buyer who may be subjected to a penalty for lapsed security (insurance) for another vehicle under §17-106
- Permanent registration may not be issued until the insurance violation has been satisfied.

Baltimore City - Used Car Dealers
Sunday Operations
HB 624
Effective Date June 1, 2011

This Bill permits a used car dealer to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show or offer for sale a motor vehicle or Certificate of Title on Sunday instead of Saturday if the dealer notifies the MVA in advance.

Dealers may notify the MVA in the following ways:
• By sending a letter on the dealer’s letterhead stating their new hours of operations. The letter, signed by an owner of the dealership, must be sent to the Business Licensing and Consumer Services Division.

• Completing a new application indicating the new hours with the appropriate signature(s). If it is time to renew, make sure the completed application must reflect the corrected hours of operation.

• Email directly from the dealership to mvabusinesslicensing@mdot.state.md.us giving the dealership’s name and location and stating the corrected hours of operation.

**Customer/ Business Change of Name**

Effective immediately, the VR-154 “Application for Maryland Change of Address and/or Name” has been changed to “Application for Maryland Change of Address”. The form number is the same, but the form can now only be utilized to change an address. This change has been made because the Real ID Act requires that all Personal Identifying Information (PII) must be placed on the actual Driver License, Identification Card or Permit. It is important to note this form is no longer being printed and can only be obtained on the Intranet or Internet.

In addition a new form has been developed and is available on the Intranet and Internet only. The form is titled “Application For Corrected Title Due To A Name Change” (VR-448). The new form is to be used by individuals who have changed their name through DLS and are applying for a corrected title. The form is also to be used by business entities that have changed their name and are applying for a corrected title. Businesses that require a name change will still be required to submit documentation verifying the name change.

If the customer is completing a title transaction and does not have the documents needed to complete the change of name through DLS, the title transaction may be completed using their current name as on our records. When the name is changed on the product issued, a corrected title due to name change can be requested. Maryland Vehicle Law requires the customer to apply for a corrected title within 30 days of a name change for a $50 fee.

**Effective January, 2011:**

**Lien Release Stamps:**

Effective immediately, the MVA branch offices will no longer have lien stamps, and will only be using the corrected title process to remove a lien. Transactions that cannot be accommodated through the corrected title process need to be referred to the Central Lien Unit room 104.
Walk-in Registration Renewals:

Beginning with February renewals, the ability to renew vehicle registrations in person at the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) offices is no longer available. Tag and Title Services will no longer have the option to deliver renewals to MVA for processing unless the renewal is flagged with a violation. Renewals without violations must be processed utilizing the Electronic Registration and Titling System (ERT).

The following vehicles cannot be renewed on the Internet by telephone or KIOSK. They must be renewed by mail or on the Electronic Registration and Titling System (ERT). Trucks and Tractors over 55,000 lbs., Tow Trucks towing over 26,000 pounds and vehicles requiring an annual safety inspection.

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**2010 Legislation**

**Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles - Titling**

**House Bill 445**

**Effective Date - October 1, 2010**

This bill requires all Off Road Vehicles purchased October 1, 2010 and later to be titled. The Motor Vehicle Administration will issue permits to be displayed on Off Road Vehicles titled in Maryland. Off Road Vehicle is defined as an All Terrain Vehicle, Off Road Motorcycle, or Snowmobile.

- Issuance of titles and permits will be handled by:
  - ERT dealer locations in Maryland and Virginia
  - ERT Maryland Title Services
  - MVA, for special and unusual circumstances
- ORV owners have the option to apply for title and permit if they purchased the vehicle prior to October 1, 2010. In addition to the required ownership documents and title application, an “Off Road Recreational Vehicle Permit Application (Form VR-337) must be completed.
- ORV Permits (Form VR-444) are issued gratis, will not expire, and are non-transferable. Dealers, Title Services, and MVA Branches may order permits from the MVA warehouse.
- Excise Tax is collected unless Maryland sales and use tax was paid at the time of purchase. Minimum Tax for ORV’s is based on $320.00 ($19.20 excise tax) for non-dealers sales.
- TARIS has been modified to accept the ORV permit number and the permit number is displayed in the PERM# field on the mainframe. The numbering sequences of the permit will be: AT00000 and 00000AT.
- Permit numbers can be used to retrieve owner and vehicle information.
• Substitute permits will be issued gratis by completing the Application for Substitute Plates/Stickers/Duplicate Registration Card (Form VR-009). The new ORV permit number must be updated in TARIS.
• Body Style in TARIS is as follows: All Terrain Vehicle (AT), Off-Road Motorcycle (MC), and Snowmobile(SM). Inspection field for off road vehicles is always NR. Registration plates are never issued to an Off-Road Vehicle.
• MVA’s ORV Permit should be placed on the rear of the vehicle in a visible position.
• WEB transactions will be developed to allow owners to apply for permits, if the ORV is already titled and to notify the MVA if they have sold the ORV.

Note: Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will not recognize the MVA’s Permit for use on authorized DNR trails.

**Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Credit**
For Electric Vehicles
House Bill 469
Effective Date October 1, 2010
This bill allows a tax credit for qualified plug-in electric vehicles purchased on or after October 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

• Excise tax credit will apply to a “new” plug-in electric vehicle or “used plug in electric vehicle that was initially titled in Maryland” and being transferred to another Maryland owner. Excise Tax Credit for plug-in electric vehicles will not be allowed for vehicles previously titled out of state.
• The credit may not exceed $2000.
  o Vehicles where the purchase price exceeds $33,333.33 will be charged 6% tax on the amount exceeding the $33,333.33.
• An individual is limited to 1 excise tax credit.
  o Includes owned or leased vehicles.
  o Jointly owned/leased vehicles will allow each owner a credit.
• A Business entity is limited to 10 vehicle excise tax credits regardless whether the vehicles are owned or leased.
• Qualified Vehicles:
  o Plug in vehicles must be made by a manufacturer for use on public roads and may not be modified from the manufacturer’s specifications.
  o Have a maximum speed of at least 55 mph
  o Shipping weight of 8500 pounds or less
  o Acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale
  o Rechargeable from an external source of electricity and the electric motor draws electricity from the battery
    ▪ 4-wheeled vehicles to have a capacity not less than 4 kilowatt hours
    ▪ 2-3 wheeled vehicles to have a capacity not less than 2.5 kilowatt hours
• Excise tax credit form to be completed Excise Tax Credit Request for a Plug-in Electric Vehicle (Form VR-334)
• TARIS fuel type must show PE
• TARIS Tax code for qualifying plug in vehicles will be XPE
  o Vehicles previously registered out of state do not qualify for the credit

**High Occupancy Vehicle HOV Lanes -**
**Use by Plug-in Vehicles**
**House Bill 674**
**Effective Date October 1, 2010**

This bill allows operators of plug in vehicles usage of Maryland HOV lanes with a displayed permit regardless of the number of passengers.

• The Maryland Automobile Dealers Association (MADA) will issue the permit to qualified dealers. Full-service MVA Branch offices, and MVA Headquarters (counter 104) will also issue the permit.
• HOV permit use will be in effect until September 30, 2013
• The permit will be issued gratis (law allows up to a $20 fee charge)
• The permit must be affixed on rear of vehicle in a visible position within 12 inches of Registration plate and may not be placed on the window.
• Vehicle Qualifications:
  o Made by a manufacturer for use on public streets, roads and highways
  o Has not been modified from original manufacturer specifications
  o Has a maximum speed capability of at least 65 miles an hour.
  o Is rated at not more than 8,500 lbs unloaded gross vehicle weight
  o Propelled by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery with a capacity of not less than 4-kilowatt hours for 4-wheeled motor vehicles and not less than 2.5-kilowatt hours for 2 or 3 wheeled motor vehicles.
  o Is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.
• To apply for an HOV permit, the customer must complete an Application for Plug-In Vehicle HOV Permit (Form VR-335)
• TARIS modification will have a prompt to select an HOV permit and if selected, HOV will display in a new field on the mainframe.

**Salvage - Standards and Requirements**
**House Bill 1199**
**Effective Date October 1, 2010**

This bill requires all vehicles acquired by an insurance company as a result of a total loss claim settlement to be branded salvage regardless of the percentage of damage to the vehicle, with the sole exception being recovered stolen vehicles with less than 75% damage.

**Salvage Program**
• Cosmetic Brand will no longer be an option for damages unless a Salvage Certificate is being corrected or a duplicate is being issued/printed.
• Modify the previous salvage brand “EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE” to show “DAMAGE IS 75% OR LESS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE”. The brand will be used for all vehicles acquired by an Insurance Company as a result of a claim settlement and the cost to repair is 75% or less of the fair market value. Any Salvage Certificates requiring a correction in which the brand is
“EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE” will be branded with the new verbiage.

- When the Insurance Company estimates the damage for a claim settlement, they cannot include the cost of towing, storage, vehicle rental or repair for cosmetic damage.
- For a vehicle retained by the original owner(s), if the Damage is 75% or less of the fair market value, a Maryland Safety Inspection will not be needed. The Insurance Company will not be required to obtain the owner(s) Certificate of Title and no correction will be needed to the vehicle record. This vehicle will not be branded.
- The application for Salvage (VR-028) is being revised to show the new brands and requirements.

Titling Program

- The Cosmetic Brand will no longer be an option for damage when titling a previously salvaged vehicle. The Certificate of Title will be issued without a brand for any previously salvaged vehicles branded “COSMETIC”, with the exception of a corrected or duplicate Certificate of Title.
- Develop a new brand to be used for damage on the Certificate of Title if the previously salvaged vehicle contains a notation the “DAMAGE IS 75% OR LESS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE” or “Abandoned”. This brand will be displayed as “XSALVAGE”. The “XSALVAGE” notation will appear on the new Certificate of Title and will update the IBM record to show “XSALVAGE”.
- If a previously salvaged vehicle contains a notation the “DAMAGE IS 75% OR LESS OF FAIR MARKET VALUE” and the TARIS Operator fails to choose a brand for the new titling transaction, the Certificate of Title will automatically be branded with “XSALVAGE. This procedure is similar to the current one used for “Rebuilt Salvage.”

Salvage Chart

This chart has been developed to assist customer agents in the proper branding of titles for vehicles that have been previously salvaged in Maryland or other States. The left column shows brands on salvage certificates that may be presented. The right column has instructions on how to brand (or not brand) the title in each case.

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<th>TITLE BRANDING IN TARIS</th>
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<td>Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of fair market value for this vehicle, and the vehicle is repairable on salvage certificate issued October 1, 2008 or later...Or for salvage certificates issued before October 1, 2008 branded Damage is greater than fair market value</td>
<td>Enter 1 in the damage field on the TARIS screen. This will cause the title to be branded &quot;REBUILT SALVAGE.&quot; All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Damage is equal to or less than fair market value... Effective October 1, 2010 this brand will be modified to show “Damage is 75% or less of fair market value”</td>
<td>Enter 2 in the damage field. The title will be branded “XSALVAGE”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parts Only / Not Rebuildable</td>
<td>Title &quot;Cannot&quot; be issued.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abandoned Vehicle</td>
<td>Enter 4 in the damage field. The title will be branded</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
“XSALVAGE”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.

The Vehicle Has Sustained Flood Damage

Enter 6 in the damage field. The title will be branded “FLOOD DAMAGED”. All vehicles will be branded when converted to title. The brand will carry through subsequent titles.

Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of Fair Market Value for this vehicle, and the damage is cosmetic is Obsolete effective October 1, 2010.

Enter 7 in the damage field. Title “will not” be branded.

Recovered Stolen will be used only when vehicle has been recovered and damage is 75% or less.

Enter 5 in damage field. Title will be branded “XSALVAGE”.

Stolen (Only MVA’s database is branded stolen. Salvage certificate will not be issued until vehicle is recovered.)

