

Titling Tips

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Legislative Changes Effective January 1, 2010

- **FIVE-YEAR SAFETY INSPECTION EXEMPTION**
House Bill 683, passed during the 2009 legislative session, exempts motor vehicles from the safety inspection requirement for the first five years following the model year of manufacture beginning January 1, 2010. This is true regardless of whether or not a change of ownership occurs during this timeframe. **Example: a 2006 vehicle will be exempt from the safety inspection in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011.**

Vehicles registered for 26,000 lbs or above for less than 12 months are also exempt from the safety inspection requirement. This situation can occur when the applicant registers his/her vehicle on a quarterly basis and the registration is prorated. This includes a change in ownership.

Scenario 1: A 2006 manufactured vehicle's registration expires January 2012, but the applicant renews in December 2011. Is a safety inspection required? Response: Yes

Scenario 2: A 2006 manufactured vehicle's registration expires December 2011, but the applicant renews in January 2012. Is a safety inspection required? Response: No

Scenario 3: A 2007 model year vehicle's registration expires during 2009, but the applicant renews in January 2010. Is a safety inspection required? Response: No

Scenario 4: An applicant purchases a 2006 model year vehicle in July 2009 and applies for title and registration in 2010. Is a safety inspection required? Response: No.

Scenario 5: An applicant renews the registration on his/her 36,000 lb truck in July of any given year. Is a safety inspection required? Response: No.

Scenario 6: An applicant titles and registers his 1985 truck for 26,000 lb in March 2010. Is an inspection required? Response: Yes (if registered April 1st or after, no inspection is required).

In cases where the vehicle qualifies for this

exemption, the recording of the mileage on the transaction will be exempt. Mileage will still be required at the time of transfer and when a safety inspection is required.

There is no change to the emissions inspection requirement in the counties where required.

Titling and Other Issues

- **CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK FEE INCREASE**
Effective March 1, 2010, the Missouri State Highway Patrol will implement a fee increase for name-based criminal history record information pursuant to Section 43.530 RSMo. The new fee for a name based search will be \$10. There will be no change in fees for fingerprint-based searches.
- **FILE SALES REPORTS ELECTRONICALLY**
Tired of filing paper dealer's monthly sales reports? Consider filing your sales electronically. Go to www.dorx.mo.gov/mvdl/motorv/liendeal and click on "Sales Reporting Requirements." You may file electronically regardless of how many sales you make. 301.280 RSMo requires every vehicle dealer selling twenty or more vehicles a month to file the monthly sales report in an electronic format.

If there are no sales for a given month, You must submit a monthly summary entry/closeout (by clicking "File Sales Report") by the 15th of the month for the previous month, even if you made no sales.

- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE NOTICE OF LIEN (NOL) SYSTEM**
Enhancements have recently been applied to the NOL system. Users may view the current title record and any NOL pending in the Department's lien file. The record will also indicate if an unresolved reject is pending. To access a record, the inquirer must enter the title number or the year, make, and identification number of the unit. The record includes a description of the unit, the current owner information, title/control number, lienholder, and "mail-to" information, if applicable.

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For more information regarding the NOL system or how to obtain access, visit the [Department's website](#) or call (573) 526-3669. All applicants must qualify under the Drivers Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) and have a [security access code](#) issued by the Department.

➤ **NOTICE OF LIEN (NO COMPLETE CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)**

A notice of lien or an update to a lien when there is no complete change of ownership cannot be filed online.

When completing a notice of lien or updating a lien with no change of ownership, the following documents and fees are required:

1. Title Application ([Form 108](#) for vehicles, [Form 93](#) for boats, vessels, and outboard motors).
 - The "Title and Notice of Lien" box must be checked.
2. Appropriate title fee. Please refer to [Form 1659A](#).
3. Processing Fees: \$2.50 title processing fee and \$2.50 NOL processing fee.

For complete information regarding creating and releasing liens, please review [Section 6](#) of the [Missouri Titling Manual](#).

➤ **PROVIDE GOOD SERVICE BY PROVIDING CORRECT TITLE APPLICATIONS**

You can help your customers title a newly purchased vehicle by ensuring they have a properly completed, legible title application. Below is a list of the most common errors on applications:

- Information completed on the application is not typed directly on the line designated for that purpose due to improper form alignment.
- Names and addresses (owner, lienholder, mail-to) are not clear or complete (addresses must include street address or PO Box, city, state, and zip code).
- The wrong body style is listed (please refer to the Missouri Titling Manual, Exhibit Q, for acceptable body styles).
- The application does not contain some of the following information: year, make, identification number, body style, mileage, purchase date, cylinder, horsepower, or new/used indicator.

- The print on the application is faded, light, or is printed over multiple times.

➤ **YOUR OPINION MATTERS!**

We would like to know if the customer service you receive from the Department of Revenue or from our contracted license offices while conducting your motor vehicle and/or driver license transactions meets your expectations. To help us make this determination, the Department:

- Developed a new customer comment card that is available in the license offices and Central Office;
- Is randomly including a comment card with newly issued certificates of title; and
- Is developing an online customer satisfaction survey.

Please help us ensure you receive the quality service you expect and deserve by completing one of the above when the opportunity arises. Your opinion does matter!