

186A.060 Department of Vehicle Regulation to develop forms -- Reduction of paperwork required -- Identification numbers used -- False or erroneous information.

- (1) The Department of Vehicle Regulation is directed to develop, in cooperation with county clerks, auto dealers, manufactured home retailers, and the Department of Revenue, Department of Insurance, and Department of Kentucky State Police, the forms required to record all information pertinent to the registration, titling, and taxation of a vehicle or manufactured home.
- (2) The Department of Vehicle Regulation shall make every effort to minimize and reduce the amount of paperwork required to apply for, or transfer, a vehicle or manufactured home title. When possible, the title document itself shall be used as the primary form used to effect a transfer of vehicle or manufactured home ownership. The title document shall contain space exclusively reserved for a minimum of two (2) dealer assignments.
- (3) When no in-state title exists, forms shall be designed by the department that require only the appropriate and essential information to effect the application for title.
- (4)
 - (a) The department shall constantly review the information needs of government agencies and other organizations with the goal of reducing or eliminating unnecessary documentation. Information being sought for application for title relevant to, but not limited to, vehicle or manufactured home identification, owner, buyer, usage tax, county clerk, or inspector shall be set forth by the cabinet in such a way as to promote flexibility in reaching this goal.
 - (b) Subject to the limitations of paragraph (c) of this subsection, an applicant for a motor vehicle title shall be required to provide his or her Kentucky operator's license number, Kentucky personal identification card number, or Social Security number as part of the application process.
 - (c) If a motor vehicle is jointly owned, one (1) of the owners, who is a resident of Kentucky, shall be identified as the designated owner, and only the designated owner shall be required to provide his or her Kentucky operator's license number, Kentucky personal identification card number, or Social Security number as part of the application process.
 - (d) Any vehicle or manufactured home owned by a business that is licensed by the Secretary of State shall be titled and registered using a Federal Employer Identification Number.
 - (e) An applicant for a motor vehicle registration shall be required to provide his or her Kentucky operator's license, Kentucky personal identification card, or Social Security number as part of the application process.
 - (f) An applicant for a manufactured home registration shall be required to provide his or her Kentucky operator's license, Kentucky personal identification card, or Social Security number.
 - (g) If a motor vehicle has situs and is principally operated in Kentucky, and the owner does not reside in the Commonwealth, the motor vehicle shall be registered with the owner's Social Security number and out-of-state operator's license number.

- (5) The use of an electronic medium shall be employed so that forms can be printed by the automated system. Existing statutory language in this chapter and KRS Chapter 186 pertaining to application, signature, forms, or application transfer record may be construed to be electronic in nature at the discretion of the cabinet as provided for by administrative regulation.
- (6) Any person who knowingly enters, or attests to the entry of, false or erroneous information in pursuit of a certificate of title shall be guilty of forgery in the second degree.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (1/1/2024). In codification, a correction has been made to subsection (4)(c) of this statute. 2022 House Bill 288, which created subsection (4)(c), referenced a "federal employee identification number." However, it is clear from context that the reference was intended to read "Federal Employer Identification Number." Under the authority of KRS 7.136, the Reviser of Statutes has corrected this reference.