Once recovered, the Insurance company may apply for an unbranded title if the insurance company makes a statement that the vehicle has sustained 75% damage or less. An application for certificate of title needs to be completed together with the Application for Salvage Certificate with Box 8 checked. A $100.00 title fee must be collected, but transaction is excise tax exempt under 13-810(a)(9). The Salvage Unit in Room 104 Glen Burnie will issue initial titles produced for recovered theft vehicles.

Out of State Salvage Certificates

Enter 1 or 2 in the damage field, to brand the title REBUILT SALVAGE, or EXSALVAGE, or use a similar notation as indicated on the out of state salvage certificate. The brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.

Please be reminded that all salvage vehicles are required to be inspected by a Police Officer in this state that is authorized to inspect Salvage vehicles. The Police Officer will inspect VIN’s on the vehicle and make sure the car is roadworthy. An additional Maryland Safety Inspection is needed if registration is required.

Note: If the document presented is an out of state title that indicates rebuilt salvage, xsalvage, flood, etc., the POLK or NADA Title and Registration Textbook is very helpful in determining how each state brands their title and what that brand means. If the Reference Guides state the brand is the Rebuilt Salvage title, these vehicles have already gone through the rebuilding process in another state and do not need a MD State Police Salvage Inspection. We must enter brands (or similar notations) from other state titles when transferring to MD regardless of model year. Enter brand information in the six-digit brand field on the TARIS title screen and carry it through to subsequent titles.

Issuance of Temporary Registration Plates by Dealers-
Transmission of Information and Recordkeeping

Senate Bill 67

Effective October 1, 2010

This bill requires a dealer to electronically transmit to MVA the vehicle owner, insurance and temporary registration information the same day the temporary plate is issued.

- A dealer who issues a temporary tag must submit electronically, information on the vehicle, owner, insurance and temporary registration information.
- The dealer must maintain a copy of the temporary tag records for three years.
- The dealer may not issue more than one temporary registration for a vehicle.
Limited Speed Vehicles
Requirements and Prohibitions
Senate Bill 344
Effective October 1, 2010
This bill limits vehicles with a maximum speed capability of between 25 and 55 mph to be driven on streets, roads and highways where the speed capability of the vehicle exceeds the posted maximum speed limit by at least 5 mph

- **Limited speed vehicles will be registered as a class A (passenger) or class M (multipurpose) vehicle.**
- The vehicle must have a speed capability of more than 25mph but less than 55 mph.
- An authorized fluorescent green triangular emblem with a red border which stands 14 inches high and, must be permanently affixed to the rear of the vehicle, 3-5 feet from the ground
- A dealer or their representative must:
  - Permanently affix the emblem to each limited speed vehicle they sell
  - Inform each buyer in writing of the driving restrictions that apply
  - Out of State dealers selling a limited speed vehicle to a Maryland resident must comply with the above.
- **Limited Speed Vehicle must be selected in the TARIS GUI brand field so that LTDSPD will print on the title.**
- A limited speed vehicle certification Form ([VR-338](#)) must be completed and signed by both the dealer and the purchaser.

Required Minimum Security – Minimum Amounts
House Bill 825
Effective Date January 1, 2011
This bill increases the minimum security on a motor vehicles liability insurance policy

- The new requirements for bodily injury or death from a single individual increase from $20,000 to $30,000 and for more than one individual from $40,000 to $60,000

Electronic Transmission of Title Information by Dealers
Senate Bill 85
Effective Date October 1, 2010
This bill allows a dealer to electronically transmit taxes, fees, titling documents and other data to MVA within 30 days of the date of delivery.

- This bill allows the transmission date to be used for proof of submission to MVA.

War of 1812 Plate
Effective June 14, 2010

This new plate replaces the standard black and white plate for classes A, M, EPO, D, and disability plates and motorcycle disability plates.

- **The tag scheme for class A, M, EPO will be the same and plates may be repurchased between classes by paying the registration fee and surcharge for the new class. Disability plates may also be repurchased between classes.**

- **Tag Schemes:**
  - Class A, M, and EPO: 1 numeric, 2 stacked alphas, 4 numeric
  - Class D: 1 alpha, 5 numeric
  - Disabled A, M, EPO: symbol, 5 numeric, 2 stacked alpha
  - Disabled Class D: symbol, 4 numeric, 2 stacked alpha

- Personalized plates for above classes will be issued on the War of 1812 background. All other personalized plates will remain the same.

- Since this is now the standard issue plate for the classes listed above, all rules for original issuance, transfer, repurchase, substitute, and tag return will apply.

- Branch offices may order 1812 plates for shipment of 25 sets in each box, starting May 24, 2010.

  **Requisition as usual:**
  - B-1812 (A, EPO and M-1812)
  - B512 (Disabled-1812)
  - B412 (Motorcycle-1812)
  - B612 (Motorcycle Disabled - 1812)

- A small stock of regular black and white plates will be maintained in the Tag Room located in Room 104, to be issued in extreme circumstances.

- There is no requirement to re-plate. Customers requesting the War of 1812 plate must complete the Application for Substitute Plates (form VR009) and pay the required $20 substitute plate fee.

- Vehicle owners having the black and white plates may transfer those plates to other vehicles following all existing rules for registration transfer. If the War of 1812 plates is requested at the time of transfer a $20 fee in addition to the $10 transfer fee will be charged.

- Vehicle owners with the black and white plates on their vehicle may renew these plates. If substitute plates are requested at renewal, the War of 1812 plates will be issued for an additional fee.

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**2009 LEGISLATION**

**Speed Camera**

**Senate Bill 277**

Effective October 1, 2009

This bill allows for speed cameras to be placed in work zones and school zones statewide. This legislation will increase safety in both work zones and school zones by
encouraging drivers to operate their vehicles at safe speeds. Violators will be fined $30.00 for each occurrence.

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**2008 LEGISLATION**

**Motorcycles - Definition**

*House Bill - 221*

Effective May 13, 2008

This bill changes the definition of motorcycle.

A “motorcycle” means a motor vehicle that:

- Has motive power;
- Has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider;
- Is designed to travel
  - On not more than 3 wheels in contact with the ground; and
  - At speeds exceeding 35 miles per hour; and
- Is of a type required to comply with all motor vehicle safety standards applicable to motorcycles under Federal law.

**Registration Plates Motorcycles**

*House Bill - 844*

Effective October 1, 2008

This bill allows the alteration of the dimensions of a motorcycle registration plate to be 7 inches wide by 4 inches high.

The size of the motorcycle plate has been changed from 7” X 4 ½” to 7” X 4”.

The MVA will continue issuance of all motorcycle plates currently in stock, unless the customer specifically requests one of the smaller size, until old stock is depleted. “All types” of motorcycle plates are made available, as required by law, in the smaller size. Customer already having the larger motorcycle plates on their vehicles, may request the smaller size at registration renewal time, for no additional charge. However, those customers with the larger plates who wish to receive the smaller plates before their renewal time, need to pay the usual substitute plate fee of $20.00.

**Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Returning Military Personnel**

*House Bill - 669*

Effective October 1, 2008

This bill allows a Maryland resident who is a member of the military returning to Maryland from, or on active duty to receive excise tax credit for vehicles titled in Maryland within 1 year of returning to Maryland when the vehicle was titled in their name in another state where tax has been paid.

- Definition of Military for this section includes a member of:
  - The United States Armed Forces,
  - The United States Public Health Service
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
The VR-005 must indicate the returning military member or their immediate family member is applying for title and registration in Maryland no more than 1 year after returning. They may do this by checking the active duty military box and indicating 1 year or less for the length of residency.

The United States Public Health Service Proof of military status must be provided.
- Military ID
- Work ID
- Letter from employer on letterhead indicating applicant’s start date in Maryland.

Active duty Maryland residents and their immediate family members will receive the tax credit if titling a vehicle within 1 year of returning to this state.

The TARIS title tax screen requires operators to enter a Y in the MTX Credit field for applicants that qualify for the credit. This field will remain blank for Non-qualifying applicants.

Gold Star Registration Plates

*House Bill - 1425*

Effective July 1, 2008

This bill allows eligible family members the ability to display the Military Gold Star Plate on their vehicles.

- Gold Star plates are issued to parents, children, spouses or siblings of members of the military who were killed in action during wartime service.
- Each person who meets the requirements under the Federal Gold Star DD Form 3 is eligible to purchase a plate.
- Classes eligible to obtain Gold Star Plates are: A, M, EPO, and D.
- The plates may only be obtained through Vehicle Programs Glen Burnie MVA Headquarters. Allow 4-6 weeks for the initial issuance.
- Procedures to Obtain the Gold Star Plates:
  - Complete Application for Military Related License Plates (VR-120) and a copy of one of the following
    - DD-3 approved by the Department of Defense,
    - A casualty report,
    - An overseas death certificate issued by the military indicating the name and date of death,
• The Applicant can self certify if the Gold Star Pin was issued as a result of a casualty in WWI, WWII or Korean War.

• $25.00 Fee

  o Mail the application, documentation and fee to:
    MVA
    Specialty Plates Unit rm. 104
    6601 Ritchie Highway, N.E
    Glen Burnie, MD 21062

Once eligibility is verified, the application will be processed and the plates mailed via the US Postal Service.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax
Leased Vehicles- Application of Trade-In Value
House Bill - 1570
Effective from Date of Enactment

This bill alters the definition of “total purchase price” for the purposes of the vehicle excise tax and allows a lessee to trade in a non-leased vehicle when entering into a 180+ day lease. The dealer must certify the trade-in.

• When individuals and businesses entities trade-in a non-leased vehicle to enter into a lease for a period of more than 180 days, the trade-in allowance may now be deducted from the certified selling price of the leased vehicle

• The dealership must submit documentation to substantiate the vehicle’s certified selling price, trade in amount, and total purchase price by completing the revised dealer’s certification area on the Application for Certificate of Title (Form VR-005); or the revised Dealer Reassignment Form VR-182. If these forms are not used, the dealer’s bill of sale needs to be provided.

• Effectively immediately, when titling a leased vehicle, the customer agent needs to type LEASE in the brand field in TARIS for all 180+ day leased vehicles. This is required for tracking and reporting purposes.

• Dealerships will provide MVA with a list of leased vehicles sold between January 1, 2008 and the effective date of this bill that would have been eligible for trade-in allowance to be deducted. The lessees of these vehicles will be notified by MVA of any rebate owed to them.

• For additional information regarding a refund, please contact Roydea Van Liew, Refund Supervisor, 410-768-7346 or email her at rvanliew@mva.maryland.gov. The vehicle information will be required.
Certificates of Title – Rebuilt Salvage

House Bill - 1667

Effective Date October 1, 2008

This bill changes the description and conditions under which a salvage certificate is issued. The bill mandates electronic processing of salvage certificates for vehicles not titled in Maryland.

- The brands on salvage certificates will change to:
  - **“Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of fair market value, and the vehicle is repairable”** Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand will be branded “REBUILT SALVAGE” when converted to a certificate of title.
  - **Damage to the vehicle is greater than 75% of the fair market value for this vehicle, and the damage is cosmetic** Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand will be branded “SUSTAINED COSMETIC DAMAGE” when converted to a certificate of title.
  - **Flood Damaged** Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand will be branded “FLOOD DAMAGED” when converted to a certificate of title.
  - **Recovered Stolen** This brand will be used for a vehicle with 75% or less damage when recovered. Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand “will be branded XSALVAGE” when converted to a certificate of title.
    - Please Note: This bill allows an insurance company an option to choose to apply for an “unbranded certificate of title” instead of a salvage certificate, for vehicles recovered with 75% of less damage. To apply for a title, the insurance company will select box number 8 on the Application for Salvage Certificate and attach a completed Application for Certificate of Title. In this case the title fee of $50.00 will have to be paid, but the excise tax is exempt under 13-810(a)(9). In this case only, initial titles produced for recovered stolen vehicles will be issued only in the Salvage Unit of Vehicle programs, Room 104.
  - **Parts only, not rebuildable** (THIS VEHICLE CANNOT BE TITLED)
  - **Abandoned Vehicle** Titles produced from salvage certificates with this brand will be branded “REBUILT SALVAGE” when converted to a certificate of title.

