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Below are some reminders about portions of statute that have already gone into effect as well as information on the titling of all vehicles effective on January 1, 2024.

Registration Stickers:

As of November 1, registration stickers for the license plate are no longer required and will not be issued. It is recommended that old stickers be removed from the plate, but it is not required. Coming soon, VT TRIPS will offer customers the ability to print registrations at home since they no longer require a sticker.

Fees:

During the 2023-2024 Legislative Session, Act 62 was passed, which includes changes to most fees collected by the DMV. All new fees will be posted to the DMV website.

Titles:

Effective January 1, 2024, Vermont's title law will significantly change. Currently, Vermont titles vehicles that are 15 years old or newer based on the calendar year (with some exceptions). Beginning January 1, 2024, Vermont will title all vehicles regardless of age. Aside from removing the 15-year condition, the current exemptions to the title laws will remain unchanged. In addition, exempt vehicle titles will be discontinued as they are no longer needed. See below for additional information.

Any unanticipated situations that may arise will be addressed as they come up.

1. Applicant has supporting title from VT or another jurisdiction.
 - a. Usual supporting documents, Odometer Disclosure Statement (ODS), Bill of Sale (BOS), etc.
2. Applicant has the original or certified copy of the Out of State (OOS) registration showing it last came from a state that did not title those vehicles for whatever reason.
 - a. BOS's to form chain of ownership.
 - b. Title branded with undisclosed lien (current procedure).
3. Older vehicles that are currently in the VT DMV system, wishing to obtain a title.
 - a. Pay current title fee and we confirm proof of VT registration.

4. Older vehicle, found in NMVTIS as last titled or registered OOS.
 - a. If titled, get title; if not required, get original/certified registration.
 - b. Unable to accomplish...must obtain bond (only VT residents can get a bond).
 - c. Title branded as issued under bond (no documents) or undisclosed lien (just OOS registration).
5. Older Vehicles, not previously registered in VT, not found in NMVTIS.
 - a. Copy of BOS.
 - b. Complete Affidavit of Non-Titled Vehicle (DMV VT -025).
 - c. Verification of VIN or HIN (DMV VT-010).
 - d. Title branded undisclosed lien.

Some questions you may receive on titling everything:

- Vermont still titles boats over 16 feet, motorcycles over 300cc's, large trailers, snowmobiles, and motorboats?
 - Yes, everything DMV previously titled is titled today. The real change is that the 15-year rule no longer applies.
- I registered a 1967 Ford Mustang prior to the law change. Do I have to get a title and/or can I get one?
 - You **do not** have to get a title, but you **may** by completing a registration application and submitting it to DMV along with the title fee and a copy of the registration.
- Can I sell a 15-year or older vehicle without a title if it was registered prior to the title change?
 - Yes, but you will need to provide the registration certificate to the new owner as that is proof of ownership.
- What if I buy a 1967 Ford Mustang from someone after 12-31-23 who has already registered it in VT prior to the law change?
 - If they have a title, you need that.
 - If they have the registration certificate only, you will need that.
- Will I have to purchase a title for this vehicle now that I am the new owner, and I am registering it.
 - Yes

- How can I tell what the ownership document for a vehicle is?
 - The customer should utilize dmv.vermont.gov/NMVTIS or carfax.com to determine where the vehicle was last registered/titled.
 - They could also call the DMV Information Unit or visit an office, and we can check and advise what it is, what state it is from, and provide the title number.
- What if a buy a 1967 Ford Mustang from someone who has it stored in their barn?
 - The customer should utilize dmv.vermont.gov/NMVTIS or carfax.com to determine where the vehicle was last registered/titled.
 - The customer would need to obtain the title or the registration certificate from the other state and have the bill of sale from the last registered/titled owner to them.
- What if I am unable to obtain the title or registration certificate?
 - Then the vehicle must be bonded following the usual bonding process we already have established. Bonds are restricted to VT residents only.
- What if a buy a 1967 Ford Mustang from someone who has it stored in their barn and there is no record of it at all in NMVTIS?
 - The customer must complete form VT-025 Affidavit of Non-titled Vehicle.
 - A VIN verification is required.
 - Copies of the bill of sale
- I'm a VT dealer and I have vehicles on my lot that I do not have a title or registration for as they were over 15 years old, and they were **acquired prior** to 01-01-24. What do I need for documentation:
 - Ideally, they have the registration certificate for the vehicle, if not;
 - A copy of the bill of sale when they acquired the vehicle showing it was purchased prior to 01-01-24 and a new bill of sale to the new owner.
 - The vehicle will be registered and titled, and the brand “undisclosed lien” will be added to the title.
- I am a VT dealer, and I am buying/taking in trade a vehicle that does not have a registration, or a title and it is after 01-01-24.
 - A check of NMVTIS needs to be conducted to see if there is an ownership document out there.
 - If there is, then they need that ownership document.
 - If there is not, then the dealer will complete form VT-025 Affidavit of Non-titled Vehicle.
 - A VIN verification is required.
 - Copies of the bill of sale.