

Part 8 Identification Numbers

41-1a-801 Altered or changed identification number -- State assigned identification number.

- (1) The owner of a vehicle required to be registered under this chapter, the identification number of which has been altered, removed, defaced, or has not been placed on it shall make application in the form prescribed by the division for a state assigned identification number.
- (2) The owner shall furnish information that will satisfy the division that he is the owner of the vehicle and furnish information to identify the vehicle with the registration of the vehicle for the current year, at which time the division shall assign a state identification number for the vehicle.
- (3) A record of state assigned numbers shall be maintained by the division.
- (4) The state assigned identification number is the identification number of the vehicle when:
 - (a) the owner has stamped the state assigned identification number upon the vehicle as directed by the division;
 - (b) a qualified identification number inspector has inspected and found the state assigned identification number stamped upon the vehicle as directed;
 - (c) the owner has provided the division with a certificate of inspection; and
 - (d) the owner has submitted an application for a certificate of title.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session

41-1a-802 Identification number inspectors -- Duties.

- (1) The following are qualified identification number inspectors:
 - (a) the commission;
 - (b) designated officers and employees of the division;
 - (c) a person operating a safety inspection station under Title 53, Chapter 8, Part 2, Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Act;
 - (d) an official inspection station certified inspector;
 - (e) a dealer licensed under Subsection 41-3-202(1), (2), (3), or (4); and
 - (f) all peace officers of the state.
- (2) The qualified identification number inspectors shall, upon the application for the first registration in this state of any vehicle:
 - (a) inspect the identification number of the vehicle;
 - (b) make a record of the identification number inspection upon an application form provided by the division; and
 - (c) verify the facts in the application.

Amended by Chapter 32, 2005 General Session

41-1a-803 Identification numbers -- Assigning numbers -- Requirement for sale.

- (1)
 - (a) If a vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor has a permanent manufacturer's identification number, the number shall be used as the vehicle's, vessel's, or outboard motor's identification number.
 - (b) If it has no permanent manufacturer's identification number, the division shall assign an identification number to it.

- (c) An identification number assigned by the division shall be permanently affixed or imprinted on the vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor as directed by the division.
- (2) A person may not sell or offer for sale in this state a new vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor without an identification number.
- (3)
 - (a) Each permanent manufacturer's identification number for a vehicle shall be clearly marked in an accessible place on a vehicle.
 - (b)
 - (i) Each permanent manufacturer's identification number for a vessel shall be clearly marked in an accessible place on the starboard outboard side of the transom or to the starboard outboard side of the hull.
 - (ii) If the permanent manufacturer's identification number is displayed in a location other than on or near the starboard outboard side of the transom, the manufacturer shall notify the division of its location.
- (4) A person may not destroy, remove, alter, or cover an identification number.
- (5) A violation of this section is an infraction, except that Subsection (4) is a class C misdemeanor.

Amended by Chapter 412, 2015 General Session

41-1a-804 Garagemen, repair shops, and service stations -- Duty to report number violations.

A person owning, conducting, managing, or operating a service station, marina, marine dealership, public garage, paint shop, or repair shop for vehicles, vessels, or outboard motors shall immediately notify the local peace officers of any vehicle, vessel, or outboard motor that has any identification number that has apparently been altered, obliterated, or removed.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 1, 1992 General Session