- Please Note: The bill “removes” the restriction to brand only vehicles 7 years or newer. All model years of vehicles will now be branded. In addition, please be reminded that all brands placed on titles, must carry forward to subsequent titles.

- In addition, it is important to remember that we will continue to see those salvage certificates printed prior to October 1, 2008 for quite some time. For salvage certificates branded **Damage is greater than fair market value**, continue to brand titles produced as “REBUILT SALVAGE”. For salvage certificates branded **Equal to or less than fair market value**, do not brand titles subsequently produced.

- The fee for a corrected salvage certificate is $20.00.

- Note: This bill also allows the Administration to collect a $50.00 corrected title fee for requests to change vehicle information on titles. Please remember that any corrections due to MVA errors are to continue to be done as gratis transactions.
• A $50.00 corrected title fee will also be charged for titles corrected as a result of an “owner retention”. Insurance companies must now report all owner retentions for vehicles with greater than 75% damage that is repairable, greater than 75% in cosmetic damage, or the vehicle has sustained flood damage, regardless of the year of the vehicle. The 7-year or less model year restriction has been removed. The Insurance Company will submit the titles to the MVA for appropriate branding. These vehicles also need safety inspection within 90 days of the date of the notice from the MVA or the registration will be suspended.

• In the case of an owner retention declared not rebuildable, parts only, the Administration will issue a salvage certificate to the owner; and send the owner a notice that the vehicle’s registration has been suspended and the plates must be returned. A $20 corrected salvage title fee will be charged.
# SALVAGE CHART

This chart has been developed to assist customer agents in the proper branding of titles for vehicles that have been previously salvaged in Maryland or other States. The left column shows brands on salvage certificates that may be presented. The right column has instructions on how to brand (or not brand) the title in each case.

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<td>Damage to vehicle is greater than 75% of fair market value for this vehicle, and the vehicle is repairable on salvage certificate issued October 1, 2008 or later. Or for salvage certificates issued before October 1, 2008 branded Damage is greater than fair market value.</td>
<td>Enter 1 in the damage field on the TARIS screen. This will cause the title to be branded &quot;REBUILT SALVAGE&quot;. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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<td>Damage is equal to or less than fair market value...on salvage certificates issued prior to October 1, 2008</td>
<td>Enter 2 in the damage field. The title will not be branded. DO NOT ENTER XSALVG IN THE BRAND FIELD. THE TITLE IS NOT TO BE BRANDED.</td>
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<td>Parts Only / Not rebuildable</td>
<td>Title &quot;Cannot&quot; be issued.</td>
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<td>Enter 4 in the damage field. The title will be branded &quot;REBUILT SALVAGE&quot;. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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<td>Enter 7 in the damage field. The title will be branded &quot;SUSTAINED COSMETIC DAMAGE&quot;. All vehicles will be branded when converted to a title. This brand is to be carried through to subsequent titles.</td>
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During the Cash for Clunkers program, Maryland dealers were required to turn in the titles of any vehicle taken in under that program and apply for a salvage certificate. Those salvage certificates were branded “CARS PROGRAM: PARTS ONLY/DO NOT RETITLE. As the brand clearly states, these vehicles are not to be re-titled and may only be used for parts.
FRAUD ALERT

TITLE FRAUD, ODOMETER FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT HURTS ALL OF US.

Protect your business and your customers by obtaining proper identification from all customers. For Maryland customers this would be a Maryland Driver License or Maryland Identification card. MAINTAIN COPIES OF THE IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED.

When receiving titling documents, be cautious of the following “red flags”: Alterations, erasures, holes, discolorations, cuts and tears especially in areas containing critical information. Titles are secured documents with special features that make alterations easily detectable. Report suspicious activity to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Investigations Division at 410-768-7541 for assistance.

http://www.mva.maryland.gov/Resources/Temporary-Plate-Presentation.pdf
Issue:
Form 2290 Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) status update

Background:
Section 4481 of the Internal Revenue Code imposes an annual tax on the use of heavy highway vehicles. This annual tax is reported on Form 2290. Under current law the tax expires after September 30, 2011. The Form 2290 for the taxable period July 1, 2011 has not been published.

Before a State will register a vehicle subject to the section 4481 tax, it must first receive proof of payment of the tax, or an acceptable substitute allowed by IRS regulations. Existing regulations allow the State to register a heavy highway vehicle for which an application for registration is received during the months of July, August or September 2011, using a Form 2290 receipted Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as proof of payment. A State must also register a heavy highway vehicle without proof of payment if the person registering the vehicle presents the original or a photocopy of a bill of sale indicating that the vehicle was purchased by the owner either as a new or used vehicle during the preceding 60 days before the date the State receives the application for registration of the vehicle. If a State receives an application for registration in the month of June 2011, a receipted Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011 must be accepted as proof of payment.

Taxpayers who need a copy of their Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, should call the Form 2290 toll free number at 866-699-4096 if they are calling from the United States. Taxpayers who are calling from Canada or Mexico should call 859-669-5733 (not toll free).

If the State has any questions about accepting Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as proof of payment, for which they receive an application for registration during the months of July, August or September of 2011, please have them contact Mr. Joseph Mazzuca, SBSE Excise Tax Policy Analyst, at 630-493-5008. or by e-mail at joseph.a.mazzuca@irs.gov.

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See next page for additional information.
The IRS is delaying issuance of the Form 2290 for the upcoming tax year. Under current Federal law, the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax is set to expire on September 30, 2011.

To alleviate any confusion and possible multiple payments the IRS has granted a three-month extension for the filing of tax returns normally due August 31, 2011 to November 30, 2011. The existing regulation allows the State to accept the Form 2290 Schedule One from the July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 tax period. If the owner no longer has their Schedule 1 for the taxable period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, they may call the Excise Tax division at 1-866-699-4096 to get a copy.

For those acquiring and registering a new or used vehicle during the July-to-November period, the new regulations require a state to register the vehicle, without proof that the highway use tax was paid, if the person registering the vehicle presents a copy of the bill of sale or similar document showing that the owner purchased the vehicle within the previous 150 days.

Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Form 2290 – Updated July 26, 2011

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WHAT’S NEW AT THE MVA

HISTORIC MOTOR VEHICLES
TRUCKS, TRACTORS, AND MOTOR HOMES
House Bill 668

This bill allows for certain trucks, tractors, and motor homes to apply for historic registration with limitations in use and specific insurance requirements.

Effective June 1, 2012, “Class L “historic registration plates may be issued to the following vehicles if they are 25 years or older, and the vehicle has not been substantially altered, remodeled or remanufactured from its original design:

- Trucks with a GVWR in excess of 10,000lbs
- Tractors, and
- Motor Homes

These vehicles may not be used for occasional transportation. They are to be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and similar uses. In addition, they may not be used for general daily transportation or any commercial transportation of passengers or property on highways.

As with other historic vehicles, they do not require a Maryland Safety Inspection. However, this does not prevent a police officer from issuing a safety equipment repair order. These vehicles are also exempt from emission testing.

These vehicles must be insured by a Historic Vehicle, Show Vehicle, or Antique Vehicle insurance policy.

The Application for Historic or Street Rod Registration, (Form VR-096) has been redesigned with a special section and certification identifying the unique requirements for use and insurance for these larger vehicles.
### Guide for Dealer/Tag and Title Service Work Processing

All dealers, dealer runners, and tag and title service agents need to present proper identification at the time the work is submitted for drop off, pick up, or walk-in processing. Proper identification is as follows: a licensed tag and title service ID, or; a Maryland gratis salesman's license (issued to an officer or owner of the company) in addition to a photo driver's license, or; a copy of the wall license and a photo driver license, or; a vehicle salesman's Maryland or Out of State photo license; or, a dealer runner permission letter/power of attorney from the dealer (on letterhead) authorizing a runner to drop off/pick up work and a photo driver license. Any dealer work that is mailed into the branch office must also have a copy of the dealer license included (this applies to both in state and out of state dealers). 

Branch offices “will not” process dealer/tag and title service work on the first and last business day of each month, except for transactions of an urgent nature approved by branch management. However, branch offices will accept drop off work (date/time stamped) on the first and last day of the month. Branch offices will not do any pick up of processed work on the first and last day of the month.

### Method and Type of Work

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<td>Drop off transactions in the designated area for processing at any full service branch office. Transmittal sheets must be utilized and will be date/time stamped. The work will be processed as soon as possible, in the order received. As referenced above, ID must be presented.</td>
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| WALK-IN (PUBLIC COUNTER PROCESSING) | A dealer or tag and title service, displaying the required proper ID, may process 3 walk-in transactions per CTM number and then re-queue if they have more walk-in transactions. Dealer and tag and title service work will be processed first in, first out, in the same manner and combined with public transactions. Walk-in transactions may be processed at full service branch offices. |
|------------------------------------|Note: Transactions that can be processed on ERT, the WEB, or KIOSK “cannot” be processed as a walk-in. **EXCEPTION: DUPLICATE TITLES MAY BE WALKED-IN INCLUDING TITLE SERVICE PICK UP WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY and VR-003 PICK UP BY DEALERS.|
| • Duplicate Titles ** (see note to the right) | |
| • Dealer Resale Titles |
| • Registration Transactions not able to be processed on the KIOSK |
| • Repossession Transactions |
| • Certified Records |
| • driving/title/registration |
| • Non-certified records |
| • title/registration |
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<td>• Certified records (driving/title/registration) and disabled permit applications “may” be “dropped off” in unlimited numbers at the Glen Burnie Branch only. See walk-in procedure in this chart which applies to all full service offices, including the Glen Burnie branch.</td>
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What transactions “CAN” ERT dealers process electronically? (Can Do)

New title and tags (T1)
New title and transfer of tags (T2)
New title and transfer with renewal of tags (T3)
New title only (T5)
Title and Decal for ATV’s, Snowmobiles, Off-Road Motorcycle s
Title and Decal for Motor Scooters and Mopeds (Effective October 1, 2012) new
New tag registration (NR)
Standard renewal (SR)
Replacement tag renewal (RT)
Substitute tags (ST)
Substitute stickers (SS)
Duplicate registration (DU)
Duplicate title, Form VR-018 (DT) (Transmit only)
Duplicate title, Form VR-003 (Transmit only)
Administrative flag fee (AF)
Utilize mailing address - mailing address shows on title, not on database.

Soundex Issuance for new residents from MVA ERT Unit with proper documents – ERT Dealers must fax the driver license of the applicant(s), from another state in the United States, to the MVA ERT Unit at 410-424-3629 or 410-768-7070. Otherwise the transaction needs to be submitted to MVA.

Tag return

What transactions “CANNOT” be processed by ERT dealers? (Can’t Do)

No branding of titles (can only brand for CAL LEV and odometer A, B or C). A TITLE REQUIRING ANY OTHER BRAND “MUST” BE TAKEN TO THE MVA FOR PROCESSING.
No VIN plate assignment
No new issuance of disability plates, only transfer of disability plates
No new issuance of personalized or organizational tags, only transfer of personalized or organizational tags
No taxi (class B) no limousine (class Q) no ambulance / funeral (class C)
No State and Local government (not new or transferred)
No law enforcement
No excise tax-exempt for business (mergers, consolidations, newly formed, dissolving etc.)
No excise tax-exempt individual transferring to inter-vivos trust
No excise tax credit for new residents
No out of country (gray market vehicles)
No registration corrections (RC)
What transactions “CAN” ERT Title Services process electronically? (Can Do)

New title and tags (T1)
New title and transfer of tags (T2)
New title and transfer with renewal (T3)
New title and temporary tags (T4)
New title only (T5)
Title and Decal for ATV’s, Snowmobiles, Off-Road Motorcycles
Title and Decal for Motor Scooters and Mopeds (Effective October 1, 2012) new
Temporary tag (TM)
New tag registration (NR)
Standard renewal (SR)
Replacement tag renewal (RT)
Substitute tags (ST)
Substitute stickers (SS)
Duplicate registration (DU)
Duplicate title (DT) transmit only
Administrative flag fee (AF)
Utilize mailing address - mailing address shows on title, not on database
Soundex Issuance for new residents from MVA ERT Unit with proper documents - ERT Tag and Title Services must fax the driver license of the applicant(s), from another state in the United States, to the MVA ERT Unit at 410-424-3629 or 410-768-7070. Otherwise the transaction needs to be submitted to MVA.
Work on behalf of dealer (but cannot get .6% unless both dealer # and title service # are entered)
Tag return
Salvage transactions “only” on behalf of an insurance company (Must have contract with the insurance company and submit to MVA Business Licensing for approval).

What transactions “CANNOT” be processed by ERT Title Services? (Can’t Do)

No duplicate title VR-003 processing
No branding of titles (can only brand for CAL LEV and odometer A, B or C). A TITLE REQUIRING ANY OTHER BRAND “MUST” BE TAKEN TO THE MVA FOR PROCESSING.
No VIN plate assignment
No new issuance of disability plates, only transfer of disability plates
No new issuance of personalized or organizational tags, only transfer of personalized or organizational tags
No taxi (class B), no limousine (class Q), no ambulance/funeral (class C)
No state and local government (not new or transfer)
No law enforcement
No tax exempt for business (mergers, reorganizations, newly formed, dissolutions)
No tax exempt - individual transferring to inter-vivos trust
No excise tax credit for new residents
No out of country - (gray market vehicles)
No registration correction (RC)
No transfer tags (TT)
No transfer with renewal (TR)
CURRENT FUNCTIONS THAT “CAN” BE PERFORMED ON THE WEB\ KIOSK

Administrative flags
Duplicate Registration
Order New Plate (Ag, Bay, Standard)
Personalized Plate
Registration Renewal (Vehicles Up to 54,000 lbs.)
Replacement Title
Substitute Sticker (Kiosk Only)
Temporary Registration
VEIP Extension
Driving Record
Change of Address
County Pride
Emergency Contacts
Email Management
PIN Management
Transaction Status
Affidavit of Ownership for Motor Scooters, Mopeds, Effective October 1, 2012
(Web Only) new

Vehicles That “CANNOT” BE RENEWED ON KIOSK/WEB (eMVA):

Classes: A, D, M, EPO, G, P with PERM expiration (issued either SG or LG plates)
Dealer Plates - Class 1A, 1B, 1C
Recycler Plates - Class 2
Financial Plates - Class 3
Special Mobile Equipment - Class 4
Transporter Plates - Class 5
Emergency Vehicles - Class EMG
Dump Truck - Class EPD and ED4 (over 55,000 lbs.)
Trucks - Class EPO, EFA, EFT, and ERL (over 55,000 lbs.)
Tractors - Class F, FF, and FRL (over 55,000 lbs.)
Eight Year Trailer - Class GP (GP followed by a number)
Van Pool - Class J and JDP
Police Department - Class LAW
Multipurpose - Class M with NAI in exception field
Local / State Government Special Equipment - Class MCS
Motor Freight - Class MFE and MFF (over 55,000 lbs)
Political Vehicles - Class POL
Tow Trucks - Class T and TE O26
2012 Legislation

Rev 9-7-12
LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Website is: http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home

HB 0668  Vehicle Laws - Historic Motor Vehicles - Trucks, Tractors, and Motor Homes

HB 0149  SB 0309  Mopeds and Motor Scooters - Titling, Registration, Insurance, and Required Use of Protective Headgear

HB 0160  SB 401  Motor Vehicles - Towing Practices and Procedures

HB 0678  SB 0591  Real Property - Manufactured Homes - Conversion to and Severance from Real Property

HB 0499  Vehicle Laws - Disposition of Vehicle to Automotive Dismantler and Recycler or Scrap Processor

HB 0435/SB487  Vehicle Laws - Salvage - Defective, Lost, or Destroyed Certificates of Title

HB 1180  Vehicle Laws - Required Security - Electronic Reporting Requirements
This bill allows for certain trucks, tractors, and motor homes to apply for historic registration with limitations in use and specific insurance requirements.

Effective June 1, 2012, “Class L” historic registration plates may be issued to the following vehicles if they are 25 years or older, and the vehicle has not been substantially altered, remodeled or remanufactured from its original design:

- Trucks with a GVWR in excess of 10,000 lbs.
- Tractors, and
- Motor Homes

The vehicles may not be used for occasional transportation. They are to be maintained for use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, tours, and similar uses. In addition, they may not be used for general daily transportation or any commercial transportation of passengers or property on highways.

As with other historic vehicles, they do not require a Maryland Safety Inspection. However, this does not prevent a police officer from issuing a safety equipment repair order. They are also exempt from emission testing.

The vehicles must be insured by a Historic Vehicle, Show Vehicle, or Antique Vehicle insurance policy.

The Application for Historic or Street Rod Registration, (VR-096) has been redesigned with a special section and certification identifying the unique requirements for use and insurance for the larger vehicles.
MOPEDS AND MOTOR SCOOTERS - TITLING, INSURANCE
and REQUIRED USE of PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR
HOUSE BILL 149

This bill requires mopeds and motor scooters to be titled and display an identifying decal. In addition, operators of the vehicles are required to carry proof of insurance and wear a protective head and eye device. The bill also requires the electronic submission of applications for title.

Effective October 1, 2012, mopeds and motor scooters are required to be titled in Maryland. The law requires the electronic submission of title applications for mopeds and motor scooters (ERT tag and title service, ERT dealer, or Web). The owner(s) of the vehicle will be required to submit an Application for Certificate of Title, (Form VR-005) the application on the reverse of the Maryland title; the Application for Title Decal for Mopeds, Motor Scooters, ATVs, Off Road Motorcycles, and Snowmobiles, (Form VR-337) and proof of ownership which could be

- A Certificate of Origin,
- Maryland Title
- An Out of State Title, or
- Bill of Sale and/or registration from a non-title state (must also complete an affidavit – see below)

Note: If a customer owned a motor scooter or moped prior to October 1, 2012, and they “do not have” a certificate of origin or title, they may sign onto the MVA website, complete an electronic affidavit, and receive a title and decal. In certain situations, applicants may need to submit their request through an ERT title service or dealership.

Note: When the web process is utilized and/or the “Affidavit of Ownership Moped, Motor Scooter & Off Road Vehicle” is used, there will be no need to use a separate application for title or application for a decal since they are already a part of the web and affidavit process. The Web process cannot be utilized if the following conditions exist:

- The vehicle is subject to a lien
- There is a transfer of ownership
- The vehicle owner/co-owner does not have a Maryland soundex, or
- The vehicle does not have a VIN/serial number

Transactions with liens, no Maryland soundex, and transfers of ownership may be processed at ERT title services or dealers. VIN assignments may only be processed at MVA full service branch offices. Customers will be required to
complete the Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number, (Form VR-198).

There will be no title fee or excise tax charged to customers who have owned their moped or motor scooter prior to October 1, 2012, as long as they title prior to October 1, 2013. However, all mopeds and motor scooters must display a decal and be titled if driven on the roads on or after October 1, 2012.

The title fee for motor scooters and mopeds is $20.00 and the minimum excise tax will be based on $320.00 ($19.20 excise tax). The excise tax is exempt if the customer has paid Maryland sales or use tax at the time of purchase. Otherwise 6% excise tax applies. Trade-in is allowed for dealer sales. Used vehicle values for motor scooters and mopeds can be found on NADA’s website under the motorcycle section.

The owner of a moped or motor scooter must certify at the time of titling, the vehicle is covered by insurance as described in §17-103 of the Maryland Vehicle Law and the owner/operator must carry proof of insurance while operating the vehicle.

The permanent title decal fee is $5.00 and may not be transferred to another owner. Each time ownership transfers, a new title decal will be issued. The title decal must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle in a visible position. The title decal is retrievable from the MVA mainframe by using RQ space DN and the decal number.

An individual may not operate or ride on a moped or motor scooter unless they wear protective headgear that meets the standards under 49CFR§571.218. In addition, an eye protective device, approved by the Administration, is required unless the vehicle is equipped with a windscreen. Please visit MVA’s website for additional information concerning driver licensing requirements and the use of motor scooters and mopeds in Maryland. http://www.mva.maryland.gov/About-MVA/INFO/27300/27300-76T.htm

Mopeds and Motor scooters will be titled as a class D with OR in the body style using the following exception codes:

- **MOP** for Mopeds
- **MOT** for Motor Scooters

**Definitions:**

- “Moped” means a bicycle that: (1) Is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of a motor; (2) Is equipped with pedals that mechanically drive the rear wheel or wheels; (3) Has two or three wheels, of which one is more than 14 inches in diameter; and (4) Has a motor
rating of 1.5 brake horsepower or less and, if the motor is an internal combustion engine, a capacity of 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less.

- “Motor Scooter” means a non-pedal vehicle that: (1) Has a seat for the operator; (2) Has 2 wheels, or which one is 10 inches or more in diameter; (3) Has a step through chassis; (4) Has a motor: (i) With a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or (ii) If the motor is an internal combustion engine, with a capacity of 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less; and (5) Is equipped with an automatic transmission. “Motor scooter” does not include a vehicle that has been manufactured for off road use, including a motorcycle and all terrain vehicles.

### Related Procedure Changes for ATVs, Off-Road Motorcycles, and Snowmobiles

Even though the law requiring the titling of ATVs, off-road motorcycles, and snowmobiles occurred in October 2010, there are programming changes in body style and exception code usage when issuing titles and decals for the vehicles.

Beginning October 1, 2012, a $5.00 decal fee will be charged for an ATV, off-road motorcycle, and snowmobile.

The vehicles will continue to be titled as a class D, but now use OR for the body style. When OR is placed in the body style field, NR will automatically populate in the inspection field. The following exception codes will be used:

- **ATV** for All Terrain Vehicles
- **DRT** for Off-Road Motorcycles
- **SNO** for Snowmobiles

The title fee for ATVs, Off-Road Motorcycles, and Snowmobiles will continue to be $100.00.

### Towing Practices and Procedures

**Senate Bill 401**

This bill clarifies practices and procedures relating to motor vehicle towing. It also requires the MVA to establish and maintain a database containing addresses for notification purposes that will be made available to any tower free of charge.

Effective October 1, 2012, this bill requires:

The owner of a private property lot that tows or removes unauthorized vehicles
from their parking lots to place large visible signs stating:

- The location where the vehicle was towed and the name of the towing company;
- The vehicle may be claimed 24 hours 7 days a week;
- The maximum amount that the owner of the vehicle may be charged for the towing or removal of the vehicle; and
- Who to contact to claim the vehicle

Vehicles cannot be towed more than 15 miles from the site of the tow or out of the state, and they cannot be moved from the storage facility to another for at least 72 hours.

Towers are required to:

1. Obtain commercial liability insurance in the amount required by Federal Law to cover any damage to the vehicle resulting from the person’s negligence;
2. Take a photograph of the violation before towing;
3. Attach a warning to the vehicle for a lapsed registration and cannot tow the vehicle until 72 hours after attaching the warning; and
4. Not allow spotters for towers (prohibited).

The Tower must notify the owner, secured party, and insurer within 3 days. The MVA will maintain a database providing proper address information of insurers free of charge. Towers will be notified by letter of how to access the database.

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**REAL PROPERTY**

**Manufactured Homes**

**Affixation to and Severance from Real Property**

**House Bill 678**

This bill allows for a manufactured home that is attached to a permanent foundation and connected to utilities, including water, gas, electricity, or sewer or septic service to be converted to or severed from real property. The owner must file an affidavit of affixation or severance with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county where the parcel of real property and manufactured home is located.

**AFFIXATION to Real Property**

Effective October 1, 2012, immediately after a manufactured home has been converted to real property by filing an affidavit of affixation with the clerk of the circuit court, the owner must send a certified copy of the affidavit and any attachments to the Motor Vehicle Administration to become part of the record. The Customer Agent (CA) will review and accept the documentation to be submitted which could include:

- An affidavit of affixation form, entitled “Manufactured Home Converted to Real Property”
• Certificate of Origin with the word “Surrendered” clearly written (New); or
• Certificate of Title with the word “Surrendered” clearly written (Used); or
• Document prepared by a Maryland licensed attorney or title insurance
  producer along with a statement from the owner they are unable to
  locate a manufacturer’s certificate of origin or a certificate of title for the
  manufactured home.

The CA will forward the above documentation to MVA HQ, Glen Burnie, MD Room
202, DIWS Unit to be scanned as part of the record.

After documentation is submitted to the MVA confirming a manufactured home has
been converted to real property, DIWS will automatically send a file deleting the title
record and updating the mainframe to reflect the appropriate message
MANUFACTURED HOME CONVERTED TO REAL PROPERTY if entering the title number
or vehicle identification number.

Once the information is removed from the MVA database, the MVA will send written
notification to the requestor.

**SEVERANCE of Manufactured Home**

Immediately **after a manufactured home has been severed from real property**
by filing an affidavit of severance with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the owner must:
• Send a certified copy of the affidavit form “Manufactured Home Severed
  from Real Property” to the MVA to become part of the record.
• The MVA will issue a certificate of title for the severed manufactured home.

Documentation submitted will be available for retrieval from DIWS by querying the
title or vehicle identification number.

The Administration will make records for manufactured homes available to: attorneys,
title insurance producers, and other individuals authorized to conduct a title search.

There is no fee for submitting an affidavit of conversion to or severance from real
property to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

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**Disposition of Vehicle to Automotive Dismantler & Recycler (AD&R) or Scrap Processor (SP)**

HB (499)

This bill creates a new process for disposal of motor vehicles without a certificate of title or a
salvage certificate.
When an AD&R or SP acquires a vehicle from someone other than the owner of the vehicle an “Affidavit of Vehicle Possession by an Automotive Dismantler and Recycler (AD&R) or Scrap Processor (SP)” may be completed to state/contain the following:

1. Description of the vehicle by year, make and VIN
2. The person providing the vehicle is in lawful possession of the vehicle and the basis of that right
   The vehicle may not be re-titled and may only be dismantled, destroyed or scrapped
3. Name, address, driver’s license number, and signature of the person providing the vehicle
   Acknowledge the form is signed under penalty of perjury and penalties established under §27-101.2 apply
4. Date the vehicle was provided to the AD&R or SP
5. Name, address and license number (J number) of the AD&R or SP, and
6. Printed name, title, and signature of the person accepting the vehicle

The AD&R or SP will enter the information into the Maryland State Police’s database, RAPID. In addition, the AD&R or SP must maintain the signed affidavit for 3 years and make it available for inspection by law enforcement along with the following:

- A copy of the driver’s license of the person who provided the vehicle
- Any proof of ownership documents acceptable to the MVA, if available, and
- If the vehicle was transported by towing, a copy of the registration of the tow vehicle

The AD&R or SP must send notice within 7 days by certified mail return receipt requested:

- To the last known registered owner of the vehicle, and
- To each secured party on MVA’s records

The notice must state:

- The vehicle has been taken into custody
- The year, make model and vehicle identification number
- The location where the vehicle is being held
- Inform the owner and secured party of their right to reclaim the vehicle within 11 working days after the date of the notice; and upon payment of all towing, recovery and storage charges owed to the AD&R or SP.
- Failure of the owner or secured party to exercise their right to reclaim the vehicle in the time provided is a waiver of their right, title and interest in the vehicle; and is a consent to the dismantling, destroying or scrapping of the vehicle

The AD&R or SP is not required to repeat the notification if it receives proof the notification procedures were completed by another person before taking possession of the vehicle; or if the AD&R or SP receives the vehicle from the owner, or the owner’s agent.
CS-78 Certificate of Authority to Dispose of an Abandoned Motor Vehicle to an Automotive Dismantler and Recycler or Scrap Processor Vehicle

This is an MVA controlled document issued only by law enforcement agencies allowing an individual, towing/impound company, or an AD&R to transfer vehicles to an AD&R or Scrap Processor. The CS-78 replaces the vehicle’s title and is used to dispose of an abandoned vehicle. The form is completed in the name of the person or company possessing the vehicle. If the form is assigned to an individual or towing/impound company, it can only be assigned to an AD&R or Scrap Processor. The CS-078 can only be used to obtain a Salvage Certificate.

Please note: Many AD&R or SP will just scrap, dismantle, or destroy the vehicle and will not apply for a salvage certificate.

NOTE: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS LEGISLATION WILL MAKE THE FORMS CS-094 AND CS-081 OBSOLETE.
Salvage - Defective, Lost or Destroyed Certificates of Title
HB 435 / SB 487

This bill provides a method for an insurance company to apply for a salvage certificate if the certificate of title is defective, lost or destroyed.

When an insurance company acquires a vehicle as a result of a claim settlement, and the certificate of title is defective, lost or destroyed, the insurance company may apply for a salvage certificate by submitting the following:

- An Insurance Affidavit in Lieu of Title (fee $20.00)
- A copy of the settlement check or other evidence of final payment
- Application for Salvage Certificate, form VR-028 (fee $20.00)

The affidavit may only be utilized if one of the following selections apply:

- The cost to repair the vehicle for highway operation is greater than 75% of the fair market value of the vehicle prior to sustaining the damage for which the claim was paid and the vehicle is repairable.
- The vehicle is not rebuildable, will be used for parts only, and is not to be retitled.
- The vehicle has been stolen.
- The vehicle has sustained flood damage.
- The vehicle has been acquired by an insurance company as a result of a claim settlement and the cost to repair the vehicle is 75% or less of the fair market value of the vehicle prior to sustaining the damage for which the claim was paid

Please note: An electronic process developed to accommodate this procedure is available on MVA’s website beginning October 1, 2012. The process consists of a series of question and certifications to complete the electronic affidavit. Please have the number of the check used for payment of the claim readily available.

Required Security - Electronic Reporting Requirements
HB 1180

Effective October 1, 2012, insurance companies are required to immediately report cancellations and new business to the MVA electronically. In addition, insurance companies must notify the MVA every 30 days of any additions,
deletions, or modifications to the fleet policy.

Insurance companies reporting have been converted to a secure server and policy information received will update the MVA mainframe when reported.
2013 LEGISLATION
VEHICLE PROGRAMS

$17 Surcharge Per Registration Year
Effective 6/1/13

Electric Vehicle HOV Permit
Use and Issuance Extended
Until September 2017 - Effective 6/1/13

Manufactured Homes – Affixation to Real Property – Liens
Effective 6/1/13

Tolls Violations
Effective 7/1/13
## 2013 Legislative Bills

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House Bill 1515
Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013

This bill increases the vehicle registration surcharge from $13.50 to $17.00 per registration year. The distribution of the surcharge collected is shown in the Transportation Article, under §13-954, Surcharge for Motor Vehicle Registration, and §13-955, Maryland Emergency Medical Systems Operations Fund of Maryland Vehicle Law. The surcharge provides funding for the medevac helicopter, among other things.

Effective June 1, 2013, the surcharge collected with the issuance or renewal of a registration for a vehicle will increase from $13.50 to $17.00 per registration year. The surcharge applies to all registration classes except: Class L, Historic; Class N, Street Rod; Class G, Trailer; Class K, Farm Area Vehicle; Interchangeable, and Gratis registrations. The annual vehicle registration surcharge is directed to the Maryland Emergency Medical Systems Operation Fund.

TARIS will have a backlog prompt to accommodate the processing of transactions received prior to June 1, 2013, including rejections.

All TARIS, WEB, KIOSK, TELEPHONE and ERT systems will be programmed to accept the changes on June 1, 2013.

The following forms have been revised and are available on the MVA Website (except the Class/Fee Chart) as a result of the new increase in surcharge and will be available for the implementation of this legislation:

Application for Certificate of Title, Form VR-005
Application: New Plates/Stickers & Transfer of Plates or Non-Titled Trailers, Form VR-008
Application for Registration Plate Refund, Form VR-021
Motor Vehicle Fees, Form VR-316
Schedule of Fees, Form VR-042A
Class/Fee Chart
House Bill 794/ Senate Bill 696  
Manufactured Homes - Affixation to Real Property - Liens

This bill requires that lien information be disclosed on the Affidavit of Affixation used when a manufactured home is converted to real property. In addition, it provides a definition of lien in relation to manufactured homes.

Effective June 1, 2013, the affidavit used to convert a manufactured home to real property must contain information relating to the disclosure of any liens on the manufactured home or the real property to which it is, or will be, affixed.

The Affidavit Manufactured Home Converted to Real Property, Form VR-451 which is available on the MVA Website has been revised to accommodate the new changes. The form must be accompanied by a:

- Certificate of Title disclosing any liens, and attach any lien release(s), if applicable;
- A Certificate of Origin disclosing any liens, and attach any lien releases, if applicable; or
- A document prepared by a Maryland Licensed Attorney or Title Insurance Producer stating a search was conducted in county land records of the real property to which the manufactured home is or will be affixed, and in the MVA records.

Please note: All liens identified must be disclosed on the affidavit, or indicate the word “NONE” in the place provided for Name of Lien Holder. Information provided to disclose a lien on the affidavit must include: the name of the lien holder, nature of lien, date of lien, and amount of lien.

After filing an affidavit of affixation with the Circuit Court, the affidavit and all accompanying documents must be sent to:

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration  
Data Management Division Room 202  
6601 Ritchie Hwy, NE  
Glen Burnie, MD 21062

If additional information is needed, please contact the Correction Unit at 410-424-3126.
House Bill 836 / Senate Bill 600
Electric Vehicles

The bills alter and harmonize certain variations of the definition of “plug-in electric drive vehicle”. The variations in definition are important to note since certain requirements are different depending on whether the customer is applying for an HOV permit or a Plug-in Electric Excise Tax Credit.

Effective June 1, 2013, the law extends the use of the HOV permits for plug-in electric vehicles until September 30, 2017. Customers who currently have an HOV permit on their vehicles have been sent a letter with a new permit enclosed to place on their vehicles. Any customers not receiving a replacement in the mail may complete the form VR-335, check the renewal box, and fax the form to 410-768-7413. A new permit will be sent to the customer at no charge. The original issuance of the permits will continue to be through Maryland dealers who sell plug-in electric vehicles or through Vehicle Services Room 104.

A new variation in the definition for “Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle”, §11-145.1, will allow MVA to issue an HOV Permit to a vehicle modified from its original manufacturer’s specifications and is now converted to a plug-in electric vehicle. **Please note:** Customers indicating their vehicle has been modified to become a plug-in electric vehicle will need to have their vehicle examined by the Maryland State Police, prior to the issuance of an HOV permit.

It is important to note that a plug-in electric vehicle must have a maximum speed capability of at least 65 miles per hour to obtain an HOV permit. Changes related to this legislation have been made to the Application for Plug-in Vehicle HOV Permit, Form VR-335 which is available on the MVA Website.

The maximum speed capability for applying for excise tax credit is at least 55 miles per hour.
House Bill 791
Tax Credits - Electric Vehicles - Extensions

This bill extends the excise tax credit that is given for plug-in electric vehicles titled in this State for fiscal year 2014. In addition, the amount of credit given has been altered.

Effective July 1, 2013, the excise tax credit given to certain plug-in electric vehicles has been extended to June 30, 2014, or until the fund allotted is exhausted. However, the amount of credit that may be given is in a three (3) level structure related to the battery capacity as follows:

- Level 1 ($600 credit) – The battery capacity is not less than 4.0 kilowatt-hours but not more than 10.0 kilowatt hours.
- Level 2 ($700 credit) – The battery capacity is between 10.1 but not more than 15.0 kilowatt-hours.
- Level 3 ($1,000 credit) – The battery capacity is over 15.0 kilowatt-hours.

The credit is not available through TARIS or ERT systems. Instead, the full amount of tax will be paid when the vehicle is titled. If the vehicle qualifies for the plug-in electric credit, the Excise Tax Credit For Plug-In Electric Vehicles, Form VR-334, available online, should be completed and signed by the applicant/co-applicant and the dealer. The form must be mailed to:

Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration
6601 Ritchie Highway NE
Excise Tax Refund Unit Room 202
Glen Burnie, MD 21062

Tax credits are applicable for plug-in electric drive vehicles that are titled on or after October 1, 2010, but before July 1, 2014. It is important to note, the owner must apply for the credit. All applications received are subject to review to ensure qualifications have been met and funding is available.

House Bill 725/ Senate Bill 25
Title and Registration - Transfer to Surviving Spouse
This bill allows for the transfer of a vehicle jointly titled to spouses, and transferred to the surviving spouse, to be exempt from payment of the title fee.

Effective July 1, 2013, the $100 title fee will not be charged for a title transfer of a vehicle jointly owned by spouses in Maryland when one spouse is deceased and the ownership is transferring to the surviving spouse, even if the date of death occurred prior to July 1, 2013.

The death of one of the spouses may be determined either from the presentation of a Reported Deceased Notice, Form VR-278; a Decedents Letter, Form VR-264P; DHMH notification on MVA’s mainframe; or by presentation of the certified copy of the death certificate. The titling documents will be completed in the usual manner, but on the TARIS TITLE TAX SCREEN, the code XSP will be entered in the Tax Code field. By using this tax code, it will make the transaction exempt from both the title fee and the excise tax. This is the only title transaction that is currently exempt from the $100 title fee.

Please note: This exemption from the $100 title fee may not be used for vehicles that are not jointly titled to spouses. Therefore, it will not apply for transfers involving a deceased spouse who individually owns a vehicle if transferred to their surviving spouse.

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**House Bill 420**

**Maryland Transportation Authority - Payment of Tolls**

This bill requires the MVA to refuse to renew or transfer the registration or suspend the registration of any motor vehicle incurring toll violations upon notification by the Maryland Transportation Authority. The definition of chronic offender related to tolls violations has been changed.

Effective July 1, 2013, this bill requires the MVA to refuse to renew or transfer the registration or to suspend the registration of any motor vehicle incurring toll violations upon notification by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA). The definition of chronic offender related to tolls violations has been changed.

The usual flag release procedures, similar to parking flags, apply to any MdTA flag and an administrative flag fee is due once the administration flags the record.

Violations can be paid at all MVA counters that provide E-Z Pass Services. Once the violation has been sent to Collections, the violation must be paid at the Central Collection Unit (CCU).
House Bill 523 / Senate Bill 486
Short-Term Rental of Motorcycles - Sales and Use Tax and Motor Vehicle Law

This bill expands the definition of “short-term rental vehicle” to include motorcycles for the purpose of calculating sales and use tax, thus exempting them from excise tax.

Effective July 1, 2013, motorcycles have been added to the definition of a “rental vehicle” under §11-148.1 of Maryland Vehicle Law. The class for rental motorcycles will be DRL. When class DRL is entered into TARIS upon titling the vehicle, an excise tax exemption will automatically be given, as with other short term rental vehicles. This applies only to motorcycles that will be rented for a period of no more than 180 consecutive days, and satisfying all other requirements under §11-148.1.

The registration fees for rental vehicles are shown in §13-939.1 of Maryland Vehicle Law. For a rental motorcycle, the fee is $35.00 annually, in addition to any applicable surcharge.

House Bill 723/ Senate Bill 460
Health Occupations - Physicians Assistants - Authority to Practice

This bill authorizes a licensed physician’s assistant to certify qualifying disabilities of an applicant for disabled license plates or placards.

Effective October 1, 2013, a Licensed Physicians Assistant will be authorized to certify that an applicant has a qualifying disability allowing them to obtain:

- Disability Registration Plates,
- Disability Parking Placards, or
- Temporary Parking Placards.

The Application for Maryland Parking Placards/License Plates for Individuals with a Disability, Form VR-210, has been revised allowing a Licensed Physicians Assistant to certify to qualifying disabilities for a disabled applicant. The Guide for Maryland Motorists with a Disability, Form VR-138 has also been revised.
House Bill 374/ Senate Bill 212
Vehicle Laws – Registration Plates for Motorcycles – Individuals with Disabilities

This bill allows an individual with a disability to possess two disability motorcycle registration plates, in addition to the special registration authorized under §13-616(b) and the parking placards issued under §13-616.1 of Maryland Vehicle Law.

Effective October 1, 2013, an individual with a disability may possess two disability motorcycle plates in addition to any of the following combinations:

- One placard;
- One regular disability plate;
- One placard and one regular disability plate; or
- Two placards.

The Application for Maryland Parking Placards/License Plates for Individuals with a Disability, Form VR-210 has been revised to allow the request for the additional motorcycle disability plates. The Guide for Maryland Motorists with a Disability, Form VR-138 has also been revised.

House Bill 742
Vehicle Laws – Residential Parking in Baltimore City

This bill excludes disabled individuals from parking in Baltimore city where there is a local ordinance restricting parking for vehicles not displaying a specified residential parking permit.

Effective October 1, 2013, an individual displaying a disabled license plate or placard, may not park in any area in Baltimore City restricting parking to those with residential parking permits only. An exception is made if the disabled individual has a residential parking permit, in addition to their disability plate or placard.

House Bill 320/ Senate Bill 217
Vehicle Laws – Registration Plates for Individuals with Disabilities -
Parking in Baltimore County

This bill authorizes an individual for whom special disability registration plates/placards were issued, to park in a designated zone for the disabled established by Baltimore County on any road subject to a certain restriction.

Effective October 1, 2013, an individual for whom special disability plates/placards have been issued may park in zones designated for the disabled by Baltimore County on any county highway, subject to the time restrictions posted for the parking zone.

House Bill 977/ Senate Bill 39
Motor Vehicle Registration - Special Reproduction Registration Plate

This bill allows for the issuance of a specially designed reproduction registration plate upon request to eligible vehicle classifications in Maryland. The plate can be requested until December 31, 2014.

Effective January 1, 2014, a specially designed reproduction license plate will be available. The plate resembles the license plate issued by the State of Maryland in 1910 for display on a vehicle. The special reproduction plates will be available until December 31, 2014, and upon request of the vehicle owner, lessee, and those authorized to sign on behalf of a business entity. It is a specially designed plate similar to the Chesapeake Bay and Agricultural plate, and has a yellow background with black lettering. The plate may be issued to the following vehicle classifications:

- Class A, Passenger Vehicles;
- Class E, Trucks with a manufacturer’s rated capacity of 1 ton or less;
- Class L, Historic Vehicle;
- Class M, Multipurpose Vehicle; and
- Class N, Street Rod.

There will be no new classes. A new tag format has been developed for all required vehicle classes to accommodate the special reproduction plate. Vehicle owners may continue to display and renew their special reproduction plates after the initial issuance period is over. Since this is an optional tag, in lieu of the standard issue plate for the classes listed above, all rules for the original issuance, transfer, repurchase, substitute, and tag return will apply. The plate is available for use on any model year vehicle for class A, E and M vehicles; the model year requirement for the class L historic is at least 20 model years old; and the model year requirement for class N street rod is at least 25 years old.

Tag Schemes are as follows:

- Class A, E, L, M, and N: 2 alpha, 5 numeric
- Disabled A, E, and M: universal wheelchair symbol, 2 alpha, 4 numeric
Reproduction plates must be requested through Alternative Services (Web, Kiosk, and ERT). Plates will be attained through backend fulfillment and mailed to customers.

**Please note:** A small stock of special vintage plates will be maintained in the Tag Room in Room 104 and will only be used for extreme circumstances. Special reproduction plates will not be available at branch offices.

The tag scheme for A, E, and M will be the same and the plates may be repurchased between classes by paying the registration fee, surcharge, and the *initial issuance fee for the new class. At time of renewal, an additional annual fee will be charged along with any usual registration fees collected.

Special reproduction personalized plates are also available by paying the additional *initial issuance fee/annual fee in addition to any registration and personalized fees that may be required.

*Initial issuance/annual fee in addition to registration fee, is still to be determine
2014 LEGISLATION
VEHICLE PROGRAMS

HB 575 – Farm Area Motor Vehicles – Registration and Authorized Use

HB 882 Motor Vehicles – Low Speed – Power Source

HB 246 – Motor Vehicles – Inspection Certificates For Used Vehicles – Procedures

HB 1345 Electric Vehicles and Recharging Equipment – Rebates and Tax Credits

Source
HB 205 – Vehicle Laws – Electric Bicycle
Definition

HB 130 - Motor Vehicle Insurance – Task Force to Study Methods To Reduce the Rate of Uninsured Drivers

Legislative Bill Links

**HB 575**
Farm Area Motor Vehicles - Registration and Authorized Use - Emergency Bill -

**HB 882**
Motor Vehicles - Low Speed Vehicles - Power Source - Emergency Bill

**HB 246**
Motor Vehicles - Inspection Certificates for Used Vehicles - Procedures -
effective - 7/1/14
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2014RS/bills/hb/hb0246F.pdf

**HB 1345**
Electric Vehicles and Recharging Equipment - Rebates and Tax Credits -
effective - 7/1/14

**HB 205**
Vehicle Laws - Electric Bicycle - Definition -
effective - 10/1/14

**SB 908**

**HB 130**
Motor Vehicle Insurance - Task Force to Study Methods to Reduce the Rate of Uninsured Drivers -
Remains in effect until December 31, 2015
House Bill 575 / Senate Bill 221
Farm Area Motor Vehicles - Registration and Authorized Use

This bill increases the distance a class K Farm Area Vehicle may travel from the farm. In addition, the applicant must provide to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) proof of active farming status when making application for a Farm Area Vehicle registration.

This legislation will sunset in 5 years, unless extended by future legislation.
Emergency Legislation Effective the Date Enacted

Senate Bill 221 allows a Class K Farm Area Vehicle to travel within a 25 mile radius of the farm. In addition, all applicants for new farm area registration must provide to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) proof of active farming status. Maryland Vehicle Law defines a farmer as “a person who raises, grows, and produces farm products on a farm of at least 3 acres; or keeps at least 25 bee hives for pollination of orchards and farm crops and the commercial production of honey”.

New Title/Registration Transactions will require the completion of the revised Application for Issuance of Farm Area Vehicle Tags or Island Tags, Form VR-331, and the required documentation to prove active farm status, along with the title and all other required paperwork. The top portion of the following documents, along with the depreciation schedule/auto worksheet identifying the vehicle, is acceptable proof:

- IRS Form 1040 Schedule F “Profit or Loss From Farming”
- IRS Form 1040 Schedule C-EZ “Net Profit From Business”
- IRS Form 1120 “U. S. Corporation Income Tax Return”
- IRS Form 1120S “U.S. Income Tax Return for an S Corporation”
- IRS Form 1065 “U. S. Return of Partnership Income”
- IRS Form 4835 “Farm Rental Income and Expenses”

Once the customer has provided proof of active farm status, the vehicle may be titled and registered as a Class K Farm Area Vehicle. Important Note: While processing the new title and registration request, the customer agent will need to enter FRM in the exception field to show the applicant has submitted proof of active farm status. The TARIS GUI drop down has been updated to show FRM. The IRS form submitted will become part of the title record. Be sure to black out the applicants social security number if it is on the form.

All Class K vehicles on our database were compared to a file from the Department of Assessment and Taxation to see if the current address is an active farm. If a match was found, the exception field on the Vehicle record has automatically populated with FRM. If there was no match for active farm status, a letter was sent to the vehicle owner, asking them to mail one of the documents above to the MVA as proof. If the proof submitted is
acceptable, FRM will be entered in the exception field and a new registration card will be printed. The approved documents, with the title number written on them, are sent to the DIWS unit for scanning.

If a customer cannot prove active farm status, their vehicle will remain flagged Farm Certification Required. Those who are not able to prove active farm status may not renew their registration as a Class K. However, the vehicle can be registered as another class, as long as all requirements of the other class are met. A Maryland Safety Inspection will be needed if the new class requires an inspection prior to registration.

Note: Since Island Vehicles, are also registered under this class, the program will be changed to allow ISL in the exception field for all Class K vehicles showing a Smith Island or Tangier Island address.

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**House Bill 882**

**Motor Vehicles - Low Speed Vehicles - Power Source**

This bill alters the definition of a low speed vehicle to mean a motor vehicle with a certain maximum speed capability regardless of how the vehicle is powered.

Effective immediately due to emergency legislation, Low Speed Vehicle means, “a four-wheeled motor vehicle that has a maximum speed capability that exceeds 20 miles per hour but is less than 25 miles per hour”.

The Low Speed Vehicle Application, form VR-324 has been modified to accommodate this change and is available on the intranet and internet.

Please be reminded that all transactions for low speed vehicle need to be referred to the Special Tag Unit of Vehicle Programs, Room 104 in the Glen Burnie Headquarters.

Low Speed Vehicle are processed using Class D with R in the exception field.

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**House Bill 246**

**Motor Vehicle - Inspection Certificates for Used Vehicles - Procedures**

This bill removes the requirement for the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Police to issue safety inspection certificates in writing, thus allowing for the electronic submission of safety inspection certificates to the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

Effective July 1, 2104, a Safety “Inspection Certificate” is defined as a certification by an
inspection station, in a format established by the division (Automotive Safety Enforcement Division), that:

- Certifies that, as of its date, a specified vehicle meets or exceeds the standards for equipment established under 23-101; and
- Identifies the inspection station and the registered individual who personally inspected the vehicle

Since the law only allows for, but does not mandate electronic inspection certificates, we will see both the electronic and paper inspection certificates. When a customer is titling a vehicle and they come to the MVA after the inspection has been completed, and are buying plates or transferring a plates, there are three processes for presentation of the Maryland Safety Inspection:

1) Paper Certificate - Use same process as today.
2) Paper Electronic Certificate - Control number starts with an "E". Signature is machine printed. (See example on next page) Process same as today
3) Electronic – Will update mainframe with new mileage and inspection date then proceed with the title and issuance of the registration plates/tag transfer

The usual fees will be collected in this case.

When the inspection date is entered, either by the Customer Agent or electronically, they need to verify the inspection date is valid for processing as currently done.

- Valid 90 days from date of inspection for non-dealer transactions
- Valid 6 months or until 1000 miles has been added to the odometer, whichever occurs first, for vehicles held in dealer inventory
- 30 days from date of title for re-sales
- Supervisors may continue to approve transactions if work was rejected if the inspection was valid when first presented to MVA; dealer/title service is out of business and the inspection date can be electronically verified or customer has a copy of the expired inspection; or other unusual situations approved by supervision or management.

**Important Note:** When inspection information is received electronically, if a previous Maryland record is found, the new inspection date will populate that IBM record, and will carry forward to a new title transaction when processed. Other types of inspection field data will also carry over so it is imperative that the information in the inspection file be reviewed and updated when the new TARIS transaction is processed. Other types of information that will carry forward include NA, NI, NIR, NR, etc. PLEASE BE SURE EACH TRANSACTION CONTAINS THE APPROPRIATE INSPECTION FIELD INFORMATION OR NEW INSPECTION DATE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE TRANSACTION.

When an electronic inspection date is sent and no Maryland record is found, the electronic inspection will be held in a table on the mainframe and will automatically
populate the title record

**30 DAY Temporary Tag Procedure Change with New Plates**

**New Plates**
- When processing a New Title with 30 Day Temporary Registration, and the customer is requesting new plates (not transferring), the customer agent will proceed as they do today using the “New Title with Temporary Tag” function, and enter TEM in the Inspection field. In addition to collecting the $20.00 fee for the temporary tag, the system will also require the full two year registration fee for the vehicle, including surcharge (if applicable). Note: Trucks one-ton and larger, and tractors, pay one year registration fee plus surcharge, in addition to the $20.00 Temporary Tag fee.
- Later, when the inspection date is entered either electronically or in TARIS using the new Record Inspection (RI function), a message will be sent to Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) and a new year sticker and registration card will be mailed directly to the customer. The RI function also allows the Customer Agent to print a temporary registration for the customer’s use until the permanent registration and sticker arrives in the mail. Once the mainframe updates, a temporary registration may also be printed online, if needed.
- If a Temporary Registration is requested after the vehicle is already titled, and new plates are requested, use function TM, entering the new tag number and TEM in the inspection field. A $20.00 temporary registration fee will also be collected in addition to the 2-year registration fee (if applicable).
- **A backlog prompt will be available until November 7, 2014.**

**Temporary Registration With Tag Transfer**
- Transfer Plates - When processing a New Title with Temporary Registration, and the customer is transferring plates, enter the tag number being transferred (keeping the date expiration on the tag), and enter TEM in the inspection field. Collect the transfer fee of $10.00 and appropriate registration fee based on the tag expiration. The registration will print with “Temporary” at the top.
- When the inspection is received, there is no need to print an additional registration card. The mainframe will be updated with the inspection date and mileage.
- A flag 0094 “SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIRED” will be placed if an inspection is not submitted within the time required. The flag will automatically be released when an inspection date is entered.
- Note: If Temporary Registration is requested after title has been issued, use TT or TR in TARIS

**Refund Procedures**
- If new tags were issued, the full two year registration fee was collected, and the
inspection is not submitted within 120 days, the customer will be entitled to a refund of the 2 year fee including surcharge. The refund will be initiated by the return of the plates. However, if the plates were not returned within 60 days, only a one year refund will be issued.

- If tags were transferred and the inspection is not submitted within 120 days, current refund procedures will apply depending on the expiration of the tags. The refund will be initiated by the return of the plates.
VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date: 04/22/2014  Result: PASS
Performed By:           Inspector: GEORGE ADE
CARMAX AUTO SUPERSTORES, INC.
8800 FREESTATE DRIVE LAUREL, MARYLAND 20723
Customer Name: CARMAX AUTO SUPERSTORES, INC.
Address: 8800 FREESTATE DRIVE LAUREL, MARYLAND 20723

MARYLAND STATE POLICE
INSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

CARMAX AUTO SUPERSTORES, INC.

8800 FREESTATE DRIVE LAUREL, MARYLAND 20723

Signature of Registered Inspection Mechanic

Printed Name

FOR MVA USE ONLY
TAG

TITLE
Senate Bill 908, House Bill 1345
Electric Vehicles and Recharging Equipment - Rebates and Tax Credits

This bill allows for the continuation of the excise tax credit for plug-in electric vehicles, with changes in the calculation method of the credit and limiting the credit to the purchase of new plug-in electric vehicles. Limitations of the number of excise tax credits per individual or business entity continue.

Effective July 1, 2014 this bill continues the allowance of the excise tax credit for new plug in electric vehicles. The calculation of excise tax credit changes from a 3 tiered structure to a calculation of $125 per kilowatt hour of the battery capacity of the vehicle, not to exceed $3000.

A new refund code has been programmed, EV4, so that refunds from last year can be distinguished from the refunds issued under the new requirements. A new field will reflect in the refund application to capture kilowatt-hour battery capacity.

An individual is limited to 1 excise tax credit:
- Whether they own or lease the vehicle
- Jointly owned or leased vehicles will allow each owner a credit

A business entity is limited to 10 vehicle excise tax credits regardless of whether the vehicle is owned or leased.

There is a set limit of funding for the excise tax credit. The amount identified is $1,800,000 for fiscal year 2015, 2016, and 2017; not to exceed $600,000 for each fiscal year. All excise tax credits must cease for the fiscal year once the limit is reached.

The VR-334, Excise Tax Credit for Plug-In Electrical Vehicle [http://mvgbintranet1/forms/VR/VR-334.pdf](http://mvgbintranet1/forms/VR/VR-334.pdf) has been modified to reflect these changes.

Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011

As a result of the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2011 the following changes are in effect beginning July 1, 2014:
• The title fee for rental vehicles increases from $50.00 to $100.00. Vehicle classes affected are ARL, DRL, MRL, ERL, GRL and FRL.

• The processing fee a Maryland dealer may collect increases from $200.00 to $300.00. Dealer processing charge must be included in the taxable price of a vehicle when computing excise tax. Please also be reminded that in many cases, out of state dealers charge more than $300 and the full amount of their processing fee is taxable when the vehicle is titled in Maryland.

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**Senate Bill 390**

**Criminal Law - Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law - Driver’s License Points**

This bill requires the court to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration if a person is convicted of a violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter control Law § 10-110(F)(2)(I), (II), and (III) of the Criminal Law Article, and the person used a motor vehicle in the commission of the violation.

Effective October 1, 2014 the court may notify the Motor Vehicle Administration to not register or transfer the registration of any vehicle involved in a violation of the Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law under § 10-110 of the Criminal Law Article or a local law or ordinance adopted relating to the unlawful disposal of litter as determined under § 10-112 of the Criminal Law Article, if:

• The person cited has failed to pay for the violation by the date specified in the citation, or
• Files a notice of his intention to stand trial for the violation, or
• Has failed to appear for trial,

Note: At this time, the court has chosen “not to pursue” this option. Instead the court will pursue the stronger enforcement, in that a bench warrant can be issued in these cases.

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**House Bill 205**

**Vehicle Laws - Electric Bicycle - Definition**

This bill alters the definition of bicycle to include and electric bicycle; defines the term “electric bicycle; and establishes that the definitions of “moped”, “motorized minibike”; and motor vehicle do not include and electric bicycle.
Beginning October 1, 2014 the definition of bicycle will include and electric bicycle.

Electric bicycle means a vehicle that:
1. Is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of an electric motor;
2. Is equipped with fully operable pedals;
3. Has two or three wheels;
4. Has a motor with a rating of 500 watts or less; and
5. Is capable of a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour on a level surface when powered by the motor.

The following definitions have also been modified:

- The definition of moped has been changed to specifically “not include an electric bicycle.
- The definition of motorized minibike has been changed to not include an electric bicycle.
- The definition of motor vehicle states it does not include an electric bicycle.

House Bill 130

This bill authorized the establishment of a task force to study methods of reducing the rate of uninsured drivers.

This bill authorizes the creation of a task force to study and make recommendations of methods to reduce the rate of uninsured drivers in this State. The task force must make their preliminary findings and recommendations by December 31, 2014, and make their final findings and recommendations by December 31, 2015.
2015 Legislation

Title Fees - Rental Vehicles
HB 0203/L SB 0451

Class L Historic / Class N Street Rod HB 524

Special Registration Plates and Parking Placards
For Individuals with Disabilities
Licensed Physical Therapist SB 124/HB 201

Manufacturers and Distributors Sale of
Electric or Non-Fossil Fuel Burning Vehicles
HB 235

Dealers Financing or Leasing Agreements
HB 313

Commercial Motor Vehicles –
Denial, Cancellation, Suspension, or
Revocation of Registration
HB1229

New Z Soundex Issuance
Required Proof

Restricted Power of Attorney
Links to House / Senate Bills Passed

House Bill 203 - Title Fees/Rental Vehicles
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/hb/hb0203E.pdf

House Bill 524/Single Registration Plate/
Class L (Historic Vehicles) and Class N (Street Rod) Vehicles
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/hb/hb0524E.pdf

HB 235/Vehicle Laws / Manufacturers and Distributors –/
Sale of Electric or Nonfossil-Fuel Burning Vehicles
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/hb/hb0235E.pdf

HB 201/SB124 Individuals with Disabilities / Licensed Physical Therapist
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/hb/hb0201T.pdf
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/sb/sb0124T.pdf

HB 313/Financing or Leasing Agreements
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/hb/hb0313E.pdf &
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/sb/sb0298E.pdf

HB 1229/Commercial Motor Vehicles – Denial, Cancellation,
Suspension, or Revocation of Registration
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/hb/hb1229T.pdf

HB 630/ Mechanical Repair Contracts
http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/bills/hb/hb0630E.pdf

Assignment of New Z Soundex Procedures - Proof of Legal Existence of Business Entity
New Procedure/MVA Fraud Prevention Initiative/ Effective July 1, 2015

Restricted Power of Attorney to Sign for Vehicle Owner (Form VR-270)
New Form
Title Fees/Rental Vehicles
House Bill 203
This bill establishes a permanent title fee for the issuance of a title for a rental vehicle.

Effective June 1, 2015 the title fee for a rental vehicle is $50.00. This applies to all rental classes: ARL, DRL, ERL, FRL, GRL, and MRL.

The following forms have been updated to provide the $50.00 fee for the rental vehicles:

Application for Certificate of Title Form VR-005  http://mvanet/forms/VR/VR-005.pdf


Brochure, A Guide to Motor Vehicle fees in the State of Maryland Form VR-316
http://mvanet/forms/VR/VR-316.pdf

CLASS L (HISTORIC) & CLASS N (STREET ROD) SINGLE REGISTRATION PLATES
HOUSE BILL 524
This Bill requires the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to issue a single plate on Class L (Historic) and Class N (Street Rod) vehicles 50 years and older.

Effective October 1, 2015 the Administration will only issue one registration plate to the vehicle classes listed below for Historic and Street Rod vehicles.

- Class L (Historic) - vehicle that was manufactured at least 50 years before current model date.
- Class N (Street Rod) - vehicle that was manufactured at least 50 years before current model date.

A new tag scheme has been developed for the single plates as follows:

- Class L (Historic) – is the letter L, four (4) numeric and one alpha (L0000A).
- Class N (Street Rod) – is the letter N, four (4) numeric and one (1) alpha (N0000A).
The single plate must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle except for Truck Tractors which will display the plate on the front of the vehicle.

Note: The MVA will continue to issue single registration plates to the following classes:

- Class D, (Motorcycle)
- Class F (Tractor)
- Class G (Trailer)

Any customer who currently has the two (2) tags on their Class L or Class N registered vehicles may continue using these tags. However if the customer chooses to request the single registration plate, they will pay the $20.00 substitute tag fee.

The following forms are being modified to reflect the changes:


Personalized plates will also be available for customers having vehicles in the single plate 50 year plus category with class LSP and NSP.

Note: TARIS will be programmed to calculate the age of the vehicle for class L and N, and will display a prompt notifying the customer agent that the vehicle is 50 years or older and a single plate is required.

VEHICLE LAWS

MANUFACTURERS & DISTRIBUTORS

SALE OF ELECTRIC OR NONFOSSIL-FUEL BURNING VEHICLES

HB 235

This bill allows the Motor Vehicle Administration to license a manufacturer or distributor as a dealer if they deal only in electric or nonfossil-fuel burning vehicles, no dealer in the State holds a franchise from them, and they do not have a relationship with another manufacturer or distributor who is also licensed as a dealer.
Effective October 1, 2015, a manufacturer or distributor may be licensed as a dealer in Maryland if:
  • They deal only in electric or non-fossil fuel burning vehicles;
  • No dealer in this State holds a franchise from them; and
  • They are not a subsidiary, an affiliate, or a controlled entity of the manufacturer; and
do not hold a controlling interest in another manufacturer or distributor, or a subsidiary,
and affiliate, or a controlled entity of another manufacturer or distributor licensed as a
dealer in Maryland; and
No more than four licenses of this type may be issued.

Individuals with Disabilities / Licensed Physical Therapist
HB 201/SB124
This bill authorizes a physical therapist to certify to the existence of permanent disabilities for applicants
of disability plates, disability parking placards, as well as temporary disabilities for temporary parking
placards. In addition, the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is responsible for the development and
maintenance of a database system that the MVA can interface with to verify licensure.

Effective October 1, 2015, licensed physical therapists are authorized to certify to permanent
disabilities for applicants for disability plates and disability placards. In addition, they may certify
to temporary disabilities for the issuance of temporary parking placards.
Section 13-616 (a)(5) defines a “Licensed Physical Therapist” as a Physical Therapist who is
licensed by the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to practice physical therapy as described
The following forms have been updated to accommodate the change:

- Application for Maryland Parking Placards/License Plates for Individuals with a Disability, Form VR-210
- Guide for Maryland Motorists with Disabilities, Form VR-138

Changes to infoMVA have been drafted and will update prior to implementation.

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**Financing or Leasing Agreements**

**HB 313**

This bill requires a dealer to provide a notice to the purchaser of a vehicle through dealer arranged financing or leasing before approval of a third party financial institution. In addition, the dealer must notify the buyer in writing if the terms of the financial institution are not approved. If financing is not approved, the buyer is required to return the vehicle to the dealer within a prescribed period of time, and if it is not, the dealer is authorized to repossess the vehicle if the vehicle is not returned or new financing agreement is not agreed upon. If the vehicle is returned to the dealer, the dealer is required to return the trade-in vehicle, down payment, title fee, excise tax, and any other fee, tax or charge to the buyer if the sale is cancelled; and the dealer is prohibited from charging a fee for the use of the vehicle. The dealer must maintain required security, and the buyer is prohibited from waiving the rights established under this act. A violation of this Act will be considered unfair and deceptive trade practice, and a dealer found guilty will be subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions.

Effective October 1, 2015, a buyer of a vehicle who purchases a vehicle through dealer-arranged financing or leasing before the approval of the third party institution, must be provided with notice from the dealer in a separate document that is signed by both the dealer and the buyer. A copy of the notice must be provided to the buyer prior to the buyer taking delivery of the vehicle.

**If the financing or lease agreement is not approved:**

- The dealer must notify the buyer in writing within four (4) days of the delivery date of the vehicle.
- The buyer must return the vehicle to the dealer in the same condition in which it was received, except for normal wear and tear, within two (2) days of receiving the notice.
- If the buyer does not return the vehicle, the dealer may repossess the vehicle.
- A dealer and buyer may agree on new financing or leasing terms.
- If there is no agreement on new financing or leasing terms, the dealer or the buyer may cancel the sale. If the sale is cancelled, the dealer must return to the buyer:
➢ The trade-in vehicle in the same condition it was received
➢ The down payment
➢ The titling fee and excise tax paid
➢ The dealer processing charge; and
➢ Any other fee, tax or charge associated with the transaction; and
➢ The dealer may not charge a fee for the use of the vehicle

Other requirements:
• Until the terms of the financing or lease are approved, the dealer must maintain the required security for the vehicle under §17-104, until the terms of the financing or lease are approved.
• A buyer may not waive the rights under this section
• A dealer not complying with this section of law:
  ➢ Is in violation of unfair and deceptive trade practices under Title 13 of the Commercial Law Article; and
  ➢ Is subject to enforcement and penalty provisions under that same article of law.

Commercial Motor Vehicles - Denial, Cancellation, Suspension, or Revocation of Registration HB 1229

This bill authorizes the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to deny, cancel, suspend, or revoke a commercial motor vehicle registration if the motor carrier of the vehicle is subject to an out of service order defined in 16-812(I)(1) of Maryland Vehicle Law; Federal Operating Authority Sanctions; or the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) determines the motor carrier is/has attempted to operate a motor carrier under a new or affiliated identity to avoid compliance with a USDOT order, statutory/regulatory requirement, paying a civil penalty, responding to an enforcement action, being connected with a negative compliance history.

Effective October 1, 2015 the MVA is authorized to deny, cancel, suspend, or revoke a
commercial motor vehicle registration if:

- The motor carrier of the vehicle has an out of service order under 16-812(I)(1), or

- The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) determines the motor carrier responsible for the vehicle’s safety is or has attempted to operate a motor carrier under a new identity or as an affiliated entity avoiding:
  - Compliance with a USDOT order
  - Compliance with a statutory or regulatory requirement
  - Paying a civil penalty
  - Responding to an enforcement action, or
  - Being linked with a negative compliance history.

The penalty imposed will continue until the out of service order or federal operating authority sanctions are lifted and the motor carrier is allowed to resume operations.

**Note:** Commercial motor vehicle is defined in Maryland Vehicle Law 16-803(c) as follows:

**Commercial motor vehicle (CMV)** “means” a motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used to transport passengers or property, if the motor vehicle:

1. Has a gross combination weight of 26,001 or more pounds inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 lbs;
2. Has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds;
3. Is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or
4. Is of any size and is used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and requires the motor vehicle to be placarded under hazardous materials regulations (49CFR Part 172, Subpart F).

**Commercial Motor Vehicle “does not” include a vehicle that is:**

1. Controlled and operated by a farmer:
   - Used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm;
   - Not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier;
   - Used within 150 miles of the person’s farm;

2. An emergency vehicle:
   - Equipped with audible and visual signals; and
• Operated by a member of or a person in the employ of a volunteer or paid fire and rescue organization;

(3) A vehicle owned and operated by the United States Department of Defense if it is controlled and operated by:

• Any active duty military personnel;
• Any member of the military reserves or National Guard on active duty including personnel on full-time National Guard duty and personnel on part time training; or
• Any National Guard military technician; or

(4) A motor vehicle designed and constructed primarily to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use.

# Mechanical Repair Contracts

**HB 630**

This bill alters the definition of service contract to include a specified mechanical repair contract. In addition it alters the definition of mechanical repair contract and defines an obligor for persons who sell or offer for sale mechanical repair contracts. It requires a mechanical repair contract to be filed with the Insurance Commissioner and authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to investigate and determine if a mechanical repair contract is in compliance with specified provisions of law. Establishes an annual fee for registration of an obligor and prohibits offering, selling or negotiating a mechanical repair contract if not registered. If engaging in mechanical repair contract transactions on or before October 1, 2015, an obligor must register with the Insurance Commissioner within 90 days after the registration application is made available. Mechanical repair contracts transactions are not included as taxable item in determining the excise tax due.

Effective October 1, 2015

# Other Changes Not Related to New Legislation

**Z Soundex Number Issuance**

**New Procedure**

Effective July 1, 2015 A business entity titling a vehicle must show proof of the legal existence of the business at the time of titling before a new Z soundex number can be issued. The Application for
Certificate of Title, form VR-005 has been modified to provide instruction to provide a copy of the business license. A new form Business Entity Submission of Proof for Vehicle Titling, VR-475, has also been created for use by businesses using the application for title on the reverse of the Maryland title. The customer will be asked to present a Business License. If the business license is not available, the customer agent or dealer/title service may use the link that follows to see if the business is registered with the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation: http://sdat.resiusa.org/ucc-charter/Pages/CharterSearch/default.aspx

If confirmation cannot be obtained, the customer may also provide the following documents as acceptable proof:

- Business License,
- Articles of Incorporation,
- Articles of Organization,
- Partnership Agreement,
- Certificate of Limited Liability Partnership,
- Registration and/or Trade Name Application from SDAT,
- Application for Sole Proprietorship and/or General Partnership filed with Business Personal Property Unit
- Articles of Merger,
- Articles or Reorganization, or
- The portion of a trust agreement that names the trust and identifies the trustees.

- Retail Sales Tax Exemption Card (Please note this is for proof of legal existence for the business and does not make the transaction excise tax exempt. To determine if the business is excise tax exempt, you need to refer to Maryland Vehicle Law §13-810.)

A copy of the proof presented should be attached to the title record. In addition, if the customer does not have proof at the time they are requesting the new Z soundex, the proof may be faxed or scanned and emailed to the MVA, dealer or title service processing the transaction.

Please note: It will not be necessary to request proof on existing Z soundex numbers since all Z soundex numbers will be run against the Comptroller of Maryland file for a match in the future. More information will be available at a later date.
Restricted Power of Attorney Form VR-470

The MVA has placed on the intranet and internet a new fill able form suggested for use for vehicle transactions in which a vehicle owner is granting power of attorney to sign documents related to a transaction for their vehicle. The form is the “Restricted Power of Attorney to Sign for Vehicle Owner” (form VR-470) http://mvanet/forms/VR/VR-470.pdf. The document is not available in the MVA warehouse so it will have to be printed as needed by customers, customer agents, dealers, or title services etc., who may have a need for the use of the form.